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SUGAR MILL FINISHES CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK

Two Fires Here Within Two Days Last Week

Schooler Residence Catches Fire On Tuesday Night; Griesy Hardware Store Ablaze On Thursday.

FIRE TRUCK PROVES WORTH

Belmond was visited by two fires within two days last week, when the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schooler, on east Spruce street, caught fire late Tuesday night, or rather on Wednesday morning, and the Griesy hardware store was discovered ablaze Thursday noon.

The Schooler residence was found on fire about half past two Wednesday morning. The siren was sounded—and it was enough to wake the dead—and the fire company was on the scene in short order. The blaze was confined to the interior of the dwelling, little damage being done to the outside of the building. The interior, however, was pretty well destroyed, and a large part of the furniture was ruined by the fire and water. Some of the furniture was carried out, and stored in the office of the Belmond Lumber cmpany and the Klemme Lumber company. The loss to the Schooler family, however, was heavy and was covered partially by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Schooler appear to be running in hard luck when it comes to fires, as this is the second fire that has visited them within the past year or two. They lost a large part of their household goods by fire while residing in the H. C. Thompson residence on south Filbert street.

The luckiest fire that has occurred here in a long time was that of the Griesy hardware store, on Thursday, about the noon hour. Cato Griesy turned in the alarm when he discovered the rear room of his store on fire. There were three barrels of oil and gasoline stored there, and when discovered the fire was eating up the sides of the barrels and with but a few minutes more would have caused an explosion. The fire company was on the job in short order, and their prompt work with the chemical truck was all that saved everything in the block as far as Bohning's store from being destroyed, as the fire could never have been stopped had it once got started. The chemical truck proved its worth at this fire when chemicals were used on the oil blaze, which water would only have spread.

Damage was slight, the blaze being under control before it had much of a chance to spread.

The siren, sounding so close to the noon hour, fooled a great many people who thought that the 12:00 o'clock signal was being sounded, and was the source of considerable comment regarding the advisability of sounding the siren at noon. Some were of the opinion that the siren should not be sounded except in case of an alarm, believing that in such a case as the fire Thursday, it resulted in lost time in determining whether there was a fire or not. Others were of the opinion that it was a good thing to sound the siren at the noon hour, as in doing it they would know if the siren was working good or not. It was the universal opinion, however, that the fire company or the authorities should make public directions on how to turn in an alarm of fire, and that the various stations about town be made a matter of common knowledge. Few people know that there are to be such stations, and only a few know where any of them are located. A public statement by the city authorities or the fire company regarding the positions of the stations and the way to sound the alarm would seem in order, and likely to result in much benefit to all concerned.

For Sale—Well matched team of buckskin driving poines, broke to all harness and saddle. Three and four years old. Also a team of well matched blacks, four and seven years old, well broke. A bargain for quick sale. —Inquire of Roy Guest, Phone 3518. 12*

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH YEARLY REPORT FINE

The family dinner and congregational meeting on last Tuesday was well attended. There were about one hundred that were present to enjoy the excellent dinner and to take part in the business meeting. The reports from the different auxiliaries as well as of the church treasurer shows the church to be in good condition financially. The good feeling that was manifest at the meeting as well as during the year gives good evidence of a good spirit among the whole family. The report of the treasuries of the church showed that on January 1, 1920 the account overdrawn to the amount of $67.21, and that there was received during the year the sum of $4,004.30 and that he paid out $3633.22, which left on hand Dec. 28, 2920, $301.87.

The Ladies Aid Society had on hand according to the treasurer's report the first of the year $698.86, and they received during the year $596.70 and paid out $650.14, which left them on hand $645.42.

The report for the Ladies Missionary society is for the six months beginning July 1, 1920. Cash on hand $27.43; receipts to Dec. 28, $50.40, paid out $36.17, leaving a balance on hand Dec. 28, 1920 of $41.66. This is the first year that the missionary society has co-operated fully with the Iowa Womans Board.

The report of the Sunday school superintendent showed an average increase in attendance over the previous year of thirty. The financial report is not before me so will give that part next week.

We start into the new year with a clean slate upon which we hope to be able to write a better record this year than we did last. If we do we must have the help of every member and friend of the church. Will you help by being present upon every service of the Sabbath that it is possible for you to attend and will you try to bring with you your friends who do not go to any church? Start next Sunday to Sabbath school at 10-00 a. m.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In memory of comrade George L. Cutler.

Commander: It is our sad duty to report to you that Comrade George L. Cutler, a late member of company F. of the 2nd Iowa Cavalry during the war of the Rebellion, and who was a tried, true and faithful member of Whited Post No. 247, Department of Iowa G. A. R., was on December 26, 1920, called by our Great Commander to the Grand Army above.

Wherefore, we, your committee, in testimony of his loyalty to his country when her glorious principles of freedom were assailed, of his private character as a citizen, and as a true and loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic, recommend that a copy of these expressions of our regard for the fallen comrade be sent to his family.

John P. Byers, Chaplain,
G. W. Cram, Adjutant,
Committee.
D. L. Cuppett, Commander.

WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS ARE SOLD AT AUCTION

The following dispatch appeared in the Des Moines Register Monday:

CLARION, Jan. 2—The Wright county fair grounds were sold at sheriff's sale this morning to satisfy a mortgage for $6,650. The mortgage was held by J. B. Uhl of Des Moines. A second claim for lumber in the sum of $2,400 was held by the Farmers Elevator company, and in order to protect their interests the president, Thomas Shillington, bid in the grounds at $9,407. Several hundred dollars in other claims will be cancelled by the sale.

The grounds comprise forty acres and located as they are within the city limits, are easily worth $300 an acre and there is no doubt but what the fair association will redeem the property within the year allowed by law.

It is also understood that a movement is already under way to hold the usual annual fair next fall.

Community Club Meeting Is Much Enjoyed

Interesting Meeting Held Last Friday With Lesson on The Great American Poets.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED

The meeting of the Community Welfare Club last Friday was enjoyed very much by those present.

The chairman, Mrs. R. H. Klemme, being absent, the business meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. R. Ramsay, vice president. The committees investigating the plans for civic improvements reported what had been done so far. Many improvements are being planned but nothing definite has been decided upon.

The program was led by Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, the subject being American Poets. It was very interesting and instructive as well.

Mrs. Amy Peterson gave a talk on Longfellow and Whittier, both poets of the Civil War period. Mrs. McBurney talked about Lowell and Holmes, who were also poets of the same period. Miss Hazel Tomas gave a talk on the southern poets, Edgar Allen Poe, Sidney Lanier and Henry Timrod. Mrs. H. F. Luick told about Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Henry Van Dyke, both western poets. Mrs. H. L. Gowdy told about Eugene Fields and James Riley, who were also western poets. Mrs. C. O. Fitts sang the song, by Riley, "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry."

Mrs. C. O. Fitts and Miss Maud Newgord sang a very pleasing duet. Miss Elizabeth Leinbach gave the reading, "The First Christmas Roses." Miss Carol Tyrrell entertained the club with a pretty piano solo.

A good social time was spent while the serving committee with Mrs. Flynn as chairman served dough nuts and coffee.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion and big Christmas dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle Those present were Wm C., C. J. and wife and children, H. J., H. R. and Miss Bernice. There were twelve seated at the dinner table, a few personal friends being invited. They all pronounced the occasion and the dinner one of the most enjoyable of their experience. Howard Wolle is now residing at Fort Dodge where he is employed with the Monarch Telephone company, Will is connected with Morningside College at Sioux City, and Carl resides at Nevada, Iowa.

BIRTH RECORD

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorenkamp, of Belmond, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Madsen, of Belmond, a daughter, Eileen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gasper of Belmond, a son, Albert.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. C Kemp, of Belmond, a daughter, Ruth Alice

To Mr. and Mrs. James Dorenkamp, of Belmond, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kerchival, of Rowan, a son, Fred Frances

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Wicks, of Dows a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gudman Jergensen, of Eagle Grove, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Kramer, of Clarion, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Mourlam, of Blairsburg, a daughter, Mildred Mae.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Snell, of Goldfield, a daughter, Anna.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Payton, of Dows, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Huer, of Dows, a son, Reuben Lester.

To Mr. and Mrs. V. A. McPeak, of Renwick, a daughter, Bernice Velva.

NOTICE!

From and after this date I will not collect any wages nor be responsible for any debts of my son, Mark D. Finn.

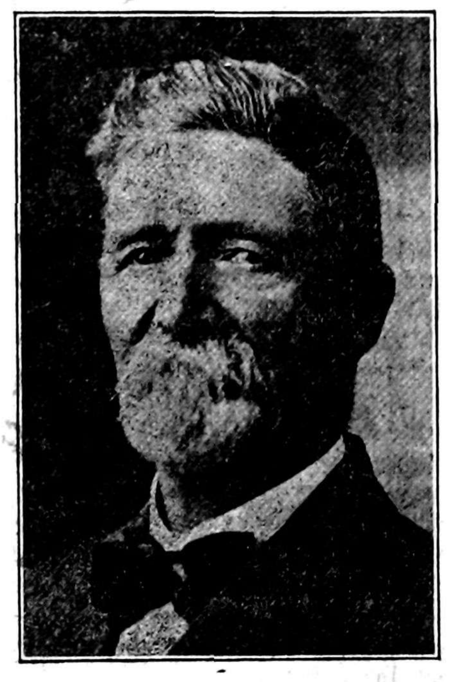
Wm. Finn.

OBITUARY

G. L. CUTLER

G. L. Cutler pioneer resident of Wright county and long a familiar figure on the streets of this city, departed this life last Sunday, being a patient at the Sams hospital Mr. Cutler underwent an operation a few days previous, following a brief but severe illness at his home. Some hopes were entertained for his recovery, the patient himself being very courageous and cheerful, but his span of life had been reached and death terminated a long and useful career.

Geo. L. Cutler was a native of Ohio, born at Cleveland, April 23,



GEORGE L. CUTLER

1843. His parents lived at Freeport, Illinois, a few years but while George was yet a boy they came west and located at Belmond, this county. For thirty-two years this community was his home, and all the older residents here knew and respected him for his fine traits of character.

At the age of twenty-one he enlisted in the second Iowa cavalry and served nine months in the Civil War. He experienced the privations of the pioneer, but met such difficulties with a cheerful and sturdy spirit. He was not of the roving and adventurous type, but the sort of man who is useful in building up a stable community life.

For some years he was engaged in agriculture, and some years were given to the work of carpentering in Belmond. He was also a partner in the merchandising business for a period.

August 30th., 1868, Mr. Cutler was married to Martha J. Morse of Belmond, whose father was Judge John L. Morse. The fiftieth anniversary of this union was happily celebrated less than three years ago. Two sons, Ora and Claire, were laid away in their young manhood in the family burying ground at Belmond. A faithful wife and beloved daughter, Mrs. Susan M. Lockwood of this city, also four grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive.

Mr. Cutler was a hale looking man and youthful in spirits, so that many did not realize he had passed his 77th milestone. He was a man of many friends, being fair minded and congenial.

The Cutler family has lived in Clarion since 1887, when Mr. Cutler took up the duties of county recorder. He served six years in this capacity and afterwards engaged in the grocery business. Since retiring from active pursuits he has still served the county as a member of the collaterial inheritance tax commission and has been active in various relationships in the community life. He had been identified with the local I. O. O. F. for many years, transferring his membership from Belmond.

Mr. Cutler has been all his life the kind of citizen who is an asset to any community, honest, friendly, intelligent, stable and forward-looking. His personality made an impress upon two towns and in both he will be greatly missed by many friends.

A funeral service was held at the family home at eleven o'clock yesterday (Tuesday), conducted by Rev. J. F. Jamieson of the United Presbyterian church. The Congregational quartet furnished the music. The pall-

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HAS TURNED OUT APPROXIMATELY 80,000 BAGS

Sugar Factory Shut Down For Few Days Until All Beets Arrive At Factory.

EXPECT TO FINISH THIS WEEK

Besides 80,000 Bags Of Sugar Mill Has Turned Out Approximately 2,000 Tons of Pulp.

The mill of the Iowa Valley Sugar company, Belmond's greatest industry will close the campaign sometime this week it is expected.

The mill was shut down temporarily for a few days this week, until the remainder of the beets arrive at the factory. There are about 500 tons of beets yet to be delivered to the factory, and it is estimated that they will require about two days to cut. Normally 500 tons would be only a day's run, but owing to the condition of the beets and the slow way in which they have to be handled it requires a little longer time.

During the campaign the mill has turned out approximately 80,000 bags of sugar, one hundred pounds to the bag, or in the neighborhood of 8,000,000 pounds of sugar.

Besides this, they have turned out a by-product of approximately 2,000 tons of pulp, used in feeding stock.

To make this amount of sugar required in the neighborhood of thirty-five thousand tons of beets. A very much larger tonnage than this was harvested, but a considerable part of them were shipped to another factory during the harvest season to avoid excessive accumulation and consequent loss.

For these beets the farmers in the vicinity of Belmond and the other stations where beets were secured, received in the neighborhood of five hundred thousand dollars.

It required around one hundred thousand dollars for the wages of the operating force alone during the campaign.

It took seventy-five thousand dollars worth of coal to make steam and keep the wheels turning, and ten thousand dollars worth of limestone to purify the beet juice.

The average number of employees during the campaign was two hundred and ten.

These figures give a faint estimate of what the sugar factory has meant to Belmond in the way of employment and money spent in the community.

At the close of the campaign the factory will be closed until about the first or fifteenth of March, when the work will begin in overhauling the tremendous amount of machinery in the plant. A certain number of employees will be retained for this and other work, the exact number not being known yet.

Belmond has derived an immense benefit from the operation of the factory, the largest industry in the county and one of the largest in the state. It has released money in the community when nothing else was being moved, the cash paid farmers for the beets was nearly the only ready money flowing, and it kept a steady circulation of cash in the town when other communities were scratching for money with which to do business with last fall. The employment furnished has been of immense benefit to th community, the work was steady and the wages good, and it was employment during months when labor is not greatly in demand. The hundred thousand dollars paid out by the company in wages during the campaign has almost all been local, has remained here and been placed in circulation here, which has meant a great deal to Belmond business as well as to Belmond people.

John Huyck of Kanawha was in town last week Wednesday on his way to Garner to visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Hanson and family.

Court House News

Marriage licenses for Christmas week: Andrew Scott and Mary Severtson, Hans Olsen and Susan Severtson, Harvey E. Bohler and Edith Forestal.

J. C. Peterson, supervisor from this district, is the only retiring member of the board of supervisors with the new year. He will be succeeded by Geo. R. Grattidge of Clarion. Mr Peterson has been an honest and conscientious member of the board and retires with the best wishes of a host of constituents.

Miss Mildred Humphrey, who retires from the office of county recorder, has served six years in that capacity and is thus one of the "old timers" on the court house roll. Miss Humphrey gave the tax payers good service and made many friends over the county during her term of office, who now become her well wishers for the future.

D. H. Eyler, the retiring county auditor, will be "at home" after January 1st at his old office in the Crowe block. In addition to real estate he will sell both life and property insurance and write surety bonds for some of the best companjes. Mr. Eyler has long been one of the county's most obliging officials and for that reason made many friends.

The grand jury at the next term of court, which convenes at Clarion on Monday, January 31st., will be called upon to investigate the case of the two women captured in the Ozark mountains by Sheriff Fisher. They were taken before Justice Brown last week and each placed under $3,000 bonds. Being unable to procure same they were returned to the county jail, where they will remain until court convenes. It is more than likely that one or more Wright county women will be selected as members of the grand jury to determine the innocence or guilt of the prisoners. In case an indictment is returned against them the prisoners will be confronted with additional members of the gentler sex at the court trial when the petit jury is called. This will be the first case of its kind on record in this county and the outcome will be awaited with considerable interest.

FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson held a family reunion and dinner at their home on Christmas day. Those who were present were: Mrs. Colenski and brother Davis Sorenson from Clear Lake, Mrs. Clair Meacham and daughter Mildred of Titonka. Mrs. Meacham brought a large goose to the family home for the occasion and the family had a very happy gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson spent New Years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coleneski at Clear Lake.

COURT PAROLES WOMEN THURSDAY

Malisa White and Naomi Purvis, the woman and girl who were recently arrested in Missouri and brot to Clarion, charged with being members of the gang which broke into the Wheeler store at Woolstock and the Charlson store at Goldfield, were arraigned in district court today, Thursday, and after pleading guilty were sentenced to the reformatory at Rockwell City for not more than ten years. They were then paroled to Sheriff Bert Fisher, pending good behavior.

That these robberies were their first offense induced the Court to give them another chance.—Clipper.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

To Harvey Elmer Boller, of Goodell and Edith Ross Forristall, of Belmond.

To Hans Severev Olson, of Newark, Illinois and Susan Severtson, of Belmond.

To Andreas Skarveland, also known as Andrew Scott, of Belmond, and Mary Severtson, of Belmond.

To Allen J. Cole, of Iowa Falls and Hazel Mudale, of Dows. Groom will not be of age until February and had a letter from parents giving consent to his marriage.

Farm Bureau Notes

PROGRAM

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Second Annual Meeting, January 5th, 6th, 1921, Des Moines, Iowa.

Headquarters: Hotel Savery.

General Meetings: General meetings will be held in the Auditorium.

Press: The office of the Publicity Department will be on the Mazzanine Floor of Hotel Savery where the press is invited to make its headquarters.

Registration: Registration will be conducted at the General Headquarters at Hotel Savery, and after the convention opens at the Auditorium. Please register and receive badges.

Ladies: Ladies will be welcome at all sessions of the meeting.

Wednesday, January 5th—Morning Session.

10:00 a. m. Call to Order.
....President C. W. Hunt

10:30 a. m. Secretary-Treasurer Report .... E. H. Cunningham

11:00 a. m. The County Farm Bureau Program of Work
.... Murl McDonald

11:30 a. m. The Relation of the County Agents' Association to the Farm Bureau Federation
.... W. T. Maakestad

Afternoon Session
A. L. Middleton, Presiding

1:30 p. m. Address: J. R. Howard, President American Farm Bureau Federation.

2:15 p. m. "Keeping Up With Father and the Boys"
......Mrs. C. H. Sewall, Otterbein, Indiana.

3:00 p. m. The Farm Bureau at Washington ....West Virginia, Washington Representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

3:45 p. m. Financing and Marketing the Farmers' Crop ....W. G. Eckhardt, Illinois, Treasurer Farmers' Grain Marketing Committee of Seventeen.

Evening Session
W. W. Latta, Presiding

7:30 p. m. Address: L. A. Andrews, President, Iowa State Bankers' Association.

8:15 p. m. Rural Credits.
.... A. F. Lever, South Carolina

Thursday, January 6th—Morning Session.
L. S. Fisher, Presiding

9:30 a. m. Report of Live Stock Market Investigations
.... C. L. Harlan

10:00 a. m. "Field Gleanings"
.... Peder Pedersen

10:30 a. m. Home Demonstration Work ....Miss Neale S. Knowles

11:00a. m. Report of Resolutions Committee.

Afternoon Session
C. W. Hunt, Presiding ......

1:30 p. m. (a) Adoption of Resolution
(b) Report of Committees.
(c) Election of Officers.
(d) Unfinished Business.
(e) New Business.

Adjournment.

PROGRAM OF WORK COMPLETE

In spite of the unfavorable weather and poor road conditions the County Agent has succeeded in completing the program of work for Wright County for the coming year.

An organization has been placed in each township in the county at which time the officers for the coming year were elected and the program of work was outlined by the members present. An interesting program of work has been arranged for the farmers of Wright county and judging from the projects which are included in the schedule for the year the farmers are surely getting value received from their membership fees.

In outlining the work special attention has been given to the ladies department of the Farm Bureau work. Since Wright county will not be fortunate enough to have a Home Demonstration Agent. Next year all lines of work which are offered to the ladies through the Extension Staff at Ames have been included in the schedule of work for 1921. The ladies of the county are assured that the most hearty cooperation will be given by the Home Demonstration Agent Department at the College.

A complete list of officers for each township will be published in the county papers some time later.

COUNTY AGENTS VISIT SUGAR FACTORY

Our local County Agent accompanied by Clarence Pickard, County Agent for Humboldt county, visited the Sugar Beet Factory last week. hrough the kindness of Mr. Fenton, President of the organization, Mr. Pickard and Mr. Edwards were shown through the entire factory, each department and each process being explained in turn, by one of the officers at the factory.

The County Agents were favorably impressed with the Sugar Factory and the system in its operation, they report that the whole factory in all its departments is working like clockwork. The factory is surely organized for working on good business principles and has an efficient corps of officers directing its activities.

LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION AT GALT

A mass meeting was held in the town hall in Galt uesday evening for the purpose of organizinz a livestock shipping association.

The farmers in the vicinity of Galt have felt the matter of a livestock shipping association for some time and on last Tuesday evening organized an association which promises to be a live organization in the county.

Livestock shipping associations are becoming very popular throughout the state of Iowa. Most every county in the state has already organized or is organizing at present livestock shipping associations to provide for a more direct dealing between the producer and consumer.

A great advantage for the farmers, shipping direct to the terminal market through their shipping Association.

A board of directors was elected at this meeting to take charge of the additions of the organization as the work progresses.Five directors were elected and the executive officers of the organization were selected from this number.

EXPERIMENTS IN ADDITIONAL FEED FOR PIGS

The results of an experiment in giving additional feeds to pigs while in the corn field, show that tankage is the best. This experiment was conducted by the animal husbandry department of the South Dakota state college.

The lot receiving tankage from a self-feeder consumed five-tenths of a pound a day, and made an average gain per head daily of 2.21 pounds. The lot receiving rape pasture with their corn made an average of 1.73 pounds. The lot receiving oilmeal from a self feeder averaged 1.73 pounds and the check lot not receiving any additional feed made an average gain per head of 1.41 pounds.

The fattest pigs were those receiving tankage, but tankage was the most expensive feed.

Whether a man should feed these high priced by-products depends on the market. If the herd is purebred and the market is for breeding stock, early maturity is a feature sought after by all up to date breeders, in fact it commands a premium in the sale ring. However, it would be unwise to put our breeding stock in this condition and for this reason I believe the rape pasture would be better for the development of the pigs while in the cornfield. During the forty-five days feeding period the pigs receiving tankage and corn became fat while those receiving the rape and also those receiving the oilmeal did not become excessively fat. The pigs did not seem to like the oilmeal from the self-feeder and probably would have consumed more and made larger gains if it had been given them in the form of a slop.

DRAWING GLOOMY PICTURE OF IOWA

Clipper:—Down in Old Missouri, where the chief diversions of the people are politics and coonhunting, with an occasional flurry in profitable farming, they seem to think that Iowa has "blown up" and that from one end of the state to the other the people are wringing their hands and plunging headlong into the slough of bankruptcy. Hark to the tale that two travelers told after a short sojourn in his great state: Here it is, verbatim et punctuatim:

Lamar (Mo) Democrat: "Draws Gloomy Picture of Iowa. Chas E. Jones Says This Most Productive State In the Union Is Badly In the Hole.—Victim of High Land Values and High Stock Values.—Renters Moving Off Farms Leaving Whole Crops To Landlords—Men Losing Their High-Priced Farms.

Messrs. Chas. E. Jones and Harry Jones drove in, Friday, from a six weeks' trip to the country around Farragut, Iowa. In this part of the country, Iowa is regarded as a land, flowing with milk and honey. But while he didn't try to detract anything from its reputation as the finest of all the agricultural states. Mr. Chas. E. Jones told us Friday evening, that things, just now, were not very promising in Iowa.

The state is blown up, on the high values, that they obtained during the period of big prices.

They simply went wild, Mr. Jones said. The farmers bought ten thousand dollar thoroughbred bulls and two thousand dollar boars. Today these bulls and boars are being put up and sold for beef and hog meat.

Up in that part of the state, a country banker, some time ago, paid forty-six thousand dollars for a thoroughbred bull. That bull busted its owner, and when he broke the bank went under with him.

The head of Chicago's Reserve bank, with fifteen prominent Iowa bankers held meetings in our part of the state when we were up there, around Farragut. They said that Iowa had already borrowed ninety one per cent of her available loan quota from the Federal Reserve, while Kansas had borrowed only forty-five per cent and Missouri thirty-six per cent.

Banks are closing, because the only way the farmers could pay their notes, would be to sell their corn, and they refuse to sell at present prices. Merchants are going to the wall for the same reason. The farmers tell them they can't pay their bills until they sell their corn, and they won't sell a bushel of it, for what they can get today.

Here is a typical illustration of the man who has bought Iowa land in the last few years, and paid four hundred dollars for it:

A man in the neighborhood where we were, bought a hundred and twenty acres of land. He paid forty eight thousand dollars for it. He had saved ten thousand dollars, living on a rented farm. He paid this money down; and gave a mortgage for the remaining thirty eight thousand. He is going to move off the farm, in the spring, and let the mortgage take it.

Up around Silver Creek, the corn is making eighty and ninety bushels to the acre, In that neighborhood, tenants were paying a rent of half the crop and ten dollars an acre. They're moving off the farms, today leaving the whole crop to the landlord, who has to go and have it gathered.

Charlie says corn's going to go to thirty-five cents, and there's simply no help for it.

He and Harry went to Iowa, making the drive in their car, thinking seriously of locating. They figured they'd stay through the husking season, shuck corn, get acquainted with the country, and probably get hold of a farm. But Charlie says this is not the time to either buy or rent an Iowa farm.

A CASE FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION

An ex-service man, who won the Distinguished Service Medal in the war, was recently sentenced by a judge at Clinton to ten years at Ft. Madison. He stole a pair of shoes in order that he might continue his work and support his family with his wages. This was his first crime. His army record was without a blemish. After his return, strikes and other misfortunes kept him from working regularly. Then a baby came with its attendant costs for nurses, doctors, medicines, etc. The chance to take a pair of shoes, not his own, came and he yielded. He could have wrecked a bank and robbed hundreds of widows and dependant children and gotten off for many years less. There is something wrong somewhere and it should be corrected. The punishment for stealing one hundred thousand dollars should be just as great as for stealing a ten dollar pair of shoes to enable a father to continue working to support his family. If bolshevism is not to continue in this country and flourish, there should be no repetition of the Clinton sentence. The government this young man protected when he went to war, should protect him NOW in his hour of need. He should be released and restored to his family AT ONCE. It would be a most commendable act for the American Legion to take up this young man's case and see that he gets a square deal. Instances of this kind are too frequent. We have one in our own county. We insist that it should be just as great a crime to steal $100,000 as $10.—Eagle Grove Eagle.

A FARMER'S SOLILOQUOY

Chris Sebert, who farms one of the Crowe farms out toward Lake Cornelia, says that he raised an extra good corn crop this year and raised it on a grain rental basis, but that any price short of 75c per bushel would cause him to lose money on the crop. He figures the same with his oats. Mr. Sebert believes that the farmer would be better off with conditions as they were last fall, or even as they were in "them good old days" when hogs sold for three cents a pound or less and farm hands got $15 a month, and other things were in proportion. Essentially folks might have been as well off then as now, but they didn't have the money to spend they do now nor live quite as well.

FARMING THAT DOES PAY

Who says beet growing does not pay? C. B. Gray planted 14 acres of sugar beets last spring, and they averaged 12 tons to the acre, for which he received $12 per ton, or $144 per acre. After deducting expenses for seed, fertilizer, cultivation, and harvesting, they netted him $100 per acre, or a total of $1400. How does this compare with the proceeds from corn at present prices? While Mr. Gray's corn averaged 86 bushels per acre, at present prices it would not bring anything for the work of tending the corn and harvesting it.

JUST FOR INSTANCE

One of the Livermore farmers took in a triple wagon box of oats and two crates f chickens to market last Monday. The oats weighed out 82.6 bushels and that day they were selling for 37 cents a bushel, bringing $30.40. The two crates of chickens brought $35.38 which was a trifle over 208 pounds, and were worth that day 17 cents per pound. One would never stop to think that two crates of chickens would bring in more than a triple box of oats but in this case it is true nevertheless. This certainly is not very encouraging for our farmers to farm their land as it should be when the produce is practically given away.

HOW TO INCREASE PROFITS ON THE FARMS

How to produce farm crops and live stock more economically and market them more profitably—that will be the keynote of Iowa's annual winter short course at Ames this week, January 3 to 8. That is the big question that farmers everywhere are asking, and every resource of Iowa State College and the experiment stations, every worth-while result of their years of investigation, will be put into the short course program and its hundred and more daily lectures and demonstrations, in an effort to answer it.

Besides, the short course will take up important home problems, especially those dealing with the care, feeding and clothing of the children, because recent investigations show that a large portion of school boys and girls thruout Iowa are below the normal in nourishment and health. A rural life program will take up the questions of a more satisfactory rural life.

Out of the thousands of experiment and field tests of the experiment station has come much new information about crops and their management and that will be fully presented. A good many years of notable work in feeding has culminated in new methods of handling cattle, hogs and sheep, and they will be demonstrated. Extensive soil surveys in many counties in Iowa have shown what must be done to keep Iowa soils economically productive and they will be explained. A thoro study of farm management and marketing has made possible the way to more profitable agriculture. The farm power question and problem of labor saving equipment, the horse question, the question of profitable orchards and gardens, the securing of larger profits from dairy herd and poultry flock—all these things and many others will be considered in the course of the week.

In connection with the program, many speakers of note have been secured to give assistance. Among them are Wayne Dismore, secretary of the Horse Association of America; E. D. Hall, assistant secretary of agriculture and one of the best known authorities on plant pest; A. H. Carhart, recreational engineer with the United States forestry service; Frank I, Mann, soils expert and known as the "best farmer in Illinois;" John Gosling, veteran of nearly twenty years of Iowa short courses as a meat demonstrator; G. N. Hoffer, Purdue University, considered the best authority on corn root rot; E. L. Morris, of the Kansas City grain standardization service; W. F. Priebe, formerly with the Hoover food administration as a poultry and egg expert, and W. A. Lippincott, Kansas' noted poultry authority; A. C. Arney, Minnesota experiment station seed expert; E. V. Wilcox, bureau of farm management, department of agriculture; W. G. Kaiser, of the Portland Cement association, who will talk on concrete construction for the farm; J. W. Coverdale, secretary American Farm Bureau Federation. Besides, many of the breed associations and the Iowa Corn Growers Association and other organizations will have separate programs with prominent speakers.

With these features will come the annual Iowa corn and small grain show, for some years the greatest show of its kind on earth, and also a ham and bacon show. The Iowa conservtion association is scheduled to hold its annual meeting also.

Over 500 boys and girls are expected for the meeting of the boys and girls clubs, which will have a five day program of their own.

Added to these attractions will be an opportunity to see the college and study its experimental work.

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SNARL STREET

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller and George Aldrich ate supper at the Guy Stumph home Tuesday.

John Ravo left for his home in Missouri Thursday evening.

Lee Sellers visited at the Earl Sellers home Wednesday.

George Aldrich was a Galt caller Wednesday.

Ray Swope and Lester Smith were Rowan callers Thursday evening.

Claude Jennings and J. E. Miller were callers at the Harold Gates home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Anderson visited at the J. E. Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates were Rowan callers, Thursday.

Edgar Mantle has been very sick with the measles.

Gerald Jennings is visiting at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings and daughter were visitors at the J E. Miller home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Davis and baby visited over the week end at the Henry Martin home at Dows.

Russell Olson returned to Ellsworth College after an extended visit at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph and chidren, of Rowan and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates ate dinner at the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings and daughter visited at the W. W. Bailey and Carl Steffens homes Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson of Ellsworth are visitors at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller visited at the Albin Anderson home Saturday evening.

Lee Aldrich Jr. is home from Ames visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Aldrich (Sr.) He will return January 10th.

Bernard Stumph, of Rowan visited George Aldrich Saturday evening.

Lee Sellers was a Rowan caller Friday.

Lester Andrews was a caller at the Abel home Wednesday.

Edgar Mantle is reported much better at this writing and is now able to sit up.

GOODELL

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cashman of Polo, Illinois, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Conlan this week.

Prof. Rietz transacted business at Garner on Tuesday

J. S. G. Houghton, of Watertown, South Dakota, visited relatives here during the holidays.

John Estle, of Platesburg, New York is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Estle.

J. E. Savogue transacted business at Klemme, Wedneday.

Barney Vance was a Garner visitor Wednesday.

Doc. Robbins was calling on friends in Garner, Wednesday.

T. R. Burgess transacted business at Garner Thursday.

Mrs. Mat Avery called on Garner relatives Thursday.

Harvey Christenson was a Garner visitor, Thursday.

Mrs. Barney Vance was a Garner visitor, Thursday.

Miss Mary Wigfield, of Rake visited her sister, Mrs. Harvey Christenson the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Conwell are receiving a visit from a relative this week.

Father Eardley, of Belmond, called on friends here, Sunday.

A number of the members of the Catholic church are hauling sand preparatory to the building of a new church as soon as weather permits.

A. L. Lake, of Mason City, was transacting busness in Goodell on Wednesday.

Miss Pearson, of Frost, Minnesota was the guest of Miss Alva Matson from Thursday until Monday.

The Misses Perry and Jenkins returned to their school duties after spending the holiday vacation in Cedar Rapids.

C. Hildebrand, of Belmond, transacted business here Monday.

Walter Biers, of Manson, Iowa, is spending the New Year holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beiers. Walter holds a position in a bank at that place

Corn shelling is now on in this neighborhood, and judging from the number of teams hauling, Goodell elevators afford a good market.

Clement Houghton, of Britt visited friends and relatives here the latter part of last week.

The dance last Friday evening was not very well attended, there being 15 or 17 numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Trumbell visited relatives at Belmond over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Knisley of Belmond visited at the home of Jas Trumbell on Saturday.

John Miller returned Monday from his visit with friends at Reinbeck.

A number of the young people enjoyed a sleigh ride to Belmond on Friday evening.

L. A. Church visited his family at Fort Dodge over Sunday.

Dr. Snearley returned home from the hospital Thursday. He is getting along nicely.

There was a large number attended the New Years dinner in the church basement. Everyone enjoyed the fine dinner and the afternoon was spent in singing.

WOULD SELL ALL AT 50c CENTS A BUSHEL

A well known land owner living in Belmond this week offered to contract his entire crop of corn this year to the Farmers Elevator Co., at 50c. The elevator company would agree to contract at that price, we understood, but some of the corn was out of its territory and the stipulation that cars should be sent to a siding to accomodate the seller could not be met very satisfactorily, so the deal was not concluded. The landowner figured that while corn might go above fifty cents later on, there was an equal possibility of it going lower—possibly down to a quarter a bushel, tho hardly expecting any such figure. He figured that when the farmers all over the corn belt started shelling and selling the market would be glutted, and a gutted market doesn't do a thing to prices!—Clipper.

Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to wthstanu each succeeding attck and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.

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A primary road guide for Iowa, compiled and published from the official records in the office of the state highway commission, is now ready for distribution. It will be on sale at news stands and garages but may be secured direct from the bulletin department of the state highway commission by remitting the amount.

The guide is unique in form, being a distinct departure in makeup and arrangement from any automobile guide so far published. The guide is bound in a folder which carries an envelope pocket for a large 24x36 map showing in two colors all primary roads and their numbers. In the guide proper the entire state is covered again by eight sectional maps with an additional one, No. 9, covering Des Moines as far north as Fort Dodge, south to Chariton, east to Oskaloosa and west to a line south of Fort Dodge. A tenth map shows the routings of the more popular of the painted pole tourist trails.

An alphabetical list of all towns and cities in the state appear first in the book, giving the county in which the town is located, primary road or roads upon which it is located, and sectional map upon which it will be found. This index is followed by a numerical index of all roads in the state, giving the names of all towns on every road from its northernmost or easternmost terminal at the end of the road. The mileage of every town from the north or east terminal of the road is given following the plan of the railroad time table folder. All road intersections, if there are any, are given for each town, the county in which the town is located, appears and the population follows.

In the center of the book is a key map of the state indicating the portion of the state covered by each of the first eight sectional maps. All are indexed for easy finding. Beside each sectional map appears a duplication of the matter from the roads passing through the section of the state covered by the sectional map.

The guide folds into shape 4x9 and fits the average pocket easily. It is printed on light paper and is not too bulky for the pocket.

The guide is believed to contain all the essential information needed by those traveling the Iowa primary roads to enable them to intelligently plan routings and to keep track of the route after it is selected. The commission will sell single copies at the regular retail price but prefers that purchase be made from news stands and garages. All orders for the guide should be addressed to the Iowa Highway Commission, Ames, Iowa, Bulletin Department.

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JUSTICE IN THE LAW

Down at Clinton, Iowa, recently, a man was sentenced to ten years in the pentitentiary. He had stolen a pair of shoes.

This man was an ex-soldier. His record in this country's army during the world was was absolutely O. K. He had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his exceptional conduct. He had been honorably discharged from his country's service after a perfect record in its defense.

This man was married. A baby was born, with its expenses for doctors, nurse, medicines, etc. He himself had been injured and had been sick. His family was in desperate straits, dependent upon him for their food, clothing and shelter.

This man could work—he was wild to work that his family, his wife and tiny babe, might not suffer want—but he had no shoes and he had to have shoes to work. So he took a pair that he might work for his wife and his newborn babe.

And the judge gave him ten years.

If the reports of this sentence are true, there is no telephone pole in the state of Iowa tall enough to stretch this judge and whoever prosecuted this man, too. There is no insult too great, no words too harsh, to apply to them. They are heathens, heartless, cold-blooded, black-hearted savages, a disgrace to their state and country, an insult to their Maker. They ought to be tarred and feathered, ridden on a rail, and kicked so far it would take them six months and ten days to light.

That a judge, supposed to deal justice, to represent civilized people, to temper justice with mercy, could sentence a man of this kind under these circumstances to ten years at hard labor for a pair of shoes which at the most were not worth over $25, is a shame and a disgrace to every citizen of the state of Iowa. It is a blot on the nation's honor, an insult to the country the man fought to save. And it is an utter disgrace to the law.

All over the state, the newspapers are taking up this case with the demand that the doomed man be freed and returned to his dependent family and his job. The Independent takes the greatest pleasure in joining this demand, and it recommends the case to the Belmond American Legion for immediate and positive attention.

And the Independent along with many others, demands that this judge be removed from the bench, that he be retired to the most private life that can be found—preferably the cell which he sentenced this ex-soldier to occupy for ten years.

And it demands that whoever prosecuted the case, be shown to the public eye in his true colors, published the country over for a skunk and a polecat and a heartless heathen.

Just such "justice" as this is what is making American law courts the butt of ridicule, the joke of the country. It is what Bolshevism feeds upon, plays upon in its attempts to break down the foundations of America. An example of far-reaching respect can be returned to the law. And this is a mighty good place to start.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Are you beginning the new year right by giving God and His church a larger place in your life and plans? "The Lord hath need of thee." Are you measuring up to His expectations of you? And most certainly the world needs God in these days. Roger Babson, president of the Babson Statistical Organization, in his new book "Religion and Business," just from the press, says: "A most intimate relation exists between religion and business. Future business conditions can be foretold with wonderful accuracy by a study of the religious conditions of the time. Religion is both the anchor and rudder of prosperity." If this be true, what does your manifest interest in religion and business indicate for the future?

If without a church home, or a stranger in the community, you will find a welcome at any of the services of the church.

The Epworth League will hold a New Year's social in the basement of the church Friday evening of this week, January 7. Come and have a good time. The party who meets you at the door with a yard stick will inform you as to the price of admission.

Belmond Local News

W. C. Tyrrell, A. L. Luick and C. T. Fenton went to Chicago the first of the week on business connected with the sugar factory.

—I—

Harry Tyrrell returned from Ottumwa on Saturday, where he had been visiting friends.

—I—

Mrs. Mark Baker of Kanawha was a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. nd Mrs. John Lieuwen, over the holidays.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott of Oaf entertained a party of seventeen friends and relatives at a New Years dinner.

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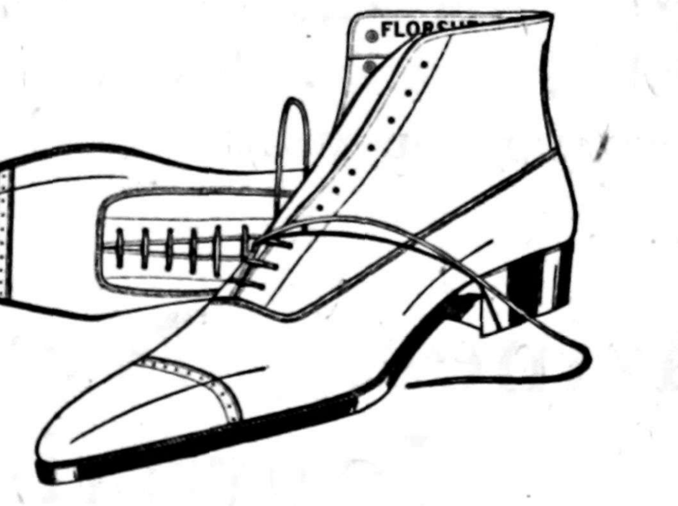

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T. B. Wallace and his sister entertained relatives from Goldfield and Renwick over New Years.

—I—

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was a business caller at Mason City the first of the week.

—I—

E. F. Bailey was a caller at the county seat the first of the week, and at Algona, looking after some business affairs.

—I—

The Womens Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Joseph Bohning on Thursday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Clauson will be the leader.

—I—

Mrs. Orpha Anderson returned to her home at Olaf Saturday, after a four weeks stay at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs W. J. Morse.

—I—

LaVeta and Merle Allen of Hampton spent the week end at the home of friends here.

—I—

Miss Clara Kirkwood was a visitor at Klemme the first of the week.

—I—

Mrs. Pat Dillon was a visitor with her sister at Goodell last week.

Miss Rena Purdy went to Des Moines last week to visit at the home of N. M. Wolcott and other friends.

—I—

The Standard Bearers will meet this evening at the home of Leona Jacobs.

—I—

Mrs. Chris Kraig and daughter are visiting friends at Olaf this week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Klemme and daughter Ruth expect to leave this next week for California where they will spend the winter

—I—

Mrs. Clyde Jennings' mother, who is spending the winter at the home here, has been quite ill the past week.

—I—

Mrs. J. J. Sharon spent the New Years with her son at Buffalo Center.

—I—

The Camp Fire girls will meet at the home of Miss Hazel Hembd, their leader, on Tuesday afternoon.

—I—

Mrs. W. H. Wolle returned from Ackley last Saturday, where she had been visiting her mother, who has been quite ill.

Helen Elder has been visiting at Storm Lake over the holidays with relatives.

—I—

Miss Addie Larson of Alexander was a Belmond caller one day last week.

—I—

Miss Hazel Thomas spent the week end at Kanawha with friends.

—I—

Miss Agnes Dillon spent her vacation visiting with friends at Hampton Grandfather Purcell, father of Ellory Purcell, arrived from Missouri Sunday and will make his home for a time at the F. E. Purcell home.

—I—

John Lester of St. Paul was a visitor with his sister, Mrs. Pat Dillon during the holidays.

—I—

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Belmond Local News

Wanted—Correspondent on Route 3.

—I—

Stephen Hardwick is at home for a few days visit

—I—

For Sale—Cutter, almost new. Inquire at this office. tf

—I—

Miss Ida Tyrrell is reported on the sick list this week.

—I—

Martin Cuber spent Monday of this week visiting at Mason City.

—I—

Joseph Kral was a business caller at Mason City the first of the week.

—I—

For Sale—Ford truck, gear drive; all new tires. Cheap.—Wm. Voiles.

—I—

For Sale—Several desirable residence lots. Inquire of D. L. Rankins.

—I—

P. C. Coffer was a business visitor at Meservey on last week Friday.

—I—

Little Miss Marcena Brown was a visitor at Mason City last week Friday.

—I—

Miss Cecelia Holtzbauer was a visitor at Mason City the first of the week.

—I—

Miss Jennie Groen visited with relatives and friends near Palsville last week Friday.

—I—

Miss Bertha Gartz left for her school duties at Alexander the first of the week.

—I—

Mrs. Pandell was a visitor with friends and relatives at Thornton over New Years.

—I—

Miss Agnes Clark went to Thornton last week Friday to spend New Years with relatives.

—I—

C Nissman of Woden was a caller here Monday enroute to Greene for a few days visit.

—I—

H. G. Nordschow was a caller at Fort Dodge last week Wednesday on business matters.

—I—

Mrs. H. Brener was a caller at Meservey over the week end, with relatives and friends.

—I—

Richard Timby is visiting at the home of Bert Sorenson at Buffalo Center this week.

—I—

Wm. Voiles has been enjoying a visit from two brothers and a sister the past week.

—I—

Mrs C. C. Thiltgen and daughter Katherine were visitors at Mason City last Thursday.

—I—

The Misses Luella and Goldie Christie were visitors at Mason City on last week Friday.

—I—

Mr. Patrick of Kanawha is a guest this week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Christie.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzell entertained their son and family of Meservey last Thursday.

—I—

Mr and Mrs. I. Shaffer returned last week from a visit with their son at Waseca, Minnesota.

—I—

Mrs. Pat Barry and daughter Veronica were visitors with relatives at Fort Dodge last week.

—I—

For Sale—Some White Rock Roosters and White Wyandotte roosters. Phone 2703.—E. D. Murphy.

—I—

Miss Mary Kernan of Goodell was a visitor here last week Thursday on her way to Mason City.

—I—

Amos Cowley of Dows was a visitor in this city last Saturday enroute to Swaledale on business matters.

—I—

Harry Renicker of Eagle Grove was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Reed last week.

—I—

Lloyd Cline of Goodell was a visitor with friends here last week, leaving on Thursday for Mason City,

—I—

For Sale—Maxwell-Ford truck, one ton capacity. In good condition. Has been used some.—F. P. Dibble. 42c

—I—

Richard Ziska, the city mail carrier, is on the sick list this week, his route being carried by Morrey Nelson.

—I—

Browne Bullard of Mason City was a New Years guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullard.

—I—

Dr. McClellan returned Sunday of this week from Nevada, Missouri, where he has been the past month or two.

Miss Agnes Dempsey spent New Years at Dows with her sister, Mrs. O. H. Shantlin, formerly Miss Eva Dempsey.

—I—

Geo. Peterson of Ames was greeting friends here one day last week. George was formerly a resident of this place.

—I—

Helmer Espeland of Northwood, employed on the road graveling gang, is ill at the John Kalvig home with pneumonia.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Larson of Klemme have been guests the past few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Butterfield.

—I—

Antrim Peterson went to Thornton last week Friday, where he spent the New Years at the home of relatives and friends.

—I—

Mrs. Jennie Winey and children of Spencer are guests this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lynch.

—I—

Randall Nelson and sister, Mrs. Hans Hanson, went to Mason City on Monday of this week on some business matters.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flynn and family came over from Hampton to spend New Years at the home of Lee Stacy and family.

—I—

Mrs. Hugh Sharp and little daughter Blanche, were visitors at Palsville last week at the home of her brother and family.

—I—

Frank Barry went to Mason City the first of the week to attend the meeting of the Farm Bureau held at that place on Monday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groen, Sr., left last week Saturday for Meservey to spend New Years day at the home of relatives there.

—I—

Mrs. H. Nelson and daughter of Woden were callers here the first of the week enroute to Mason City for a visit with friends and relatives.

—I—

Miss Myrtle Hawley and brother Ray returned Monday to Sioux City to resume their duties at Morningside College, which they are attending.

—I—

Wm. Ferguson returned to his home at Baxter last week Thursday after a few days visit at the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Foster.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Christie are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, born last week Friday, December 31. The new arrival will be named Eleanor.

—I—

Wanted—Good clean rags, cotton, and of fair size. Will pay fifteen cents a pound for what we want. Bring them to the Independent office.

—I—

Mrs. L. Werner, who has been a guest at the home of her son, H. W. Werner, returned to her home at Chaska, Minnesota, the first of the week.

—I—

Miss Neva Kimmel of Manly returned to her home the first of the week after her vacation spent visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pfaltzgraff.

—I—

Mrs. Chris Sorenson and son Chester were passengers last week Saturday for Clear Lake, where they visited over New Years with friends and relatives.

—I—

Miss Margaret Pohlman, who had been visiting at Kanawha during the holidays, was a visitor here last week Friday on her way to her home at Eagle Grove.

—I—

Mrs. Dainelson of Mason City, who had been visiting at the Ellis Burke home in this city, during the holidays, returned to her home on last week Friday.

—I—

Miss Mildred Gealow, who has been spending the New Years holidays at the home of relatives here, returned to her work in the bank at Meservey Monday.

—I—

Mrs. F. H. Clark of Goodell was a caller in this city last week Friday on her way home from Meservey where she had been visiting her brother, W. D. Merritt.

—I—

Rev. Seth Huntington, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the old town during the past week, returned to his work at Dinsdale and at Coe College last Thursday. Mrs. Huntington came Wednesday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boughton, Miss Inez Boughton, her sister, who had been visiting them at Dinsdale, returned home with her.

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Women's $1.75 pure silk stockings, per pair $1.00. Women's $2 Burson's silks, $1.00. Women's 39c stockings, four pair for $1.00. Men's cashmere and silk soxs to 75c, at TWO pair for $1.00. Infants' colored wools, FOUR pair for $1. White 33c cashmerette, FIVE pair for $1. Girls' and boys' stockings, four pair for $1.

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Just one apiece for FIFTY lucky women.

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50 aprons taken from the better class.

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will be bargains worth coming to get.

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4 for $1 and THREE for $1.

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Best 29c grade, FIVE yards for $1.

PERCALES

Best 25c grade, FIVE yards $1.

PILLOW CASES

85c value, two for $1.

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CHILDREN'S LEGGING PANTS, $1

CHILDREN'S SLEEPERS, $1.

COVER OVERALLS, $1

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Broken lines women's and children's, not Ball Brand, choice $1.

WINDOW SHADES—3 for $1

ALUMINUM WARE—choice $1 each

CANNED PINEAPPLE—5 for $1; 3 for $1.

HEBE, tall, 10 cans for $1....

PEAS, CORN OR TOMATOES—10 cans for $1.

CANNED PEACHES, APRICOTS AND CHERRIES—3 cans for $1; 6 for $1.

LARGE POST TOASTIES, SHREDDED WHEAT, PUFFED RICE, GRAPE NUTS AND RY KRISP at 6 for $1.

47c SELECTED COFFEE, 3 pounds for $1.

TOILET SOAPS, 12 for $1.

EGG NOODLES, MACRONETS AND SPAGHETTI at 13 for $1.

CARNATION MILK, 15 small cans for $1.

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C. & C. STORE

Fort Dodge's Biggest, Busiest Little Store.

Home for Rent—Five room bungalow. Part modern; new. Inquire of C. S. Robinson.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Sullivan are the parents of a fine new daughter. This was told the editor a week ago, and Jean presented us with a big fat cigar in honor of the occasion, but somehow it got missed in the rush. Everybody concerned including Jean is getting along nicely.

—I—

Joe White, the express man, has just received a report from the superintendant of central Iowa for the company that his station stands fourteenth on the list for writing money orders. Des Moines and Davenport headed the list, and when it is considered that Belmond is not the largest town in the state by a long ways it will be seen that Mr. White has developed the business above normal for a town this size.

Corn cobs for sale.—Ward Martin.

—I—

FOR SALE—Gray reed baby carriage. Inquire of Mrs. Lee W. Stacy.

—I—

Mrs. Floyd Lewis and little son, who have been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Val. Griesy, returned to their home at Tracy, Minnesota, last week Thursday.

—I—

Miss Grace Reed returned to her school duties at Meservey last week Wednesday after a week's vacation spent at the home of her parents here Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Reed.

—I—

Mrs. Arthur Hinman entertained on New Years eve in honor of her brother, Leon McGrann, who is here from South Dakota for a few days visit at the Hinman home.

—I—

Little Miss Bettina Bordman, who had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glenn Klemme during the holidays, returned to her home at Marshalltown on last Saturday.

—I—

Miss Irene Pohlman returned to her home at Eagle Grove last Friday, passing thru Belmond on her way from Kanawha where she had been visiting during the holidays.

—I—

Miss Mary Grant, who teaches in the Spencer schools, returned to her duties last week Thursday after a visit during the holidays at the home of her friend, Mrs. E. H. Thorman.

—I—

Miss Matilda Skovlin, who is living in Des Moines where she is employed as secretary of state Ramsay's office, came last Friday for a visit with her mother and brothers in this place.

—I—

Mrs. H. B. Bullard and two little children of Mason City, who have been visiting during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullard, returned to their home the first of the week.

—I—

Mrs. L. Kurtz and little daughter of Dows were visitors in town one day last week, enroute to Swaledale where they spent the New Year's at the home of friends and relatives in that vicinity.

—I—

Mrs. H. H. Minedertz, who had been spending the holidays with her children at Goodell and Klemme, was a visitor here last Friday enroute to her home at Meservey. Mrs. Minedertz and her daughter have the telephone office at that place.

—I—

Mrs. N. E. Kalsted and her three children, who have been vising at the home of John Kalsted near town, went to Thornton last Friday where they will make their future home. They were formerly at Dows.

—I—

Mrs. D. H. Potter, who travels for the Midland Lyceum bureau of Des Moines, was in town the first of the week in the interests of a lyceum here and was calling on several of the prominent citizens regarding it.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Sutherland and daughter Virginia, returned to their home at Hampton on Sunday, after a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brady. Cleon Brady returned with them for a few days visit.

—I—

Charlie Quandt of Meservey was in town last week Wednesday, driving down with team with a large wheel from his tractor which he brought to the Belmond Welding & Tank company to have repaired and welded.

—I—

Mrs. Wagner and daughter Miss Parker were recent guests at the home of Mrs. M. J. House Mrs. Wagner returned Monday to her home at Thornton, her daughter going to Sioux City where she is attending college.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. George Norris went to Clarion on Friday to spend New Years at the hme of Mr. Norris' sister, Mrs. Stevens. Mr. Norris and his sister are the only two in the family left, and it has long been their custom to spend New Years together.

—I—

W. S. Pritchard and son John of Garner shipped several carloads of fat steers to Chicago, from their farm near this place last week. Mr. Pritchard and his son accompanied the stock to Chicago, returning home Monday morning.

—I—

Mrs. Earl Madsen, wh has been in the hospital for some time and whose life was despaired of, is now making rapid recovery and was removed to her home on Sunday. As a last resort blood transfusion was tried and proved to be successful, her father, Dr. Knox, giving the blood. He returned to his home at Superior, Wisconsin, this week.

Otto Hanson is on the sick list this week.

—I—

Attorney J. M. Jensen and daughter spent the holidays at Forest City.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Klemme were guests of relatives at Marshalltown last week.

—I—

Mrs. Foster of the Foster hotel is visiting relatives at Clarion and Goldfield this week.

—I—

Miss Eva Dziewanowski was a visitor at Mason City this week Tuesday.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Lutz was a Mason City visitor on Monday.

—I—

Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan was a New Years guest of relatives here.

—I—

Mrs. H. H. Hawley went to Mason City on Tuesday for a short trip on business.

—I—

Clarence Obrecht of Thornton was greeting old friends here on Sunday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Holden Nelson spent New Years with Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. Wilson, at Clarion.

—I—

The Misses Cleone Stebbleton and Marjorie Lausberg of Britt were recent guests at the Wallace Ramsay home.

—I—

Lost—Pair of spectacles, in case. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward. Lost in or near the Lyric theatre.

—I—

The Misses Kate and Nora Finn were visitors at Mason City on this week Tuesday.

—I—

Mrs. Sherdon and two little daughters of Alexander were visitors here Thursday of last week on their way to Woden where they spent New Years with relatives.

—I—

A. E. Chamberlain went to Omaha Nebraska, and Neola, Iowa, for few days to join his wife and baby who are still with relatives there who are ill.

—I—

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Luick were put under quarantine Monday for scarlet fever. They are getting along nicely, neither being very ill with the disease.

—I—

Elmer Reed, who has been visiting relatives here during the holidays, is spending a few days with friends at Clarion before returning to his duties at Mitchell, South Dakota.

—I—

Mrs. W. H. Wolle and son Will went to Ackley last week to visit Mrs. Wolle's mother, who is quite ill. Will goes from there back to his duties at Morningside College.

—I—

Miss Beatrice Leinbach was recently awarded a "class C" at Coe college by the Coe Womens' Athletic Association, for her good playing on the hockey teams during the interclass contests this fall.

—I—

Earl and Arthur Dorr were visitors at Mason City the first of the week, where they visited their father who is at a hospital there recovering from a recent operation.

—I—

Quite a number of the members of the Epworth League attended the district rally held at Clarion on New Years eve. The address by Dr. Bushnell was followed by a watch night service.

—I—

Ralph Letts of Mason City and Roy Peterson of Dows, Coe College boys, spent the week end at the McBurney home as guests of Philip. They returned to Cedar Rapids with him the first of the week.

—I—

Mrs. Adolph Dorr and little daughter Irene went to Mason City last Thursday to visit Mr. Dorr who recently underwent a very serious operation at the hospital there, Doctors Weston of Mason City and Weston of Chicago performing the operation. Mr. Dorr is reported as recovering nicely.

—I—

The Misses Trumbell, Cecelia and Beatrice Barry were visitors at Mason City on Monday of this week.

—I—

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Klemme are quarantined for scarlet fever in rooms over the Klemme furniture store, formerly occupied by Mr and Mrs. Glenn Klemme, who moved to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Klemme in order that the children might have the rooms during their siege with the disease. Owing to the ill health of their mother it was thought best to take the children to the rooms. The children are under the care of a trained nurse and are reported getting along in nice shape.

Lyric

Geo. Hake, Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

"That Girl Montana"

A Pathe picture featuring

Blanche Sweet

Taken from the book of the same name, and a rousing good story that loses none of its interest in the picture.

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

"Mollie and I"

A Fox picture featuring

Shirley Mason

Also BRIDE THIRTEEN

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JAN. 7

"Miss Hobbs"

A Realart picture featuring

Wanda Hawley

A delightful comedy. A modern young woman with ideas 50 years ahead of time... But love came. The young man takes it on himself to tame her, to make her a regular girl. How he does it is told in five reels of action that sparkle with comedy and rare sentiment.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

"An Adventure in Hearts"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Robert Warwick

Pity poor Robert Warwick! Now that he's back from France and into "cits" he has to go right on fighting. He served on Gen. Pershing's staff overseas and his duties took him to practically every front. And now that he has returned to his pre-war occupation of starring in motion pictures, the producers seem to have conspired to keep him in fighting trim. In his first release, "Secret Service," he played the role of a secret service agent for the Northern army during the civil war.

11c and 25c

MONDAY, JAN. 10

"Old Dad"

A First National picture featuring

Mildred Harris Chaplin

True, is has not been so much of a moot question as "why girls leave home" but there is a variety of "whys" for the expulsion of quite a few girls from our schools nowadays. One of the common reasons is set forth in "Old Dad."

11c and 25c

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

"All of a Sudden Peggy"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Marguerite Clark

It would be difficult to name a star of the silver sheet who is better equipped to win success than this one. Her sunny disposition is not assumed for screen purposes only; it is natural. A better all-round "good scout" never lived. Morever, by reason of her extensive experience in pictures she has the technique of screen acting down to a science. Her expressive, mobile features register every nuance of emotion.

11c and 25c

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorenkamp died last Sunday morning.

Ella Blau of Alexander was an over Sunday visitor at the Jake Smudt home.

Elzo Buschmann, Henry Mennenga, Bruno Bruns and Lambert Menke left last Monday for Meekin, Illinois, where they will again resume their college work.

Welhimine Loats, who has been at home for the holidays, left Monday for Pella, Iowa, where she is attending college.

Bertha Gartz returned to her school duties at Alexander last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halfpop and children were Sunday visitors at the W. A. Gartz home

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson were Sunday visitors at the Andrew Lieuwen home near Alexander.

ALEXANDER

Herman Kieslick was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Miss Addie Larsen was a visitor at Belmond on Tuesday.

Arthur Winwood was a caller at Meservey last Friday.

H. C. Yaw of Iowa Falls was a business caller at Alexander last Wednesday.

John F. Bell was a business caller at the county seat last Friday.

Glen Klinefelter of Goodell spent the holidays with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stoffer are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder spent over Sunday with relatives at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and baby daughter Mildred spent New Years day with Belmond relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Frederick visited with relatives at Belmond last week.

Mrs. Bert Barker and daughter Bonnie of Hampton visited with Alexander friends and relatives the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mullenbauch were Hampton shoppers last Friday.

George Winwood of Mason City visited with his parents several days last week.

Rev. George Bonte and wife of Ackley spent the past week with relatives at this place.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Chris Stadtlander next Wednesday afternoon, January 12.

Mrs. Vernon Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Miss Esther Larsen visited with friends at Latimer a few days last week.

School began Tuesday after a vacation during the holidays.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons returned to their home at Hampton on Friday after a visit with relatives at this place.

FRANK BONTE

Mr. Frank Bonte was born near Chapin, Franklin county, Iowa, April 25, 1885. At the age of about eight years he came with his parents to Alexander, Iowa, where he lived in its vicinity the remainder of his life. In the year 1910 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ostendorf. This marriage was blessed with one child. Mr. Bonte was a faithful member of the Alexander Reformed church. On December 28, 1920, after years of more or less illness, he passed away to the great beyond. He leaves to mourn his departure his bereaved wife, one infant daughter, Virginia, his aged mother, Mrs. John Bonte, two brothers, Rev. George Bonte near Ackley, and Theodore, near Belmond, and two sisters, Mrs. Harm Harms and Mrs. Chris Schulte, both of this place, and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. J. Heyenga at the Reform church last Friday afternoon, Dec. 31, and burial was made in the Alexander cemetery.

KANAWHA

The Misses Verl and Florence Gray left Saturday for a two weeks visit with relatives at Rushmore, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Shaw and little daughter who spent Christmas with relatives and friends here left Saturday for their home at Hayfield, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Omvig are the proud parents of a baby daughter.

Oscar E. Johnson left Thursday for Dayton, Iowa, to spend the week end with relatives and friends.

Joe Anderson and Tom E. Thompson were business callers at Britt on Thursday.

Miss Lyona Baldridge visited relatives and friends at Belmond the later part of the week.

Miss Ruth Kearns of Burt is visiting at the Will Enabnit home. Miss Kearns is a sister of Mrs. Enabnit.

Mrs. Nels Nelson of Fort Dodge came last week for a visit with relatives and friends here.

Adolph Larson came up from Iowa City, where he is attending school and will spend several days with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Ed. Siderberg left last week for Fairmont, Minnesota, where she will spend several weeks with relatives and friends.

OLAF

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott entertained a large company of Belmond friends at a New Years dinner, last Saturday.

Mrs. Hoadley and daughter of Kanawha spent several days of last week at the August Johnson home

Miss Carrie Baxter of Milwaukee spent last Tuesday visiting at the Geo. Baxter home.

Margaret Green spent Sunday visiting Margarie Lien.

The E. N. Ericson young people entertained Miss Winifred Fritze, Peter Goslin and Mr. Melvin Wicks a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Jacob Thompson entertained a number of young ladies to a miscellaneous shower last Saturday, in honor of Jessie Shurson, who will soon become the bride of Oscar Hanson. A very enjoyable time was had.

A double wedding took place at the Torrence Scott home Dec. 29, when two of her sisters were married, Mary to Andrew Scott, Susan to Hans Olson, their brother, Rev. Severtson from Eagle Grove, officiating. We, with others, extend our congratulations.

A number of our pupils are attending other schools on account of there being no teacher at the Olaf school.

S. O. Windecker is busy invoicing.

Lud Simerson of Belmond was in our burg last Thursday helping to invoice the elevator stock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Benson entertained a large company of relatives to a New Years dinner.

A large force of men was put on the job of loading the pitted beets last week, and finished the work on Friday, the men leaving Saturday morning.

Martin Paulson spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Kanawha.

Garfield Holverson and Carlton Johnson are kept busy nowadays shelling corn for others.

Mrs. Orpha Anderson and baby returned home Saturday, having spent the last four weeks in Belmond with her parents. Her mother, Mrs. W. J. Morse, came out with her to spend several days.

Eddie Thompson and family spent Friday at the Albert Thompson home.

Miss Baker of Belmond is helping Mrs. Orpha Anderson with her housework.

HAMPTON MAN STARTS FIRE WITH KEROSENE

Hampton Man Does Old rick, But Gets By Without Fatal Results

James Estep, one of the popular tonsorial artists in the Bailey Barber Shop, was in a hurry to make the kitchen fire at his home the other morning when it was a dozen or fiteen below, and while hurrying around in his pajamas, he apologized to his wife for being such a chump to think it was necessary to use kerosene. He grabbed a gallon jug, which he spied in the corner of the pantry, and when he had filled the stove with some choice kindling he began to pour, then lighted match after match, and poured some more, only to see the fire burn the match stem to the end, but distributed no fire to the kindling wood.

After pouring out the contents of the jug, nearly a full gallon, the air began to smell strong, and members of the famiy were aroused to help locate the trouble. Jim thought someone from Canada with a flying machine had visited his house during the night and deposited one of those jugs which we read about these days as coming from Canada.

It would have been apalling, if it proved true that he had wasted a gallon of the real stuff, but it was not of the Canadian brand. It had the smell anyway, but it was a fresh gallon of vinegar which the delivery boy from the grocery store had left at the Estep house the night previous. Jim says that the only damage was the loss of the price of a gallon of vinegar, several boxes of matches, fifty cents of kindling wood, and $2.00 worth of extra heat it took to warm him up after he finally succeeded in getting a fire started.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, IN AND FOR WRIGHT COUNTY. JANUARY TERM, A. D. 1921.

George Lutz, Plaintiff,

vs

Fred Staehle,

Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.

To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of One Hundred and thirty-eight and fifty-six one-hundredths dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the first day of December, A. D. 1921.

For groceries and other merchandise, sold and delivered to you, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family, during the year of 1920; and you are further notified that plaintiff has filed his bond, praying that a writ of attachment issue in said cause, against your goods, chattels, rights and credits; that said bond has been approved, and said writ granted as prayed; and that the Iowa Valley Sugar Company Inc. has been attached as garnishee, as a supposed creditor.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of court, being the January term of said court, which will commence at Clarion, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard
Attorney for Plaintiff

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WEBSTER —MAN'S MAN

by Peter B. Kyne

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—John Stuart Webster, mining engineer, after cleaning up a fortune in Death Valley, Calif., boards a train for the East. He befriends a young lady annoyed by a masher, thoroughly trouncing the "pest."

CHAPTER II.—At Denver Webster receives a letter from Billy Geary, his closest friend. Geary urges him to come to Sobrante, Central America, to finance and develop a mining claim. He decides to go.

CHAPTER III.—Dolores Ruey, the young woman Webster befriended, and who has made a deep impression on him, as he has on her, is also on the way to Sobrante.

CHAPTER IV.—At Buenaventura, capital of Sobrante, Billy Geary, ill and penniless, is living on the charity of "Mother Jenks," keeper of a dramshop. She receives a cablegram from Dolores, telling of her coming.

CHAPTER V.—Dolores' father, Ricardo Ruey, president of Sobrante, had been killed in a revolution led by Sarros, the present executive. Dolores, a child of eight, was smuggled out of the country by Mother Jenks and supported by her in the United States. The old woman, ashamed of her occupation and habits of life, fears to meet Dolores, and sends Geary to the boat to say she has gone to the United States.

CHAPTER VI.—Webster, on his way to Sobrante, is taken ill on the train, and is in a hospital at New Orleans two weeks. Geary bungles his mission, Dolores easily seeing through his story. She greets Mother Jenks as her friend and benefactor. Geary falls desperately in love with the girl.

CHAPTER VII.—At New Orleans, while waiting for the steamer to Buenaventura, Webster saves the life of a young man who is attacked by two assassins. The youth leaves Webster without disclosing his identity.

CHAPTER VIII.—On the steamer Webster finds his stateroom occupied by a stranger who declares his intention of being his guest to Buenaventura. At first angered, Webster and the stranger, after a somewhat forcible argument, reach an amicable agreement. Webster recognizes him as the youth whose life he had saved the day before, though the other does not know Webster.

IX.—Arriving at Sobrante, ...es Webster and is instru- ...iping his friend's "guest" ...atter is known to Webster ...owers." Geary houses him ...nks'. Webster gets the idea ...and Dolores are in love, and ...tention of giving Geary every ...smilingly contradicts the girl's ...that they have met before.

...ER X.—Webster receives a ...rning conveyed by "Don Juan Cafetero," really John J. Cafferty, Irishman of good qualities fallen through overindulgence in liquor, that there is a plot to assassinate him. Webster makes a firm friend of Cafferty. Later, the American is insulted by a Sobrantean army officer and publicly ridicules him. A challenge to a duel is accepted under such stern conditions that the Sobranteans withdraw it.

CHAPTER XI.—Webster secretly visits "Andrew Bowers" at Mother Jenks'. He learns that "Bowers" is Ricardo Ruey, son of the assassinated president, brother of Dolores (whom he believes dead), and that a revolution is contemplated. Next morning he tells Dolores that her brother, of whom she has no recollection, is in the country, projecting the overthrow of President Sarros. Very much in love with the girl, but believing that her affection has been bestowed on Geary, Webster leaves to investigate the mine which he has come to finance.

CHAPTER XII.—Webster, after looking it over, decides to put his whole fortune into the mine. He sends Billy Geary to the United States to purchase the necessary equipment, advising him to marry Dolores in Buenaventura before he leaves. Knowing that unless Ruey can overthrow Sarros his mine will be confiscated, Webster agrees to finance the venture. Returning to Buenaventura, he is astonished to find Dolores still there and Geary on his way to the United States.

CHAPTER XIII.—Dolores tells Webster that Billy Geary had asked her to marry him and that she had refused. Amazed, but entirely misunderstanding the situation, he accepts the explanation. He explains to Dolores how her brother has laid his plans for the overthrow of Sarros. Webster and Ricardo have a final understanding.

CHAPTER XIV.—The morning of the revolution Webster takes Dolores aboard the American steamer Estrellita, where she can remain in safety. As an American citizen he believes it his duty to take no part in the conflict. Cafferty, after being in the thick of it, returns to the ship to tell Webster of the progress of the revolution, which presages an early victory for the forces of Ricardo Ruey.

CHAPTER XV.—Dolores and Webster, with Cafferty, return to the city. Dolores meets Mother Jenks and the two proceed to succor the wounded. On their way to the president's palace Webster and Cafferty meet a party of President Sarros' guards, and in the fight Webster is wounded and Cafferty dies saving the life of the man he loved. Webster is found and ministered to by Dolores and Mother Jenks.

CHAPTER XVI.—The bodies of Webster and Cafferty are taken into the palace, Dolores and Mother Jenks following. Examination proves Webster to be stunned but in no way seriously injured. Sarros is captured and the revolution everywhere triumphant. Ricardo meets the sister whom he had mourned as dead at Webster's bedside.

"If you'd cared to play a gentleman's game, you blighter, you might 'ave lived for your bally country," Mother Jenks reminded him in English. "Wonder if the beggar'll wilt or will 'e go through smilin' like my sainted 'Enery on the syme spot."

She need not have worried. It requires a strong man to be dictator of a roman candle republic for 15 years, and whatever his sins of omission or commission, Sarros did not lack animal courage. Alone and unattended he limped away among the graves to the wall on the other side of the cemetery and placed his back against it, negligently, in the attitude of a devil-may-care fellow without a worry in life. The sergeant waited respectfully until Sarros had finished his cigarette; when he tossed it away and straightened to attention, the sergeant knew he was ready to die. At his command there was a sudden rattle of bolts as the cartridges slid from the magazines into the breeches; there followed a momentary halt, another command; the squad was aiming when Ricardo Ruey called sharply:

"Sergeant, do not give the order to fire."

The rifles were lowered and the men gazed wonderingly at Ricardo. "He's too brave," Ricardo complained. "D—— him, I can't kill him as I would a mad dog. I've got to give him a chance."

The sergeant raised his brows expressively. Ah, the ley fuga, that popular form of execution where the prisoner is given a running chance, and the firing squad practices wing shooting. If the prisoner manages, miraculously, to escape, he is not pursued!

A doubt, however, crossed the sergeant's mind. "But my general," he expostulated, "Senor Sarros cannot accept the ley fuga. He is very lame. That is not giving him the chance your Excellency desires he should have."

"I wasn't thinking of that," Ricardo replied. "I was thinking I'm killing him without a fair trial for the reason that he's so infernally ripe for the gallows that a trial would have been a joke. Nevertheless, I am really killing him because he killed my father—and that is scarcely fair. My father was a gentleman. Sergeant, is your pistol loaded?"

"Yes, General."

"Give it to Senor Sarros."

As the sergeant started forward to comply Ricardo drew his own service revolver and then motioned Mother Jenks and the firing squad to stand aside while he crossed to the center of the cemetery. "Sarros," he called, "I am going to let God decide which one of us shall live. When the sergeant gives the command to fire, I shall open fire on you, and you are free to do the same to me. Sergeant, if he kills me and escapes unhurt, my orders are to escort him to the bay in my carriage and put him safely aboard the steamer."

Mother Jenks sat down on a tombstone. "Gord's truth!" she gasped, "but there's a rare plucked 'un." Aloud she croaked: "Don't be a bally ass, sir."

"Silence!" he commanded.

The sergeant handed Sarros the revolver. "You heard what I said?" Ricardo called.

Sarros bowed gravely.

"You understand your orders, Sergeant?"

"Yes, General."

"Very well. Proceed. If this prisoner fires before you give the word, have your squad riddle him."

The sergeant backed away and gazed owlishly from the prisoner to his captor. "Ready!" he called. Both revolvers came up. "Fire!" he shouted, and the two shots were discharged simultaneously. Ricardo's cap flew off his head, but he remained standing, while Sarros staggered back against the wall and there recovering himself gamely, fired again. He scored a clean miss, and Ricardo's gun barked three times; Sarros sprawled on his face, rose to his knees, raised his pistol halfway, fired into the sky and slid forward on his face. Ricardo stood beside the body until the sergeant approached and stood to attention, his attitude saying:

"It is over. What next, General?"

"Take the squad back to the arsenal, Sergeant," Ricardo ordered him coolly, and walked back to recover his uniform cap. He was smiling as he ran his finger through a gaping hole in the upper half of the crown.

"Well, Mrs. Jenks," he announced when he rejoined the old lady, "that was better than executing him with a firing squad. I gave him a square deal. Now his friends can never say that I murdered him."

He extended his hand to help Mother Jenks to her feet. She stood erect and felt again that queer swelling of the heart, the old feeling of suffocation.

"Steady, lass!" she mumbled. "'Old on to me, sir. It's my bally haneurism. Gor'—I'm—chokin'——"

He caught her in his arms as she lurched toward him. Her face was purple, and in her eyes there was a queer fierce light that went out suddenly, leaving them dull and glazed. When she commenced to sag in his arms, he eased her gently to the ground and laid her on her back in the grass.

"The nipper's safe, 'Enery," he heard her murmur. "I've raised 'er a lydy, s'elp me—she's back where—you found 'er—'Enery——"

She quivered, and the light came creeping back into her eyes before it faded forever. "Comin', 'Enery—darlin'," she whispered; and then the soul of Mother Jenks, who had a code and lived up to it (which is more than the majority of us do), had departed upon the ultimate journey. Ricardo gazed down on the hard old mouth, softened now by a little half-smile of mingled yearning and gladness: "What a wonderful soul you had," he murmured, and kissed her.

In the end she slept in the niche in the wall of the Catedral de la Vera Cruz, beside her sainted 'Enery.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Three days passed. Don Juan Cafetero had been buried with all the pomp and circumstance of a national hero; Mother Jenks, too, had gone to her appointed resting place, and El Buen Amigo had been closed forever. Ricardo had issued a proclamation announcing himself provisional president of Sobrante; a convention of revolutionary leaders had been held, and a provisional cabinet selected. A day for the national elections had been named; the wreckage of the brief revolution had been cleared away, and the wheels of government were once more revolving freely and noiselessly. And while all of this had been going on, John Stuart Webster had lain on his back, staring at the palace ceiling and absolutely forbidden to receive visitors. He was still engaged in this mild form of gymnastics on the third day when the door of his room opened and Dolores looked in on him.

"Good evening, Caliph," she called. "Aren't you dead yet?"

It was exactly the tone she should have adopted to get the best results, for Webster had been mentally and physically ill since she had seen him last, and needed some such pleasantry as this to lift him out of his gloomy mood. He grinned at her boyishly.

"No, I'm not dead. On the contrary, I'm feeling real chirpy. Won't you come in and visit for a while, Miss Ruey?"

"Well, since you've invited me, I shall accept." Entering, she stood beside his bed and took the hand he extended toward her. "This is the first opportunity I've had, Miss Ruey," he began, "to apologize for the shock I gave you the other day. I should have come back to you as I promised, instead of getting into a fight and scaring you half to death. I hope you'll forgive me, because I'm paying for my fun now—with interest."

"Very well, Caliph. I'll forgive you—on one condition."

"Who am I to resist having a condition imposed upon me? Name your terms. I shall obey."

"I'm weary of being called Miss Ruey. I want to be Dolores—to you."

"By the toe nails of Moses," he reflected, "there is no escape. She's determined to rock the boat." Aloud he said: "All right, Dolores. I guess Bill won't mind."

"Billy hasn't a word to say about it," she retorted, regarding him with that calm, impersonal, yet vitally interested look that always drove him frantic with the desire for her.

"Well, of course, I understand that," he countered. "Naturally, since Bill is only a man, you'll have to manage him and he'll have to take orders."

"Caliph, you're a singularly persistent man, once you get an idea into your head. Please understand me, once for all; Billy Geary is a dear, and it's a mystery to me why every girl in the world isn't perfectly crazy about him, but every rule has its exceptions—and Billy and I are just good friends. I'd like to know where you got the idea we're engaged to be married."

"Why—why—well, aren't you?"

"Certainly not."

"Well, you—er—you ought to be. I expected—that is, I planned—I mean Bill told me and—and—and—er—it never occurred to me you could possibly have the—er—crust—to refuse him. Of course, you're going to marry him when he asks you?"

"Of course I am not."

"Ah-h-h-h!" John Stuart Webster gazed at her in frank amazement. "Not going to marry Bill Geary!" he cried, highly scandalized.

"I know you think I ought to, and I suppose it will appear quite incomprehensible to you when I do not——"

"Why Dolores, my dear girl! This is most amazing. Didn't Bill ask you to marry him before he left?"

"Yes, he did me that honor, and I declined him."

"You what!"

She smiled at him so maternally that his hand itched to drag her down to him and kiss her curving lips.

"Do you mind telling me just why you took this extraordinary attitude?"

"You have no right to ask, but I'll tell you. I refused Billy because I didn't love him enough—that way. What's more, I never could."

He rolled his head to one side and softly, very softly, whistled two bars of "The Spanish Cavalier" through his teeth. He was properly thunderstruck—so much so, in fact, that for a moment he actually forgot her presence the while he pondered this most incredible state of affairs.

"I see it all now. It's as clear as mud," he announced finally. "You refused poor old Bill and broke his heart, and so he went away and hasn't had the courage to write me since. I'm afraid Bill and I both regarded this fight as practically won—all over but the wedding march, as one might put it. I might as well confess I hustled the boy down from the mine just so you two could get married and light out on your honeymoon. I figured Bill could kill two birds with one stone—have his honeymoon and get rid of his malaria, and return here in three or four months to relieve me, after I had the mine in operation. Poor boy. That was a frightful song-and-dance you gave him."

"I suspected you were the match-maker in this case. I must say I think you're old enough to know better, Caliph John."

"You did, eh? Well, what made you think so?"

She chuckled. "Oh, you're very obvious—to a woman."

"I forgot that you reveal the past and foretell the future."

"You are really very clumsy, Caliph. You should never try to direct the destiny of any woman."

"I'm on the sick list," he pleaded, "and it isn't sporting of you to discuss me. You're healthy—so let us discuss you. Dolores, do you figure Bill's case to be absolutely hopeless?"

"Absolutely, Caliph."

"Hum-m-m!"

Again Webster had recourse to meditation, seeing which, Dolores walked to the pier glass in the corner, satisfied herself that her coiffure was just so and returned to his side, singing softly a little song that had floated out over the transom of Webster's room door into the hall one night:

> A Spanish cavalier
> Went out to rope a steer,
> Along with his paper cigar-r-rol
> "Caramba!" said he.
> "Manana you will be
> Mucho bueno carne por mio!"

He turned his head and looked up at her suddenly, searchingly. "Is there anybody else in Bill's way?" he demanded. "I admit it's none of my business, but——"

"Yes, Caliph, there is some one else."

"I thought so." This rather viciously. "I'm willing to gamble 100 to 1, sight unseen, that whoever he is, he isn't half the man Bill is."

"That," she replied coldly, "is a matter of personal opinion."

"And Bill's clock is fixed for keeps?"

"Yes, Caliph. And he never had a chance from the start."

"Why not?"

"Well, I met the other man first, Caliph."

"Oh! Do you mind telling me what this other man does for a living?"

"He's a mining man, like Billy."

"All right! Has the son of a horse thief got a mine like Bill's? That's something to consider, Dolores."

"He has a mine fully as good as Billy's. Like Billy, he owns a half interest in it, too."

"Hum-m-m! How long have you known him?"

"Not very long."

"Be sure you're right—then go ahead," John Stuart Webster warned her. "Don't marry in haste and repent at leisure, Dolores. Know your man before you let him buy the wedding ring. There's a heap of difference, my dear, between sentiment and sentimentality."

"I'm sure of my man, Caliph."

He was silent again, thinking rapidly. "Well, of course," he began again presently, "while there was the slightest possibility of Bill winning you, I would have died before saying that which I am about to say to you now Dolores, because Bill is my friend, and I'd never double cross him. With reference to this other man, however, I have no such code to consider. I'm pretty well convinced I'm out of the running, but I'll give that lad a race if it's the last act of my life. He's a stranger to me, and he isn't on the job to protect his claim, so why shouldn't I stake it if I can? But are you quite certain you aren't making a grave mistake in refusing Billy? He's quite a boy, my dear. I know him from soul to suspenders, and he'd be awfully good to you. He's kind and gentle and considerate, and he's not a mollycoddle, either."

"I can't help it, Caliph. Please don't talk about him any more. I know somebody who is kinder and nobler and gentler." She ceased abruptly, fearful of breaking down her reserve and saying too much.

"Well, if Bill's case is hopeless"—his hand came groping for hers, while he held her with his searching, wistful glance—"I wonder what mine looks like. That is, Dolores, I—I——"

"Yes, John?"

"I've played fair with my friend," he whispered eagerly. "I'm not going to ask you to marry me, but I want to tell you that to me you're such a very wonderful woman I can't help loving you with my whole heart and soul."

"I have suspected this, John," she replied gravely.

"I suppose so. I'm such an obvious old fool. I've had my dream, and I've put it behind me, but I—I just want you to know I love you; so long as I live, I shall want to serve you. When you're married to this other man, and things do not break just right for you both—if I have something he wants, in order to make you happy, I want you to know it's yours to give to him. I—I—I—guess that's all, Dolores."

"Thank you, John. Would you like to know this man I'm going to marry?"

"Yes, I think I'd like to congratulate the scoundrel."

"Then I'll introduce you to him, John. I first met him on a train in Death valley, California. He was a shaggy old dear, all whiskers and rags, but his whiskers couldn't hide his smile, and his rags couldn't hide his manhood, and when he thrashed a drummer because the man annoyed me, I just couldn't help falling in love with him. Even when he fibbed to me and disputed my assertion that we had met before——"

"Good land of love—and the calves get loose!" he almost shouted as he held up his one sound arm to her. "My dear, my dear——"

"Oh, sweetheart," she whispered laying her hot cheek against his. "it's taken you so long to say it, but I love you all the more for the dear thoughts that made you hesitate."

He was silent a few moments, digesting his amazement, speechless with the great happiness that was his—and then Dolores was kissing the back of the hand of that helpless, bandaged arm lying across his breast. He had a tightening in his throat, for he had not expected love; and that sweet, benignant, humble little kiss spelled adoration and eternal surrender; when she looked at him again the mists of joy were in his eyes.

"Dear old Caliph John!" she crooned. "He's never had a woman to understand his funny ways and appreciate them and take care of him, has he?" She patted his cheek. "And bless his simple old heart, he would rather give up his love than be false to his friend. Yes, indeed. Johnny Webster respects 'No Shooting' signs when he sees them, but he tells fibs and pretends to be very stupid when he really isn't. So you wouldn't be false to Billy—eh, dear? I'm glad to know that, because the man who cannot be false to his friend can never be false to his wife."

He crushed her down to him and held her there for a long time. "My dear," he said presently, "isn't there something you have to say to me?"

"I love you, John," she whispered, and sealed the sweet confession with a true lover's kiss.

"All's well with the world," John Stuart Webster announced when he could use his lips once more for conversation. "And," he added, "owing to the fact that I started a trifle late in life, I believe I could stand a little more of the same."

The door opened and Ricardo looked in on them.

"Killjoy!" Webster growled. "Old Killjoy the Thirteenth, King of Sobrante. Is this a surprise to you?"

"Not a bit of it, Jack. I knew it was due."

"Am I welcome in the Ruey family?"

Ricardo came over and kissed his sister. "Don't be a lobster, Jack," he protested. "I dislike foolish questions." And he pressed his friend's hand with a fervor that testified to his pleasure.

"I'm sorry to crowd in at a time like this, Jack," he continued, with a hug for Dolores, "but Mr. What-you-may-call-him, the American consul, has called to pay his respects. As a fellow citizen of yours, he is vitally interested in your welfare. Would you care to receive him for a few minutes?"

"One minute will do," Webster declared with emphasis. "Show the human slug up, Rick."

Mr. Lemuel Tolliver tripped breezily in with outstretched hand. "My dear Mr. Webster," he began, but Webster cut him short with a peremptory gesture.

"Listen, friend Tolliver," he said. "The only reason I received you was to tell you I'm going to remain in this country awhile and help develop it. I may even conclude to grow up with it. I shall not, of course, renounce my American citizenship; and of course, as an American citizen, I am naturally interested in the man my country sends to Sobrante to represent it. I might as well be frank and tell you that you won't do. I called on you once to do your duty, and you weren't there; I told you then I might have something to say about your job later on, and now I'm due to say it. Mr. Tolliver, I'm the power behind the throne in this little Jim-crow country, and to quote your own elegant phraseology, you, as American consul, are nux vomica to the Sobrantean government. Moreover, as soon as the Sobrantean ambassador reaches Washington, he's going to tell the president that you are, and then the president will be courteous enough to remove you. In the meantime, fare thee well, Mr. Consul."

"But, Mr. Webster—"

"Vaya!"

Mr. Tolliver, appreciating the utter futility of argument, bowed and departed.

"Verily, life grows sweeter with each passing day," Webster murmured whimsically. "Rick, old man, I think you had better escort the consul to the front door. Your presence is nux vomica to me also. See that you back me up and dispose of that fellow Tolliver, or you can't come to our wedding—can he, sweetheart?"

When Ricardo had taken his departure John Stuart Webster looked up quite seriously at his wife-to-be. "Can you explain to me, Dolores," he asked, "how it happened that your relatives and your father's old friends here in Sobrante, whom you met shortly after your arrival, never informed you that Ricardo was living?"

"They didn't know any more about him than I did, and he left here as a mere boy. He was scarcely acquainted with his relatives, all of whom bowed quite submissively to the Sarros yoke. Indeed, my father's half-brother, Antonio Ruey, actually accepted a portfolio under the Sarros regime and held it up to his death. Ricardo has a wholesome contempt for his relatives, and as for his father's old friends, none of them knew anything about his plans. Apparently his identity was known only to the Sarros intelligence bureau, and it did not permit the information to leak out."

"Funny mix up," he commented. "And by the way, where did you get all the inside dope about Neddy Jerome?"

She laughed and related to him the details of Neddy's perfidy.

"And you actually agreed to deliver me, hog-tied and helpless, to that old schemer, Dolores?"

"Why not, dear. I loved you; I always meant to marry you, if you'd let me; and $10,000 would have lasted me for pin money a long time."

"Well, you and Neddy have both lost out. Better send the old pelican a cable and wake him out of his day dream."

"I sent the cable yesterday, John dear."

"Extraordinary woman!"

"I've just received an answer. Neddy has spent nearly $50 telling me by cable what a fine man you are and how thankful I ought to be to the good Lord for permitting you to marry me."

"Dolores, you are perfectly amazing. I only proposed to you a minute ago."

"I know you did, slow-poke, but that is not your fault. You would have proposed to me yesterday, only I thought best not to disturb you until you were a little stronger. This evening, however, I made up my mind to settle the matter, and so I——"

"But suppose I hadn't proposed to you, after all?"

"Then, John, I should have proposed to you, I fear."

"But you were running an awful risk, sending that telegram to Neddy Jerome."

She took one large red ear in each little hand and shook his head lovingly. "Silly," she whispered, "don't be a goose. I knew you loved me; I would have known it, even if Neddy Jerome hadn't told me so. So I played a safe game all the way through, and oh, dear Caliph John, I'm so happy I could cry."

"God bless my mildewed soul," John Stuart Webster murmured helplessly. The entire matter was quite beyond his comprehension!

[THE END.]

OIL WELLS ARE VERY COSTLY

Eagle Grove Eagle: Herbert Halsey, formerly of this city and son of our Mr. and Mrs. W. Halsey, has spent the last five months in the very heart of the Texas oil belt with headquarters at Ranger, Texas. Most of the big oil companies of the south have large interests in and around Ranger. Three years ago Ranger was but a small station, unknown and of no importance. Now it is one of the richest cities in the world, its size considered. It now has sixteen thousand people, and several five and six story buildings, main street paved, all in three years.

Mr. Halsey, who has been working for a new railroad which has built to serve the oil industry, says people talk, breath, dream, in fact everything but drink oil—and some even drink it in modified form. An oil well costs from $60,000 to $75,000. The big oil companies use every possible means known to man to make sure there is a chance of striking oil before they start digging. They employ geologists, soil experts, chemists and other experts to make exhaustive surveys before starting a well. And often after favorable reports from their experts they fail to strike oil. The Sinclaire Oil Company is the Standard Oil of the south. They own and hold leases on most of the valuable oil land. Oil was first discovered on farms adjoining Ranger. Wells have been dug and are in process of construction all over the town and in the surrounding coutry. There are people there from all over the world. Fortunes are made and lost in short periods of time. There are all kinds of blue sky promoters, selling stock in alleged gushers, gas holes and dead holes. Usually in digging a well the first symptom of oil is gas. Usually the gas is burned out and then after digging the oil comes to the surface. All the buildings and residences in Ranger are heated with natural gas. The streets are not lighted in the residence district yet. People get around in the night by means of flash lights and lanterns. The Texas Rangers have a company of men there to maintain order and to fight the liquor traffic. There is no snow there, in fact Mr. Halsey stated that in coming north, the first snow he saw was just a little south of Kansas City. In Kansas City he visited a few hours.

HE WOULD HAVE FOUND THAT ADVERTISING PAYS!

Garner Signal: We try to keep errors out of the Signal as much as possible, and we always read all the ads in our efforts along this line. Last week we had one advertiser who brought in copy that we changed before putting it in type. We have no complaint from him, so we take it he had made an error. Had we set the ad as he brought it in, there is no doubt that he would have had many calls for the articles advertised. Here is what his copy said: "Our showing of ladies is complete We have about 50 dozen in all colors and prices."

PAGING MR. DOE

A Philadelphia clubman dreamed that he died and went to heaven. While sitting in a beautiful palace a cherub came thru paging him.

"Call for Mr. Doe! Call for Mr. Doe!"

"Here you are, my boy," the clubman said, beckoning to the page. I'm Mr. Doe. What is it?"

"Your wife wants you on the oulja board, sir."

ROWAN

E. R. Ballou has purchased a fine sire for his Ayrshire herd from the Kansas Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerchival entertained the following guests to dinner Friday evening in honor of their son, Clint's birthday: Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kerchival and sons, James and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Fred Kerchival.

Epworth League Convention

Rev. Harold Tomkinson, Mrs. A. O. Pelly, Mrs. Willard McCallum and Miss May Azeltine attended a District Epworth League convention in Clarion, Friday.

Mrs. John DeNio, of Galt, spent a couple of days at the home of her uncle, O. E. Ballou and family.

Misses Izetta Fletcher and Marie Sater were Belmond callers, Thursday.

Alumni Party

The Alumni Class of 1919-1920 of the Rowan Consolidated School enjoyed a very pleasant party at the Hugh Whitten home on New Years night.

Mrs. Will Bingham and children, Duane and Loretta, Mrs. Will Whitten and daughter Gladys spent a few days the past week at Thornton, as guests at the Archie McCallum and Floyd Whitten homes.

Depart for California

Mrs. Kate Conn, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Whitten, departed the past week for Parkersburg and will accompany her aunt to California to spend the winter.

Church Dinner

The Congregationalists of Rowan met for a Fellowship Dinner on New Years Day the church. There was a large attendance of members and friends. The annual meeting of the church was held in the afternoon with Rev. Ada S. Anderson, the supply pastor in charge. Reports were read from all departments of the church and officers were elected for the year 1921. The financial reports showed balances in all the treasuries with all bills paid and the Missionary apportionment for 1920 and the quota for Congregatinal World Movement met in full. The officers elected were as follows:

Clerk—J. F. Howell.
Treasurer—LaVonne Ballou.
Deacons—L. A. McCallum, E. Bingham and O. E. Ballou.
Trustee—O. E. Emerson.
Sunday School Superintendent—E. Bingham.
Assistant Superintendent—L. Streveler.
Church Chorister—LaVonne Ballou.
Assistant Chorister—Mrs. J. F. Howell.
Pianist—Mrs.. Clint Kerchival.
Assistant Pianist—Ruth Emerson.
Junior Superintendent—Mrs. A. E. Emerson.
Assistant Superintendent—Frances Virden.
Cradle Roll Superintendent—Mrs. A. H. Emerson.
Ushers—T. Streveler, James Kerchival, Joe McKinley.

Congregational Church

The Sunday services, January 2nd at the Congregational church were interesting and inspiring. Special music was furnished by a Male Quartette which sang "Faith of Our Fathers" at the morning service and "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" in the evening. At the morning service thirteen were received into the church membership and following the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated.

Sunday, January 9th, 1921 at the Congregational church in the morning Rev. Ada S. Anderson will speak particularly to the Junior members of the Congregation, using for her theme "The House That Jack Built." This will be illustrated with crayon sketches. Parents are urged to have their children present. In the evening "The Wordless Book" will be shown and read and interpreted.

Special revival services are being conducted in the Methodist Episcopal church during this week, the speakers being Rev. W. Webb, of Garner, and Rev. J. Walker, of Clarion. The meetings commence at seven thirty each evening and are opened with special gospel songs. Come and help make the services a success.

The pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, January 9th, will be supplied by the Rev. W. Webb, of Garner. Mr. Webb is one of the best preachers in the Northwest Iowa Conference, and the people of Rowan will do well to avail themselves of hearing this talented speaker.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP

Pete Enge went to Clarion on business Tuesday.

The Misses Tillie and Louise Asbe returned home Wednesday from a visit with their brother, Henry Asbe.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Pete Enge on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hans Wicks and the Misses Lia and Mae Wicks returned home Wednesday from a few days visit at the home of her parents in Danhart.

Hans Sampson is visiting at the T. A. Asbe home this week.

Sleighing is very poor in this part of the country at the present time, and we are hoping we will have more snow soon.

Mrs. Joe Larsen returned home on Wednesday evening from a visit with her parents.

Elie Olson's baby has been quite ill this past week but is now recovering nicely.

Mrs. James Mehl visited at the T. H. Asbe home on Wednesday.

Henry Holm shelled his corn Satday. He sold his corn at Renwick for 50 cents per bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asbe and family and Silas and Lyle Sampson ate New Years dinner with Mr. Asbe's parents.

Tillie Asbe visited with her cousin Anna May Stole on Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Hill entertained quite a number of guests New Years.

There were services at the St. John church last Sunday.

The flu has not as yet visited this part of the country, altho there are a few on the sick list with severe colds.

O. L. Lein and family were entertained at the Martin Hill home on Sunday.

Belmond Local News

County Agent Edwards was a caller here one day last week, on business connected with the Farm Bureau. He addressed a meeting in Pleasant township.

—I—

Roy Carlston and Ed. Carlston of Kanawha came down on business the first of the week. Ed. went from this place to the hospital at Hampton for treatment.

—I—

Ira Ingersham went to Swaledale on Tuesday for a few days visit at the home of relatives and friends.

—I—

W. C. Pech of the manufacturing company was a business visitor at Mason City on Tuesday.

—I—

The Chain of Ten meeting, which was to have been held on Monday at the home of Mrs. A. W. Hill, was postponed on account of illness.

—I—

Mrs. George Barry took her little daughter Rose to Rochester last week for an inspection of the little girl's hand, which was operated upon some time ago.

Obituary

GEORGE L. CUTLER

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bearers were brothers of the Odd Fellows' lodge. The cortege took the 1:30 passenger for Belmond, where burial was made in the family lot. Rev. Jamieson accompanied the funeral party and conducted a short service at the grave.—Monitor.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, January 3, 1921.

Regular meeting of town council held in town hall, Mayor Barry presiding.

Members present—Wright, Greenlander, Thompson, Gfeller.

Absent—Johnson.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Clerk's financial report received.

Moved and carried resignation of John Berg as town treasurer be accepted.

Moved by Greenlander, seconded by Gfeller that C. M. Morse be hereby appointed town treasurer to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Berg.

Motion carried.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

F. P. Dipple, draying .. (C) $ 2.48
Thos. Brooks, dragging road.. .... (D) 8.00
W. Dziewanowski, dragging road .... (D) 6.00
John Dcrenkamp, labor on street .... (G) 15.50
E. Stadtlander, dragging road .... (D) 3.00
Belmond Prtg. & Pub. Co. .. printing .... (C) 9.03
Belmond Lbr. Co., mdse. (C) 26.75
Belmond Lbr. Co., mdse (W) 39.80
H. H. Docterman, labor on fire alarm .... (C) 20.00
C. J. Papousek, labor and mdse fire alarm .... (C) 331.85
M. A. Holtzbauer, labor and mdse. .... (W) 13.18
M. A. Holtzbauer, labor and mdse. .... (C) 114.08
Ben Smith, dragging streets .... (D) 9.50
Schultz Drug Co. mdse. .. (C) 6.65
W. H. Adams, labor in rest room .... (C) 1.50
I. V. Earheart, draying (C) 2.75
Heginger Motor Co., labor and mdse. .... (G) 11.05
Heginger Motor Co., labor and mdse. .... (C) 12.34
Mrs. Johanna Sprenzel, washing .... (C) 2.25
S. A. Leinbach, tiling road .... (R) 35.00
J. H. Nourse, Dec. Marshal salary .... (C) 30.00
H. H. Rierson, killing one dog .... (C) 1.00
Stanley Morse, labor on fire alarm .... (C) 6.00
Honus Thompson killing one dog .... (C) 1.00
Charley J. Johnson, labor on side walk .... (C) .60

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS, CLERK.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. From a small beginning its sale and use has extended to all parts of the Uunited States and to many foreign countries. This alone is enuf to convince one that it is a medicine of more than ordinary merit. Give it a trial and you will find this to be the case. For sale at Adams Phar.

AUCTION SALE

As I am going to move to Minnesota, I will hold a Public Sale of the following described property at my farm, known as the old Pete Brown place, just west of the Harvey Church 5 miles east and 1 1-2 miles north of Clarion, 6 miles south and 1 mile west of Belmond, and 1 mile north and 6 miles west of Rowan, on

THURS., JAN. 13

Commencing at 10 o'clock:

86 Head of Livestock

- - 5 Head of Horses 5 -

One match team of Black Geldings, wt. 3400, coming 5 and 6.
One span of yearling mules.
One colt coming two years old.

- - 31 Head of Cattle 31 - -

6 milch cows, two fresh and balance fresh soon.
7 yearling heifers
12 spring calves
3 calves, one month old
3 yearling steers

- - 50 Head of Hogs 50 - -

13 head of winter pigs
19 Duroc Jersey Shoats
3 Duroc Jersey Boars
15 Brood Sows

- - Farm Machinery - -

1 40 ft. Sandwich Elevator
1 8 ft. Deering Binder
1 Hayes Corn Planter
100 rods of wire
Janesville Cutaway Disc
24 ft. wooden harrow
1 hay rack and a triple wagon box
1 Independent five foot mowing machine nearly new
Janesville 14 in. gang plow
4 cultivators, A new century, Dutch Uncle, with surface attachments
1 Hayes and one Tower plow
Steel running gear for hay rack
3 inch truck wagon with box
1 end gate seeder with seeder box
Hay stacker and hay buck
Success Manure Spreader
Hay rake
1 weeder
1 John Deere corn sheller
6 ft. galvanized steel tank
1 4 ft. wooden tank
1 soap kettle with bracket
Some seed corn and seed corn hangers
Swill cart add two swill barrels
1 60 gal. kerosene tank and 1 60 gallon gas tank
1 60 gal. Polarine barrel
One-half barrel crude oil
1 ball hog oiler
1 barrel churn
1 1 and 1-2 h. p. Hercules engine and engine truck
1 pump jack
1 16 ft. feed tank
8 ft tool bench
Chicken coops
1 setting box
1 grindstone
1 wheel barrow
1 2-burner kerosene range
1 breeching harness, nearly new
Several horse collars

Miscellaneous

Hay in barn and hay in stack
1000 bushels of corn in crib
Buff Orpington chickens, 50 pullets and 12 roosters
1 goose and gander

TERMS OF SALE---All Sums of $10 or less cash, over that amount 12 months time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

A. B. ABELS Owner

Cowley and Munnis, Auctioneers
A. E. Weber, Clerk

Start the New Year With A Deposit At This Bank

Make a Deposit Today and follow this plan up steadily to your advantage.

There are more people saving money than ever before—they are alive to the fact that SAVINGS bring content. It will pay to start now.

BELMOND SAVINGS BANK

The Guaranteed Circulation of this Issue of the Independent Is Over 800.

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LOCAL BOY MEETS TRAGIC DEATH SATURDAY

First Belmond Women Drawn For Jury Duty

Belmond Women Among Those Who Are Called To Take Active Part In Jury Duty.

TWO DOZEN CALLED IN COUNTY

Below is given a list of the petit jurors for the January term of the district court which convenes at Carlon on Monday, the 31st. The jurors will not be required to report until the second week, Monday, February 7th, at 1:30 p. m. The names of twenty-four women will be found in the list, which follows:

John Porter	Eagle Grove
Stenard Anderson	Eagle Grove
Max Hacker	Eagle Grove
G. H. Carroll	Eagle Grove
Clarence Thorn	Eagle Grove
A. C. Rice	Eagle Grove
Jim Whalen	Eagle Grove
W. J. Flowers	Eagle Grove
Thomas Whitty	Eagle Grove
Mae Platt	Eagle Grove
Walter Flowers	Eagle Grove
John Jones	Eagle Grove
Fern F. Mickelson	Clarion
Osmund Lewis	Clarion
W. F. Keeling	Clarion
Geo. Sheplee	Clarion
Emma Goodsell	Clarion
L. G. Hill	Clarion
Mrs. Agnes Weber	Clarion
Ella Harwood	Clarion
Winnie A. Brown	Clarion
Albert Hardy	Clarion
Margaret Alexander	Clarion
H. B. Nelson	Belmond
Millia Knisley	Belmond
John Berg	Belmond
Mona Geels	Belmond
I. L. Putman	Belmond
Mary Barry	Belmond
Ellis Burke	Belmond
Mary Schultz	Belmond
Olga Enger	Belmond
Gertrude McBurney	Belmond
Carrie Strawn	Dows
Louise Ross	Dows
Sam Folkedahl	Goldfield
Walter Hanson	Goldfield
Jessie Richardson	Goldfield
Nellie Skinner	Goldfield
Blanche Agard	Goldfield
Howard Larson	Goldfield
Anna Foster	Goldfield
Eldon Rasmussen	Goldfield
W. A. Paskins	Goldfield
Florence Stevenson	Goldfield
T. W. Blankenship	Galt
Lillian Champlin	Galt
Grace Selleck	Dows
J. O. Huey	Galt
Fred Kercheval	Rowan
George Linning	Rowan
W. W. Azeltine	Rowan
Lorraine Ballou	Rowan
Fred Williams	Rowan
Matt Poole	Woolstock
J. W. Watkins	Woolstock
John Rapp	Woolstock
Mrs. Mlio Halverson	Woolstock
Mrs. Otis Jones	Woolstock
B. F. Benson	Kanawha
John O. Eliason	Kanawha
Clarence Scott	Kanawha
Maude E. Ross	Blairsburg
John Kerr	Renwick

Grand Jury For 1920

The following gentlemen have been drawn to serve as grand jurors for Wright county for the year 1920:

G. H. Lewis	Eagle Grove
R. H. Lester	Goldfield
J. A. Lowden	Clarion
T. A. Davenport	Belmond
A. N. Rolfe	Eagle Grove
W. A. Burrows	Dows
Ole Melhus	Dayton
O. G. Christianson	Kanawha
F. M. Meyers	Rowan
John Soren	Lincoln
S. J. Packard	Renwick
Newton Bawn	Eagle Grove

Packing Stock Noted Case

A case of general interest to be tried at the January term of court is that of the Northwestern Land & Investment Co., of Minneapolis vs. J. G. Freese of Dows. On May 14, 1919, defendant gave the Midland Packing Co., of Sioux City his note for $3,000 for purchase of stock in that concern. The plaintiffs allege that they are the owners of said note and acquired the same in due course of business in good faith and for value. The defendant admits singing the note in question, but alleges same was procured by fraudulent representations. He states that an agent and the treasurer of the Midland Packing Co. solicited the defendant to purchase stock in said company and represented and guaranteed it was in active operation of a packing plant and as a result was making a large income and large profits; that said earnings would pay all interest on said note and eventually the profits would be so large as to wipe out the entire note. Defendant further alleges that all of said statements were false and were known to be false by the above agents at the time they were made, that in fact such dividends as declared were paid out of the capital stock of the company; that in fact there was a deficit of many hundreds of thousand dollars in the capital of the company; that large sums were expended to the personal profit of the officers, their relatives and friends; and lastly defendant denies plaintiff is a purchaser in good faith or for value of said note and for all of above reasons asks the court to dismiss this action.

Mrs. Maude Falsey departed Monday for Rockwell City to assist the new county clerk, A. J. Hunter, in getting the run of his office. The old deputy promised to stay and at the last moment changed her mind.

Treasurer Allen's office has been one of the busiest places in Wright county during the past week. With four or five extra assistants to the regular force, all have been stepping lively for several days. The new aut plates arrived Wednesday and Thursday in two express shipments which aggregated over two and one-fourth tons. Since that time that office has been sending out number plates to auto owners in various parts of the county at the rate of several hundred per day. Up to January 1st a total of 2070 pairs of numbers had been mailed. The total number of cars registered in this county is about 3400. It is impossible to estimate the number of delinquents at this time for the reason that upwards of a hundred letters on hand and unanswered at the close of business on December 31st. Each of these contained from one to a dozen applications for licenses and it will require most of the week to take care of these requests.

Sheriff Fisher sold the Wright county fair grounds at public sale on December 31st to satisfy a mortgage for $6650. A second claim amounting to $2400 and held by the Farmers' Elevator made it necessary for that company to protect its right and their representative, Thos. Shillington bid in the property at $9407. It is expected the usual fair will be held this fall and that a new association will be formed and redeem the grounds before the year allowed by law expires.

Mrs. Malisa White and her sister Naomi Pervis plead guilty to the charge of breaking and entering the stores at Goldfield and Woolstock some weeks ago. Judge Wright sentenced each to the woman's reformatory at Rockwell City for ten years, but paroled them to Sheriff Fisher, to whom they are to report the first of each month regarding their residence and conduct. The men in the case will have their trial at the coming term of court.

Marriage licenses for the holidays: B. C. Clark and Mildred Humphrey, L. B. Sheldon and Esther Birdsall, Allen Cole and Hazel Madole, Edward Larson and Gertrude Schlader, Andrias Sharvelana and Mary Severtson, Hans Olson and Susan Severtson, Harvey E. Bollar and Edith Fornstall.

D. W. Stewart has been appointed by the court to succeed the late G. L. Cutler as a member of the collateral inheritance tax commission for Wright county.

ROBBED OF TWO HUNDRED

Homer Reed, a foreman at the sugar factory, suffered the loss of about two hundred dollars on last week Wednesday night. That day was pay day at the plant, and Mr. Reed had his entire wages in his room. No trace has been found as to the guilty parties.

School Started After Christmas Vacation

Professor Fyler Says A Few Words To Local Merchants About Selling Minors Cigarettes.

SECOND LECTURE ON FRIDAY

School opened last Wednesday after the holiday vacation, with about forty pupils absent from the grades with scarlet fever, measles and bad colds.

All students are busy this week reviewing the semester's work, preparatory to the semester examinations which will be held January 19 to 21.

Howard Luick of the class of 1920, has entered the Commercial Course and will do post graduate work the rest of this year.

Thru the courtesy of Mr. Adams a number of the teachers were conducted thru the sugar factory Sunday afternoon and the process of making sugar from beets explained to them.

This week the basket ball teams will play Dows at Dows. The debating team will debate Storm Lake at Storm Lake, and all others may attend the second number of the lecture course Friday night.

There will be no meeting of the Normal Training club until the 2nd semester.

I wish some of our merchants would read the Iowa law concerning the sale of cigarettes to minors, since it was necessary to relieve some pupils in the lower grades of the cigarettes they had brought to school. I trust that nothng further need be said concerning the sale of cigarettes to school pupils.—E. S. Fyler, Supt.

LECTURE COURSE JANUARY 14

BONNIE BROOK COMPANY

The students are hard at work preparing for the home declamatory contest which will be held in the auditorium Wednesday evening, January 26. Remember the date and plan to attend the contest.

THIRD GRADE

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month: Donald Buchanan, Whitney Bayliss, Merlin Dipple, Max Elder, Robt. Petrow, Muriel Luick, Madonna McNulty, Vinta Packard, Marie Groen, Hazel Francis, Ronald Purcell, Glenn Russell, Arthur Rierson, Raymond Treese, Ruth Leavy, Jan Norby, Francis Quinlin.

Kent Young has moved to his new home in Hampton.

Miss Beatrice Barry spent Friday in visiting the different grades.

DEBATE

On Friday night at Storm Lake Belmond high school debates Storm Lake high school in the first round of the state debating series. This is the first time for several years that Belmond has had a debating team and a great deal of interest is being shown.

The first debate will be a hard one as we understand that the Storm Lake team is an experienced one. The members of the team who will go to Storm Lake are: William Chase, Teddy Johnson, Olive Butts.

TWO MESERVEY PEOPLE MEET WITH ACCIDENTS

Meservey Register: Herman Fischer., Jr., was quite badly burned about the face while starting a fire n the furnace at the Fscher home on Monday evening. He poured kerosene on the fire to make it blaze quickly with the foregoing painful result.

Thursday Clifford E. Brogan had the misfortune of getting his eye injured. Mr. Brogan was driving a spike into a hard board in a box car when the spike flew up, hitting him in the eye. He went to the Park hospital at Mason City on the afternoon train, where he will receive attention. It is not certain as yet whether he will lose the faculty of sight in the injured member.

NIGHT SHIFT AT FACTORY GIVES SUPT. APPRECIATION

Superintendent George Chamberlain, who has charge of the night shift at the sugar factory, is well liked by the night shift, and as a token of their esteem and appreciation the force presented him last week with a fine imported Meerschaum pipe and case. On the case was a silver plate, on which the shift had engraved their appreciation.

Elmer L. Spear Alleged Bigamist Arrested Again

Alleged Bigamist Who Formerly Worked Here And Married Belmond Girl Taken At Mitchell.

MASON CITY UNCLE GETS HIM

Elmer L. Spear, well known to the citizens of this community for the furor he created last spring when he married a local girl while he already had a family, was arrested at Mitchell, South Dakota, last week by his uncle, a Mr Lepper, of Mason City, who had been deputized by the sheriff for the occasion.

Spear was working in a printing office at that place, where he had been for two or three months. He was living with wife number two, a former Belmond girl, who it is understood has been with him for several months. Spear, when he left Mason City last summer, went to Oklahoma, it is said, where he was employed in a printing office. He then went to Nebraska and from that state to South Dakota, where he was arrested.

Spear, while in Oklahoma, applied for membership in a printers association, leaving before his application could be granted. He applied again in South Dakota, and it was thru these applications that he was traced down and finally arrested.

Spear was seen at Mitchell last month by Elmer Reed, a Belmond boy who is employed in that city. Elmer knew nothing about the alleged case of bigamy, but recognized the girl as being from Belmond and in that way came to know Spear.

The alleged bigamist was employed in the Independent office last spring, coming from Laurens, Iowa. He passed himself off as a single man, and after a short courtship was married to Miss Elsie Lee. They went to Oklahoma for a honeymoon, and the girl's relatives, being notified of another wife, started the law to working, Spear being arrested in Oklahoma. He was brought back to Garner, where he was married, and let out on one thousand dollar bonds put up by his uncle at Mason City. He was to stand trial at the October term of court in Hancock county, but skipped his bonds before the court set. The uncle has been tracing him for several months.

It is alleged that at the time he married Miss Lee of this city, he had a wife and two children residing at Laurens, and that he had not secured a divorce.

JOHN KIPLINGER IS THROWN FROM A HORSE AND KILLED

Was Racing With Two Companions On Way To Sugar Factory When Horse Stumbles.

BASE OF SKULL IS FRACTURED

Horse Falls On Him—Lives But Few Minutes After Being Rushed To The Hospital.

John Kiplinger, nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kiplinger, met a tragic death last week Saturday afternoon, when the horse which he was riding threw him to the hard road and then fell on him.

Young Kiplinger was on his way to the sugar factory with two companions, Oscar and Harley Thayer, to seek for employment during the few remaining days of the sugar-making campaign. The three boys were riding horseback, and were going at a good gait. They started racing with each other as they neared the factory, and were almost at the factory grounds when the accident occured.

Oscar Thayer's horse bumped into the horse ridden by Kiplinger, the crash throwing both of the boys off their mounts to the icy road.

John Thompson, who happened to be near the scene at the time, at once placed Kiplinger in his car and started for the hospital at top speed.

When he arrived at the hospital, Doctor Steele stated that the boy was not breathing, tho there was a movement of the pulse. He pronounced it a fracture at the base of the skull, and stated that the lad had lived but a few minutes after the accident.

John Kiplinger was well known in this community, where he had lived most of his life. His parents reside on north Market street, and are retired farmers. They have the sympathy of the entire community in the tragic death of their youngest son.

Oscar and Harley Thayer, the companions of the young man at the time of the accident, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Thayer, the former being sixteen years of age and the latter twelve.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, at the Congregational church, the Rev. S. U. Leinbach officiating, and interment was made in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

John Edward Kiplinger was born on the farm west of town, on May 20, 1902, and died at Belmond on January 8, 1921. He moved to town with his parents about eleven years ago, where he attended the public schools and where he has since made his home.

Strange glory streams thru Life's
wild rents,
And thru the open door of Death
We see the haven that beckoneth
To the beloved going hence.

God's ichor fills the hearts that
bleed;
The best fruit loads the broken
bough;
And in the wounds our sufferings
plow,
Immortal Love sows sovereign seed.
—Gerald Massey.

The out of town relatives who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halfpop of Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford McCallum of Dundee, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolf of Holmes, and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Lowenberg of Goodell.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our friends and neighbors our deep appreciation and thanks for their many acts of kindness and their help in the death of our son and brother, John, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kiplinger and family.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP

James Mehl went to Story county on last Tuesday.

Jeanette Mehl returned to Eagle Grove on Tuesday where she is attending school.

The eldest son of Knute Munson has been on the sick list the past week.

Joe Larson had an accident on Tuesday while cranking his tractor. The crank slipped off and he fell over backwards, striking a large water can with the back of his head. He came thru the fray with only a few scratches, however.

The two youngest boys of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Benkemas are suffering with the pneumonia.

The Ladies Aid held their annual business meeting at the St. Johns church on Wednesday afternoon.

Joe Larson is busy nowadays hauling his shelled corn to Renwick in his Ford truck.

Anna May Stole left for Clarion on Monday to attend school there.

Bert Asbe and family entertained a number of guests on Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Maage and daughter Jennie were guests at the T. H. Asbe home on Sunday.

A few of the farmers around here are busy husking corn.

FAMILY GATHERING HELD AT WALLACE HOME

A very happy family gathering was held at the T. B. Wallace home in this city on New Years Day. Mr. Wallace's sons, W. J. Wallace and family, of Goldfield, Earl D. Wallace and family, of Reinbeck and Harold Wallace and family of this city were all present at a big family dinner.

BIRTH RECORD

To Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wood, of Eagle Grove, a son, George Francis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan, of Belmond, a daughter, Eulalia Thresia.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Christie of Belmond, a daughter, Eleanor.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gunwald Gunderson, of Iowa township, a son, Merle Wayne.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Babcock, of Galt, a daughter, Ella Marie.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Carstens, of Galt, a son, Laurence Henry.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer, of Carlton, twin sons.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Harson of Rowan, a daughter, Lois Marcella

To Mr. and Mrs. Nels Koltvelt of Clarion, a daughter, Naomi.

SHOWER FOR MRS. BOHLER

Mrs. Howard Forestal entertained a party of young people Friday evening at her home to a shower for her sister, Mrs. Boller, who was formerly Miss Edith Forestal and who was married to Mr. Boller at Christmas time. The bride was presented with presents both practical and beautiful for a young housekeeper.

ROUTE ONE

Several cases of measles are reported on Route one.

Lee Lowenberg has returned to his school work in Belmond high school after a seige of the measles.

The globes for the standardized schools have arrived. They are the suspended globes and will add a great deal to the equipment of the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jenison entertained a party of young folks at their home north of Belmond last Friday evening. The evening was spent in games and dancing. Dainty refreshments were served. An enjoyable evening was spent by everyone present.

Pleasant township holds the banner for having the largest number of pupils enrolled in the rural schools of the county last year.

Farm Bureau Notes

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU JANUARY 13

C. W. Hunt, president of the Farm Bureau Federation and Miss Neale S. Knowles, state leader home demonstration agents principle speakers.

Music by Meeker's orchestra.

The annual meeting of the Wright County Farm Bureau will be held at the courthouse building all day Thursday, January 13.

All Farm Bureau officers, co-operators and members are urged to attend this meeting to hear the splendid messages which will be brought by the speakers of the occasion and to take active part in the election of the county officers and assist in outlining the policies of the county farm bureau for the coming year.

It is hoped that every Farm Bureau member will turn out to this meeting regardless of the weather conditions because problems which are of vital interest to everyone will be brought before the meeting at this time. The day of the annual meeting is the Red Letter day in the Farm Bureau work and it is hoped that the attendance this year will be a record breaker. The attendance at the annual meeting last year was about 130.

Following is a tenative program of the day:

10:00 a. m.—Board of Directors' meeting, nomination for county officers.

11:00 a. m.—General session.
1—Opening address by president.
2—Minutes of last meeting.
3—Reports by secretary, auditing committee and county agent.

12:00—Dinner at one of the local churches.

1:00 p. m.—Address by Neale S. Knowles, state leader home demonstration agents.
2—Reading of communication, including message from E. H. Cunningham, secretary Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.
3—Election of officers.
4—Address by C. W. Hunt, president Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.
5—Report of Resolution Committee
6—Unfinished business.
7—New business.
8—Adjournment.

GRANT TOWNSHIP MEETING JANUARY 20TH

Mr. C. L. Hall, township chairman of Grant township farm bureau announcements the regular meeting of the township farm bureau for the evening of Thursday, January 20th. The program committee is arranging a very interesting program for the evening all tho no definite program has been announced as yet. Arrangements are being made to secure an outside speaker and we understand that a school program is to be given in connection with the evening's entertainment. Among those who will appear on the program of the evening will be A. L. Middleton, president of the Wright County Farm Bureau, Miss Blanche Bock, county superintendent and Miss Kate Liddle, county health nurse, and the county agent. An effort is being made to secure a speaker from the extension department for the occasion.

GALT LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

The Galt Livestock Shipping Association which was organized in that community during the latter part of December is shipping regularly and doing a lively business, according to a report received from the manager of the association. This association is shipping several carloads of livestock each week and members of the organization are well pleased with the results which they are receiving thru this organization.

FARM BUREAU FEDERATION CONVENTION GREAT SUCCESS

The Iowa State Farm Bureau Federation which was held at the Auditorium at Des Moines January 5th and 6th proved to be a great success by taking action on some of the problems of vital interest to Iowa farmers.

President C. W. Hunt was unanimously re-elected president and Chas E. Hurst, of Cedar Falls, vice president and Mr. E. H. Cunningham who has given such a splendid account of himself during the past year was re-elected secretary to the Federation. The outstanding resolutions which were adopted at the convention were as follows

First—Indorsement of feasible plans for affiliation between co-operative organizations, with the establishment of a bureau of research for collecting and interpreting facts and figures relative to the production of farm crops and livestock conditions which influence supply and demand.

Second—That the accumulation of large campaign funds of political parties and the extravagant expenditures of private money by candidates for public office is contrary to public policy and detrimental to the best ideals of citizenship and that the practice should be prevented by law.

Third—Reccomendation to the state legislature to make liberal appropriations for the eradication of tuberculosis from the livestock of the state.

Fourth—A request to congress for the enactment of such laws as will protect the country against the undesirable immigrant and recommendations of an embargo against all immigration until more stability in industry has been established.

Fifth—The indorsement of the resolution adopted by the American Farm Bureau Federation at Indianapolis that women shall be admitted o membership.

The following statements were taken from Mr. Cunningham's address:

"The farm federation has come to stay." There were days in its infancy when we doubted, perhaps, that it could survive, but today with the completion of this second successful convention we have not a doubt that the bureau will be an economic factor in perpetuating farm ideals and getting legislation thru congress which will be beneficial to the farmers.

"We are going into the year with real farmers' organizations and we have our hearts and souls in the work. Farming is a business and as such we are going to put it on a businesslike basis. During the last year the farmers of the country have been under high tension and at many times despair faced the producer, but the farmer feels his obligation to the world and the world is beginning to see the farmer in a different light, and realize that his problems should have the co-operation of all mankind for the world depends on the American farmer."

"We believe in constructive policies" It is not our purpose to destroy any organization but to assist, and we are not going to advise any new methods and laws until we earnestly believe that by their adoption mankind will be benefited.

Wright county was well represented at the convention, and those who attended from our county were Harry Sumners, Dayton township, Joe Abernathy, Boone township, Evan Patton, Blaine township.

WRIGHT COUNTY TO HAVE ORCHARD SPECIALIST

During the organization meetings which were held for the purpose of outlining the year's work, a number calls were made by various township for assistance from the extension department in organizing spray rings and in answer to this call the Farm Bureau has secured the services of W. J. Kocken who is a specialist in orchard work

Mr. Kocken will be in Wright county Friday and Saturday January 21 and 22 for the purpose of organizing spray rings in the different townships which asked for these organizations.

Those who attend the dual orchard and poultry demonstrations last spring will remember Mr. Kocken and the splendid work which he put on at that time in connection with the orchard and poultry and lecture work.

FARMERS SHOULD ADOPT INVENTORY PLAN OF REPORTING INCOMES

Most farms are showing losses this year, and there is not much concern about income taxes. However, one point is generally overlooked. That is that this is a very favorable time for farmers to change to the inventory plan of reporting.

Most farmers have been reporting their incomes on the cash basis, a plan which is used by very few other businesses. The cash basis does not show the true farm profit, and usually a farmer will pay more income tax over a period of years than he will on the inventory plan. For example, a rancher may buy a bunch of steers, feed them for two years, and then sell at $10,000 increase over the cost price. Under the cash plan, this will all be reported as profit for the year of sale, and he will have a tax of $750. Under the inventory plan, this will be divided and figured as an income of around $5,000 for each of the two years, which will result in a total tax for the two years of $480, or $270 less than if figured on the cash basis. Both methods of reporting are legally correct.

When a change from the cash basis to the inventory basis is made, the livestock and crops accumulated since 1915 must be reported as income in the year of change. Therefore, it is best to make this change in a year when the farm is taking a loss rather than in a year of large profits. This is not tax-dodging. It is simply putting farming onto the same business that other business concerns use.

"KNOW YOUR COW" FIRST REQUISITE OF DAIRY SUCCESS

If it were possible to limit the number of requisites of success in dairydom to one, that one would be "Know your cows," says the instructor in dairy husbandry at the South Dakota state college.

Heavy feeding, or feeding a balanced ration does not assure success, altho it will increase somewhat the production of the dairy herd. Purebred dairy cows do not guarantee success, not even purebred cows from high producing ancestry. Expensive dairy barns and equipment will probably make dairy more interesting, and increase somewhat the total production, but it is not a requisite for success. Many great dairy cows have been developed and have produced a wonderful record in barns that would not measure up to the standard so far as up-to-date dairy barns go.

No dairy cow has ever produced her maximum unless her feeder knew her. Knowing her means more than simply calling her by name and reciting the names of her ancestors. It means understanding her every need, desire and condition. For, after all, the dairy cow is an individual, and as such possesses individuality.

It seems well nigh unbelievable that dairymen will continue groping in the dark on this all-important matter, when by means of a pair of scales, a Babcock testing outfit and a little work every dairyman could know what each cow in his herd produced, and thus have a sound basis on which to feed and judge te individual merits of each cow in his herd.

SELL CORN AT $1.30

Webster City, Ia., Jan. 12.—John R. Brown, of the Webster City Elevator Company has just written the largest check he ever wrote for a single purchase of corn.

It was for $7,430 and went to Buscom Huddlestun.

Mr. Huddlestun, last July, sold to the Webster City Elevator Company the corn output of his farm southeast of the city, estimated at 6,000 bushels, for December delivery. The price at that time was $1.30 per bushel, to be paid upon delivery of the corn.

For almost a week Mr. Huddlestun has had motor trucks hauling corn to the Webster City company's elevator. He was oblbiged to make delivery this month and, having started so late, used the trucks in order to get it here within the time limit. With the local corn market around 53 cents just now, Mr. Huddleston's foresight in selling last July was certainly a good streak of business judgment.

Mr. Brown has been in the grain buying business a good many years but never before has he written a check so large for a single purchase of corn.

Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have foud them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y. For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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WED. JANUARY 19

Commencing at One o'clock sharp, the following described property:

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15 Head of Cattle 15

4 Milk Cows, will be fresh soon
1 Heifer, 2 yrs. old, will be fresh soon
2 Steers, 1 year old
2 Heifers, 1 year old
5 Early Spring Calves
1 yearling roan Bull

12 Head of Good Shoats, weighing about 200 pounds

Machinery, Etc.

1 John Deere Spreader, good as new
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About 10 tons of good Timothy Hay
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BOARDER COW MAKES INROAD ON DAIRYMAN'S PROFITS

Many dairymen still resort to the guessing method of feedingg their herds, selecting their breeding stock and selling their surplus. This guessing is hazardous. The whole operation is a guess, and the success or failure is as accurate—a fifty-fifty chance.

Before a cow can be fed what she needs and no more, and that is the only sane and economical way of feeding, the feeder must know how many pounds of milk she produced and how much butter fat was in the milk.

It would not provoke profound thinking to see the fallacy of feeding a cow which produces 50 pounds of 4 per cent milk the same amount and kind of grain as a cow which produces 20 pounds of 3 per cent milk, yet that is being done among too many dairymen. Dairymen should burn these sentences indelibly on their minds: Milk is produced from the feed and water a cow consumes. If the feed is inadequate the milk flow will be likewise. "Know your cows" and if you have the dairy spirit lurking in your make-up, you will follow the path that leads to success. No understanding heart would withhold feed from a cow if he knew by feeding it the milk flow would be increased threefold. Neither would the true dairyman give feed to a cow which he knew was eating the profits made by his other cows.

One of the greatest inroads on the profit of the dairyman is the boarder cow. She not only does not produce milk at a profit but literally eats the profit made by the profitable cows. Up-to-date the only sure means of detecting the boarder cow is weighing and testing her mik. The dairyman who guesses at the production of his cows is no nearer the facts than the man who guesses on any other proposition Success can never come to the guesser, for he has neglected to abide by the fundamentals of dairying the necessity for knowing the individual cows.

NEW BLUE SKY LAW WITH TEETH PLAN OF RAMSAY.

Farmers of Iowa, and other persons who have been regarded as game for stock salesmen, will be guarded against such failures as that of the Associated Packing company if a "blue sky" law to be reccomended to the legislature by Secretary of State Walter C. Ramsay is adopted, according to the author of the bill.

Corporations who have been hiding behind the clause in the present law exempting Iowa companies from examination whether they paid commissions or not, will have to come out in the open, Mr. Ramsay said yesterday.

If the law is passed, the secretary of state will immediately start examinations of all companies that are on the edge of the abyss.

Semiannual statements from all corporations will be required. The old law asks for but one yearly statement.

An outstanding feature of the law, Mr. Ramsay believes, will be the clause making violations of it a felony instead of a misdemeanor, as at present. The old law has permitted fradulent stock salesmen the opportunityl of getting out of the state after their depredations, and has left authorities no means of bringing them back.

Corporations oranized under the proposed law will receive thoro examinations before authority is granted them to organize. After these companies are formed the state department will continue constant supervision of them.

The provision for commission for sale of stock has nt been completely worked out in the proposed bill. However, a maximum commission between 10 per cent and 15 per cent will be set. Also, the bill will set a maximum amount for organization expenses, for lawyers fees and the like. If the cost of organization runs over this limit, the extra must come out of the agents' commissions.

This will make impossible the setting of entirely ficticious charges designed to eat up a large part of the capital of the companies.

All agents of such companies under the new law will be bonded. Heretofore, the dealer who hired these agents was the only one required to furnish a bond.

One of the principal difficulties with the old law according to authoritie has been the vagueness of many of its provisions. Common law companies have insisted that they did not come under its jurisdiction, for the reason that they are not mentioned in it.

The secretary of state has had the power to examine these corporations, but no provision was made for the payment of examiners for the purpose. Examiners were not willing to spend their time and efforts in supervision of Iowa corporations when payment of ther fees was problematical.

Very few litigations in Iowa have been about corporations organized outside the state, he said. These are well covered under the old law. Iowa corporations, the most deadly from the standpoint of their being next . . . . . of the eople, have caused most of the trouble, Mr. Ramsay stated.

The proposed law was drafted by Secretary Ramsay and Col. Lloyd D. Ross, superintendent of the securities department.—Des Moines Register.

THE CHOKING HAND OF CREDIT

We can supply Wall Street with billions for gambling; we can use more than a billion in government funds to support a broken down trans port system; we can supply millions and billions of credit to Europe; we can and are financing the profiteering sugar farmers of Cuba during their market crisis, but we cannot help the American farmer to help himself and sidestep the bankruptcy which threatens him in a similar crisis here at home, not even when he is feeding the American nation at prices far below the cost of production.

To save American farmers from an estimated loss of two and one-half billions of dollars, thru being compelled to sell, or to dump by contract, 20 billion dollars worth of farm products on demoralized markets unable immediately to assimilate a fraction of such quanity—these farmers need approximately 250 billion dollars of short-time credit and they cannot get it.

Neither the secretary of the treasury—the same treasury which advanced the railroads $1,031,899.451—nor the Federal Reserve system which has an unused lending power of 750 million dollars that could be raised to two and one-half billions, can provide a few millions, it appears, for an 80-billion dollar industry which supplies us each year with 20 billions of new business and furnishes the breath of life to national prosperity.

I recite these facts merely to show how faulty is a credit and banking system which cannot finance an American industry so fundamentally important that it produces 20 billions of new wealth every year in the form of food, as well as raw materials for manufacturers; but which can and which did provide New York and Wall Street with loans aggregating two and one-half billion dollars for gambling and speculating on 42 different days last year, as recently reported by the comptroller of the currency, Mr. Williams.

While our wool growers, our livestock producers, our wheat raisers, our cotton farmers are facing ruin because they cannot borrow money—"bank credit being overstrained"— it is curious to read in the day's news of the tremendous amount of foreign financing now being done in the United States. Four issues of foreign securities, aggregating 42 million dollars, were quickly sold in this country last week.

It is equally novel to learn from the Wall Street Journal that "the decision of American bankers to extend fiinancia aid to Cuba has been a favorable influence" on the sugar market.

The Cuban sugar crop, it seems, was nearing harvest. Cuban plantation owners needed financial support, because the price of sugar was dropping. They appealed to American bankers, and we have the spectacle of American financial support promptly forthcoming to the Cuban farmer, but not in a greater crisis to the men who farm in the United States, the men who produce the food on which we live.

We can finance a 26-billion-dollar war, we can finance European governments to the extent of another 10 billions, we can supply more than a billion of funds to American railways and we can furnish month after month other billions of credit for wild and woolly speculation. But we've no money to lend to the hard-pressed young farm family struggling to pay for a home, nor to save from bankruptcy the men who have all their worth in wool, cotton, livestock or grain, tied up by a car-shortage on one hand and by demoralized, no-bottom markets on the other.

It is true the Federal Reserve Board denies that credit has been withheld in agricultural sections, but if that credit is wholly inadequate as we know it is, what does that denial amount to? The Federal Reserve bank at Kansas City has charged as high interest as 20 percent per annum this year.

What we do know and what the fact is, is that the farmers of the United States, for lack of sufficient credit to enable them to market their products in an orderly manner, now face loss of two and one-half billion dollars, a matter of greatest importance to the American people, for if our farmers are to be so terribly crippled financially, how are they to produce another 20 billions of food and prosperity for the American people next year?

This is the welfare of welfare questions, for the life blood of business, the employment of millions of wage earners, depend directly and solely upon the tide of prosperity which flows annually from the farms of America.

It is this prosperity, which on June 30, last, made it possible for the assets of American banks to exceed the combined assets of all other leading nations—a total of more than 53 billions of dollars—our biggest financial watermark.

Under our present system, this wealth, actually produced for the most part on the farms of the agricultural west, flows to the big banks in Chicago and New York, then much of it to Europe, where it is lost to us for years, when a great part of it should immediately be employed in making possible the farm production on which this nation depends for its most vital needs and in safeguarding the prosperous continuance of that process of production.

As remedial measures for our prostrated farming industry, immediate and future, we might well re-establish the War Finance Corporation to assist in the financing of exports. This government has got to devise some plan to open foreign markets immediately to our grain and meat products. And the Federal Farm Loan Board should have authoritity to issue and sell in the open market short time securities based on warehouse receipts, also on an adequate pledge where the title must remain with the producer, until his products are marketed; these securities to be acceptable for rediscount by the Federal Reserve banks.

Whatever the outcome of this credit crisis, in which American farmers face bankruptcy, the value of the present lesson must not be lost. It is that the spring from which all the wealth of this nation arises, shall not be choked; that the agricultural industry shall be and must be as well and as adequately financed and fortified as any other industry; that we cannot neglect it with impunity.—Senator Capper in Capper's Weekly for January, 1921.

Scrub Yourself

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FARMERS ARE MARKETING CORN NOW AT RAPID RATE

Station Agent Champlin, of the Rock Island at Homes, was in the city Wednesday morning and reported that the corn was going out of the Holmes station now four to five car loads a day—the heaviest shipments from that station many months. The farmers of that vicinity are shelling and many are marketing, believing there is no likelihood of getting a much better price for this year's crop and preferring to cash in now and relieve their own financial stringency. Four or five carloads of corn a day, over a period of a few weeks, will bring considerable money to a community and will help wonderfully.—Clipper.

BEN GREIMAN MAKES A MOTOR SLED

Ben Greiman, living near Klemme, has the real thing when it comes to getting over the ice and snow at real speed. Ben has converted his flivver into a regular motor sled by putting some quick detachable runners under the front wheels and putting chains on the rear wheels to supply the power. The thing will hit twenty-five or thirty like a dream and no snow is too deep for this contraption to go thru. To make it real light Ben took everything off that could be amputated from the flivver and still make it run. A fine feature of the machine is that the runners can be removed or put on in a very few minutes.—Klemme Times.

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When a lumberman makes a mistake he charges twice for it.

When a Lawyer makes a mistake it's just what he expected, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a Carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected, because chances are ten to one he never learned his trade.

When a Doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a Judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a Preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

When an Electrician makes a mistake, he blames it on induction. Nobody knows what that is.

But when a printer makes a mistake,—GOOD NIGHT! ! !
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Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to wthstanu each succeeding attck and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, IN AND FOR WRIGHT COUNTY.
JANUARY TERM, A. D. 1921.

George Lutz, Plaintiff,

vs

Fred Staehle,
Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.

To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of One Hundred and thirty-eight and fifty-six one-hundredths dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the first day of December, A. D. 1921.

For groceries and other merchandise, sold and delivered to you, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family, during the year of 1920; and you are further notified that plaintiff has filed his bond, praying that a writ of attachment issue in said cause, against your goods, chattels, rights and credits; that said bond has been approved, and said writ granted as prayed; and that the Iowa Valley Sugar Company Inc. has been attached as garnishee, as a supposed creditor.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of court, being the January term of said court, which will commence at Clarion, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard
Attorney for Plaintiff

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Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Craig returned to their home Saturday after a visit at the home of friends here.

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Dr. McClellan spent the week end at the home of his parents.

—I—

Duren and Muriel Hill are reported as being on the sick list this week suffering with an attack of the measles.

—I—

Dick Parker and family of Iowa Falls have been visiting at the home of relatives and friends here the past few days.

—I—

Miss Mary Foster of Britt has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the State Bank here.

—I—

Mrs. H. J. Klemme and daughter Ruth left last week Tuesday for California where they will spend the winter. Mr. Klemme will follow them later.

—I—

W. C. Ramsay, secretary of state for Iowa, was a business caller here one day last week.

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C. C. McGuire was a business caller at Buffalo Center one day last week.

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Geo. Baxter of Olaf was transacting business here one day last week.

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BARRING THE BOLSHEVIKS

There is now in congress, or will be presented to that honorable body, a bill limiting immigration to this country for a certain specified period.

It should be passed by all means. Not that the United States does not want citizens of foreign birth, or that it has too many now, but that under the present conditions of this country and of the old countries, immigration should be restricted for the benefit of both. The United States already has felt the effects of indiscriminate and unrestricted immigration. We have a labor market at the present time that is glutted with cheap and easily procured help. There is not a city of any size but what has its thousand of idle labor to deal with, that have their centers of foreign-born residents who have not assimilated American ideals or ideas and in consequence live a miniture life of the old country. An ever-increasing unrest and dissatisfaction, disrespect for the law and open disavowal of any adherance to American institutions fill the papers every day.

It is time we digested what we have already swallowed before we eat any more.

America may be the "melting pot" of the world, but the pot should be given a rest and a chance to skim off the skum, that the future product may be up to standard.

Immigration should be restricted, with fairness to both sides, and a stronger and stiffer requirement be exacted from foreigners upon entering this country. Those who are permitted to enter this land of opportunity should be only the kind who will appreciate the blessings so freely bestowed, and not those who do not and never will care for anything this country may provide but what they want, without work or without effort on heir own part. The foreigners should not be permitted to segregate themselves into colonies of their own, living their own lives independently of the rest of the nation, following the old country customs and traditions. If a man is to come here from another country, let him live up to our customes and ideas, measure his living by our standards. If he will not, then he is an unwelcome guest.

Under no circumstances should any foreigner, regardless of his station in life, his ability or his wealth, be permitted to enter our gates if he has in any form Bolshevik ideas. We have had enough of these parasites of civilization; they have stirred up too much discontent already in this country.

When a person has overeaten, the first thing the doctor orders is a diet: America has attempted to digest too big a meal—let's cut down on the supply a while until our system clears up.

LET'S HAVE SOME SERVICE

As it is with individuals, so is it with a town: You'll get just what you go after and no more.

If you don't go, you won't get.

Belmond needs two things, and it needs them badly: Better express and telegraph service.

The protests by Belmond firms in the past have gone unheeded, and it is time a definite action was taken to show the express and telegraph companies that Belmond means business. The Chamber of Commerce it is understood has endeavored in the past to obtain better service, and has been put off. The business men as individuals have protested to no avail.

We now have one-way express service every 24 hours. It has resulted in delay and serious inconvenience to every business firm here who gets express over the Great Western. The Motor carries only perishable express; why can it not carry express of limited size and a suitable nature?

Why can not the trains at night carry express? It might increase expenses for the company by five or ten dollars a month. D. K. Brown, superintendent of the American Railway Express company, at Des Moines in a letter dated Nov. 30, 1920, regarding the matter said

"It will not be possible for us to have service on trains No. 11 and 12 at Belmond for by so doing we would find our expenses increased."

The company wants the trade, however.

Belmond needs an up-town telegraph office, open until nine or ten at night. Many firms who want quick work, and must have quick work, in long distance business, have found themselves badly handicaped thru this one thing. All operators here are willing and anxious to give service, but they cannot give more than their companies allow.

Why not combine the express offices into one, and locate an up-town telegraph office at the same place? The express companies like any company wants to save. Why not put all offices into one, thereby cutting down the overhead, have their own delivery within certain limits, and give more and better service? Clarion has it—why not here?

We understand that the various expressmen of the city are agreed on the centering of the offices; why then does the company hold back?

Put some life into it! When Belmond wakes up and says in no uncertain terms that it wants what it wants, then Belmond will get it. It is a cinch that the companies are not going to do anything until they see that the TOWN is after it, and that the TOWN means business. A public utility such as the express and telegrahp company depends upon the public for its support; and that public has a right to service.

All efforts will be fruitless unless a united demand is made. Show them that we mean business, and we will get service. As it is, right now about all we are getting is stung.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

It was encouraging last Sunday morning to note the largest attendance we have had at any morning service in over four months. There was also a large attendance at Sunday school, with three new scholars enrolled. Vice president elect Coolidge is reported as having recently said: "The Sunday school gave me famliarity with the scriptures. No words can praise too much the worth of the teaching of he Bible. Upon it rests those convictions which are vital to individual character and to government. To be familiar with the scriptures is of inestimable value to anyone!"

Are there some children in your home who are not enrolled in any Sunday school? Why not start them next Sunday, or better still, as parents come with them?

The Epworth League devotional meeting next Sunday evening will be led by Mrs. E. S. Fyler. New officers of the League for the next six months were elected Sunday evening. The are Merrill Stapley, Bernetas Wolle, Alpha Bayliss, Alma Stapley, Doris Bailey, Leona Smith, Ralph Hedges, and Dorothy Purcell.

A welcome awaits you at all the services of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a business meeting in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The officers of the church will meet on Thursday evening in the office of the superintendent of the Telephone company, at 8:00 o'clock.

We are now getting a good start in the new year. Last Sunday the Sabbath school was reorganized and we are now well able to take care of all who come. The superintendent Mr. Hinman, has set as our standard for this year an average attendance of 100. This will not be as large an increase as we made last year and if all will help we can surpass it. There were 87 present last Sunday.

Remember the Sabbath school meets at 10:00 and the morning worship is at 11:00. We would like to see just a few more at the evening services at 7:30.

Belmond Local News

Selmer Espeland, who is ill at the Kalvig home with pneumonia is reported as getting along very nicely.

—I—

Fred Perry, who travels for the Sherman Nursery at Charles City, was in town on nursery business Wednesday, going from here to Mason City.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Samson and son, Silas, returned from Eagle Grove last Thursday where they had been on business. They were also visiting reatives in Kanawha, returning that evening.

—I—

Miss Anne Hoppenstadt was a Mason City shopper Friday.

—I—

H. Hall was a business visitor in Mason Cty Friday.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerals for sale. Phone 2210. H.L. Bamford.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright county
March Term, A. D. 1921.
H. A. Koefed, Plaintiff,
vs
Fred Staehle,
Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.
The Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc, Garnishee.
To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of sixty-six and eight-one-hundred dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1920, for fresh, salt, and smoked meats, together with other merchandise sold and delivered to you during the year of 1920, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family; that plaintiff has filed his bond asking that a writ of attachment issue against your goods, chattels, credits and property; that said bond has been approved; said writ granted; and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc., attached as garnishee.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Clarion, on the seventh day of March A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Plaintiff.
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Report of the Condition of the

State Bank of Belmond

at close of business December 31, 1920

Loans and Discounts	$ 578,651.33
United States Securities	6,718,13
Overdrafts	1,011.60
Real and Personal Property for Banking use	28,862.10
Cash and Credits Subject to Sight Draft	120,650.45
Other Assets	1,938.32
TOTALS	737,831.93
Capital	$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,854.41
Due Depositors	502,827.49
Bills Payable and Rediscount	168,150.03
TOTAL	737,831.93

State Bank of Belmond

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BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE

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Belmond Local News

Chris Espeland, of Meltonville, is here to spend a few days with his son, Selmar, who is ill with pneumonia at the John Kalvig home.

—I—

Miss Maud Aldrich, of Rowan, was a guest of Mrs. Lucinda Aldrich, Mrs. Archie Galloway and Clifford Treese last week.

—I—

The Heginger Motor Company are improving their garage by the building of a new stock room.

—I—

Frank Lory, formerly proprietor of the Case hotel, and who is now located near Milwaukee, was in town on business Wednesday.

—I—

Charles Papousek was in Garner a week ago Sunday where he went to assist his wife in packing up her things preparatory to movingg here where her husband is in business. Mrs. Papousek has been helping her father in the auditor,s office since her marriage.

—I—

. Miss Tina Watermuller and brother George Watermuller, were in Mason City Thursday on business matters.

—I—

Mrs. W. O. Butterfield visited with friends in Goodell last Wednesday.

—I—

Lee Stacy,of the Independent office was a business visitor in Mason City Wednesday.

—I—

Mrs. Seth Huntington and two children, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Huntington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boughton, returned to their home in Dinsdale Friday. . ...

—I—

Dr. A. W. Russell, veterinarian, went to Thornton Thursday to attend to some vaccinations.

—I—

Mrs. Madigan and Mrs. Fitts were Mason City shoppers Thursday, returning home on the motor in the evening.

—I—

Mrs. Joe Pletch and daughter, Mrs. C. M. Morse, were Mason City shoppers Thursday.

—I—

Ed. Carlston went to Rochester, Minn., Wednesday for treatment at the Mayo hospital.

—I—

A. C. Carpenter, of Goodell, was in town on business Thursday.

—I—

Otis Nelson was a Thornton business visitor, going over on telephone business.

—I—

. Clarence Scott was a passenger to Rochester, Minn., Wednesday to consult the doctors at the Mayo hospital.

—I—

F. Kaduce, of Meservey, was in town on business Thursday. He came over to get some welding done at the Belmond Welding and Tank Co.

—I—

Clifford Treese, who is suffering with leakage of the heart, goes to Rochester as soon as his son, Jimmy, Treese, recovers from an illness from which he has been suffering for two weeks.

—I—

Miss Lois Morse is again at her post office duties after a weeks illness suffering from boils in her ear.

—I—

John Wenzel, the meat man at Kanawha, was in town on business matters Friday.

—I—

Attorney Butler, of Alexander, was in town on insurance business Friday.

—I—

For Sale—Well matched team of buckskin driving poines, broke to all harness and saddle. Three and four years old. Also a team of well matched blacks, four and seven years old, well broke. A bargain for quick sale. —Inquire of Roy Guest, Phone 3518. 72*

—I—

FOR SALE—Gray reed baby carriage. Inquire of Mrs. Lee W. Stacy.

—I—

Fred Gorton, of Kanawha, was a business vistor n Belmond Thursday. He had also been to Garner on assesment business, returning to his home Thursday afternoon.

—I—

Wanted—Good clean rags, cotton, and of fair size. Will pay fifteen cents a pound for what we want. Bring them to the Independent office.

—I—

John Kalvig was visiting friends and relatives in Kanawha Thursday.

—I—

For Sale—Several desirable residence lots. Inquire of D. L. Rankins.

—I—

Miss Marion Luick was a Klemme vistor Friday afternoon.

The Store Known for its Remarkable Values

CORSETS 20 Per Cen Reduction

O. K. Lundberg & Co.

WAIST SALE $6.95

28 E State Street Mason City, Iowa

Customers are Buying Freely and are Tremendously Pleased with the New Low Levels in our

January Sale of Coats

For Women and Misses. A Sale Disclosing the Greatest Values of the Season at

$19.95 $29.75 $39.50

Reduced Without Regard to Cost or Former Prices

The January reduction sale is nearing its close, making the arrangement of new lots necessary and bringing out greater values than ever.

Other Coats at Like Reductions

Frocks!

Springtime Styles for Travelers Southward and Town Wear

$25.00 $39.75 $59.75

Afternoon Gowns fashioned of Taffeta, Crepe de Chine and Canton Crepe. These charming new Frocks surpass in value and style any where had for many seasons. Large shipments just received.

The Misses Sylvia and Anna Finn were visitors with a brother at Webster City over the week end. Miss Anna returned to her school work in Mason City on Sunday afternoon.

—I—

For Sale—Ford truck, gear drive; all new tires. Cheap.—Wm. Voiles.

—I—

Miss Pearl Rierson and Miss Amblie were visitors at Fort Dodge last week Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Edna Warneka of Oelwein, was a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Dora Buchanan, a few days last week.

—I—

Reward—A reward will be given for the return of "Buster," a part fox terrier and part bull dog, who disappeared ten days ago. Notify the Independent.

—I—

Corn cobs for sale.—Ward Martin.

—I—

The Misses Lois and Lena Reed and Rhea Campbell of Cornelia are attending school here, making their home at the home of E. E Boughton, their uncle.

—I—

Wanted—Girl to assist with dining room work. —Hotel Case.

—I—

Howard Johnston, a registered pharmacist, of St. Paul, is now employed at the Schultz Drug Co.

—I—

E. G. Miller was a Fort Dodge caller the first of the week. He took his daughter there, from which place she took the train for Grand Junction, where she lives with her aunt. She had been spending the holidays with her parents here

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brugman were business callers at Goodell the first of the week.

—I—

For Sale—Cutter, almost new. Inquire at this office. tf

—I—

Mrs. Buchanan took her son Chester to Hampton last week, where they consulted medical authorities in regard to his health, which has been failing steadily the past few month.

—I—

Lost—Pair of spectacles, in case. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward. Lost in or near the Lyric theatre.

—I—

Thomas Kalvig went to Kanawha last week to spend a few days visiting with friends and relatives at that place.

—I—

Miss Beaulah Harberts of Goodell was a visitor here last week Saturday, enroute to Mason City.

—I—

Dan Wenzell of Kanawha was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wenzell, on last week Friday.

Miss Lyna Pierce has just completed a three-year course in nurses training at the Iowa Congregational Hospital in Des Moines, on January fourth. Miss Pierce expects to continue her work in Des Moines and is now on a case of her own since graduating.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway's little girl, Veona, is reported as being on the sick list, suffering from an attack of scarlet fever.

—I—

Floyd Brooks who has been visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Susan Brooks, returned to his home at Clear Lake on Tuesday.

—I—

Will Parker and John Jones have returned from their vacation trip to St. Paul, where they had been since New Years.

—I—

Eloise Brooks, Agnes Clark and Alberta Pierce returned to their school work at Mt. St. Clair college at Clinton, after a vacation during the holidays at the home of their folks here.

—I—

Bert Trumbell and grandmother Mrs. Elwy Brooks, went to Klemme this week to repair the home which Mrs. Brooks will occupy there when she moves to that place. Mrs. Brooks expects to make her future home at Klemme. Bert expects to leave about the first of next month for Coe College.

—I—

Miss Hazel Hembd has been deputized by the district deputy to install the local lodge on this (Wednesday) evening.

—I—

Mrs. Wilson of Clarion was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Holden Nelson, on last week Friday.

Mrs. E. M. Lathrop went to Kansas City, Missouri, last week to look after some business matters. She expects to return some time this week.

—I—

Mrs. Floyd Case and baby are staying with her mother in Clarion for a few weeks.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Foster for several weeks, went to Clarion Friday and returned to her home at Baxter Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. William Leonard of Swaledale was an over Sunday guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Rankins.

—I—

Harry Harberts, formerly of this city and now residing at Canton, South Dakota, in remitting for the Independent, says: "The weather here is very unsettled and a lot of sickness. My little girl has been sick for three weeks; started with a cold but is not dangerous. I never saw such darn weather!"

—I—

Belmond has enjoyed some happy spring-like weather the past two or three weeks, and everybody is just wondering how long it is going to last. The weather has not been cold to speak of, and the sun has shone nearly every day, so that many folks are talking about an early spring. We don't want to take any of the joy out of life, but February comes before March.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich of Rowan were visitors at the Clifford Treese home this week.

—I—

John Shurson, living a mile and a half south of Olaf, will have a closing out sale February 2nd.

Notice!

Big Type Duroc Jersey Sale

FEBRUARY 18, 1921

E. G. Reed and Son and George Thompson will offer, at Belmond, on February 18, one of the finest lot of Big Type

Registered Duroc Jersey Bred Sows and Gilts

ever shown in this territory. Watch for further particulars

Charles Foss has been in Mason City for a few days this week on business matters.

—I—

Adolph Dorr, who recently underwent an operation at Mason City, is not getting along as well as expected, having an infection of the wound. He is not expected home for a week or two.

—I—

Lois Morse is the new ticker seller at the Lyric theatre.

—I—

The second number of the lecture course will be given at the high school auditorium on Friday evening of this week.

—I—

Lost—Eversharp lead pencil. Finder return to this office. Reward.

—I—

The Chain of Ten met with Mrs. E. F. Bailey on Monday afternoon of this week. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. N. lJensen in two weeks.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodd of Popejoy were guests at the F. E. Snyder home on last week Friday and Saturday.

—I—

C. T. Scott was at Rochester last week to consult with medical authorities in regard to his heath.

—I—

Howard Wolle came up from Fort Dodge last week to spend the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle.

—I—

Mrs. L. Werner of Chaska, Minnesota, who has been visiting at the home of her son, H. W. Werner, the past week or so, returned to her home last week.

—I—

Mrs. Martin Lewis is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gene Sullivan, for a few days. Mrs. Lewis now resides at Mason City, and was formerly a resident of this town.

—I—

Mrs. Alice Sorenson and Mrs. John Mack were visitors at Mason City on last week Wednesday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Demsey spent Thursday and Friday of last week at Dows visiting Mrs. Dempsey's sister, Mrs. Champlin.

—I—

Richard Timby has been on the sick list the past week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Turner Davenport.

—I—

Harry Heuerman was a visitor on Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heuerman. He is now at Faribault, Minnesota, where he has a position as cashier for the Great Western railroad and is doing very nicely. He returned to his duties on Sunday night.

—I—

W. C. Tyrrell left Sunday night for a business trip to Chicago and other points in the east.

—I—

Geo. Cook of Kanawha was a visitor in town on last week Thursday.

—I—

Cyril McGuire was a visitor on business at St. Paul the first of the week.

SNARL STREET

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Straight and children of Clarion visited at the Jake Aldinger home on Sunday.

Mrs. John McAlpine and children of Belmond visited over the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson.

Miss Virginia Noonan of near Coulter visited over the week end at the Lee Aldrich home.

Harold Virden of Rowan visited Sunday night at the Lee Aldrich home

Harold Gates was a Belmond caller on Monday.

J. E. Miller was helping invoice at the Solberg elevator Saturday and Monday.

John McAlpine of Belmond was a caller at the Nels Olson home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings visited at the Carl Steffens home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens and Claude Jennings ate dinner at the C. W. Jennings home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Gates and J. E. Miller ate dinner at the G. R. Stumph home on Tuesday.

There was a dance at the J. C. Smith home on Friday evening, a very good time being reported by all present.

Dollie Riley of Rowan visited at the J. C. Smith home on Friday.

Mrs. Earl Jacobs stayed over night at the Guy Stumph home, Garnette has the measles.

Gerald Jennings is visiting at the Carl Steffens home.

John Kelher has moved to the Guy Stumph farm.

Lyric

GEO. HAKE, PROP.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

"What Would You Do?"

A Fox picture featuring

Madelaine Traverss

Also a Comicclassic-1500 comedy—500 scenery.

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

"The Square Shooter"

A Fox picture featuring

Buck Jones

Also a two-reel Sunshine comedy.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

"The Texan"

Featuring

Tom Mix

"The Texan" is an unusual story about a cowpuncher who was different from other kinds of cowpunchers. Tom Mix, of course, is Tex Benton, the Texan—wilder, and a whole lot more skillful than the others. Otherwise he wouldn't have won the championships at the big rodeo.

The story keeps gathering speed as it goes along and it runs into the last reel like a bullet from Tex's six gun.

If you like the west, and like Tom Mix, you'll like this play.

Also a one-reel comedy.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

"Hawthorne of the U. S. A."

A paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Wallace Reid

Wallace Reid considers himself one of he luckiest film stars in the business. Not only is he happily married, the father of a budding youngster, and one of the most popular and highest paid luminaries of the screen, but he has packed several times as many accidents into his youthful career as the ordinary mortal hopes to encounter.

Also a Toonerville Comedy. These comedies are taken from the Fontane Fox cartoons but are acted by real people.

11c and 25c

MONDAY, JAN. 17

"Dice of Destiny"

A Pathe picture featuring

H. B. Warner

H. B. Warner has come thru with another good picture in Dice of Destiny. This picture follows along the lines of the play which made Warner so popular a few years ago: Alias Jimmy Valentine.

The story opens with a bang. Its chief asset lies in the many novel sequences. For instance, in the opening sequence the legs of the star are shown as he approaches a workman eating his lunch. This man is a detective planted to watch Warner. Warner gives him a doped cigarette, steals his badge and then—!! Don't you miss it.

11c and 25c

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

"The Amateur Wife"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Irene Castle

The romantic tale of an "ugly duckling" who was bred in a convent and went to bed at nine. Till she reached New York and learned to grow fine feathers. Then Husband found he had married a wife who could fly!

11c and 25c

KANAWHA

Geo. Cook was a business caller in Belmond Thursday.

Mrs. E. G. Soderberg returned home Saturday from a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Fairmont, Minnesota.

Tom Johnson, of Clear Lake was a business visitor here the latter part of this week.

L. L. Shaw, of Aneta, North Dakota came Saturday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Soderberg and family of Clarion are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Olson and little sons, of Britt were visitors here Wednesday of this week.

Thomas Cosgriff left Saturday for a visit with relatives at Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hill, of Cylinder are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Elmer Nelson and little daughters came last week and spent several days with relatives and friends here and at Belmond.

Lars Swelland, of Kenyon, Minnesota, came this week for a few days' visit with old friends here. He left the latter part of the week for a visit with his son, Martin, at Eagle Grove.

Art Brunner returned home Tuesday from Manley where he went to look after some business interests.

Henry Africa, Sr. was an over Sunday visitor with relatives at Algona.

Hans Sampson returned Thursday from a week's visit with relatives at Eagle Grove.

John Kalvig, Sr., of Belmond was a visitor here this week.

The Rowan Town Team came up Friday night and played basket ball with the town team here. Our boys won by a score of 54 to 14.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howlett and daughter, Iola spent Sunday at the Bart Howlett home.

Alvin Hanson, who has been working at Sioux Falls, South Dakota the past year is enjoying a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hanson.

Miss Sadie Hoveland came down from Michigan this week and will spend several weeks with relatives and friends here.

Thomas Kalvig came up from Belmond for an over Sunday visit with relatives here.

OLAF

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, of Palsville spent last Tuesday in our little burg.

Miss Alma Ericson returned from Ft. Dodge Wednesday, she having spent several days visiting Etta and Ruth Olson.

Mrs. P. Swenson has been enjoying a visit from two of her sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Heman, of Minnesota and Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Craig, of Belmond spent last week at the Clarence Scott home, staying with Mrs. Scott while Clarence went to Rochester, Minnesota to consult physicians.

Mrs. S. D. Windecker, Mrs. Clarence Scott and Geo. Baxter were all Belmond business visitors, Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid which met at the Geo. C. Johnson home last Wednesday was well attended. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Guy Barton.

M. E. Benson went to Minnesota last week with his horses, leaving one team here which he will sell at his sale, January 21.

C. J. Johnson came out from Belmond Friday to attend the Farmers Elevator meeting.

If this fine weather prevails much longer the ice harvest will be rather doubtful.

Henry Anderson came out to the farm last week to help butcher.

Miss Wuks, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fattland, returned to her home in Des Moines, Tuesday.

ALEXANDER

Mrs. Anna Bonte was a business caller at Hampton between trains last Thursday.

Charley Scott of Latimer visited with Alexander friends last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Peters are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born Friday, Jan. 7.

Mrs. Braden of Dows is visiting at the L. C. Peters home this week.

Mrs. Wm. Winwood and daughter Miss Mary were Hampton shoppers last Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Clay of Mason City visited with Miss Ethel Hall the last of the week.

Miss Ellen Schulte was a visitor at Hampton on Thursday.

Arthur Peters and Theodore Beenen were at Hampton between trains Saturday.

Dr. Warner of Dows was a professional caller in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. Otto Kieslich was a Hampton shopper last Saturday.

A miscellaneous shower was given Miss Ellen Schulte on Friday afternoon in honor of her approaching marriage to Hilko Pals. She received many useful and beautiful gifts.

A party was given by the O. F. A. G. T. club at the city hall last Friday evening. A jolly good time was reported by all present.

Mr. Harold Cornwell of Walker Iowa left this week for her home after a week's visit here with his aunt, Miss Lillie Cornwell, who is the 6th grade teacher in the Alexander consolidated.

Several of the Alexander people went to Hampton Monday for the purpose of hearing Mr. Hauser from Farm Bureau of Marshalltown give a talk.

The Methodist and Congregational churches will hold a series of union meetings beginning Sunday night, January 23., at the Congregational church. The meetings will be conducted by Rev. Edge, pastor of the Methodist church at Belmond, and A. D. Mohr, pastor of the Congregational church here. A cordial welcome to be present is extended to all the members of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich entertained at their home Thursday evening a party of young folks in honor of Mr. Cornwell, the evening being spent in playing numerous games in which all took part. Great fun was in order when the hour came to chose partners for supper and great was the astonishment of most of them when they found they had guessed wrong. Mrs. Kieslich then served a very delicious luncheon and in the wee hours of the morning many of the inhabitants living along the wayside were aroused from their peaceful slumber by the party's laugh ter and rumbling of the wheels. Among those present were Harold Cornwell, Lillie Cornwell, Bertha Gartz, Hazel Hendrickson, Herbert Mallory, Arthur Winwood, Jessie Bell Nellie Bell, Vivian Meierbachtol, Cornelius Stoffer, Addie Larsen, Alma Scheideman, Theodore Beenen, Ray Richards and Bert Kieslich.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

This week ends the first semester, Examinations are in order.

Last week was Hoover Relief Fund week. All grades contributed. The little folks of the first and fourth grades were the highest in the contributions. The former grade contributed four dollars and fifty cents and the latter five dollars.

Elsie Sibert of the fourth grade has been absent week on account of illness.

Those of the fourth grade who were neither absent or tardy during last month are Grace Bergman, Esther Muhlenbuck, Helen Sunthen, August Friesleben, Rosetta Bobct, and Clara Octendorf.

The following teachers were entertained at the Otto Kieslich home on Thursday evening: The Misses Gartz, Scheideman, Hendrickson, Corwell, and Meierbachtol.

The seventh and eighth grades are making preparations for a declamatory contest to be given in the near future.

A large crowd attended the basket ball game between the school "pickups" and the town team. The score was slightly in favor of the town team.

GOODELL

Dr. Snearly returned to Hampton Wednesday to receive medical treatment.

J. C. Raph transacted business at Garner on Thursday.

T. D. Rankins of Belmond was a business caller in Goodell on Wednesday.

A. N. Ahrenkeil, C. E. Engeseth and O. Sandberg attended the Masonic lodge at Belmond on Tuesday night.

The little children of Mrs. Leo Wilkins were reported ill last week but at this writing they are better.

Harvey Boller of Belmond was a Goodell visitor between trains Monday.

W. H. Millegan transacted business at Belmond on Thursday.

S. E. Eldred of Clear Lake was a Goodell visitor on Thursday.

Dr. Robbins was a business caller at Garner on Thursday.

J. W. Costella was a business caller at Garner Thursday.

Gene Sullivan of Chicago visited at the Frank McNulty home on Thursday.

Frank Nolte was a business visitor at Belmond on Saturday.

T. R. Burgess was taken ill Wednesday night with appendicitis, his condition being acute it was necessary to take him to Hampton Friday wehre he was operated on. At this writing he is doing nicely.

F. R. Chase was a Belmond visitor Tuesday.

Miss Alva Matson left Monday for Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, where she will visit her brother, F. F. Matson, going from there to Indiana to visit a sister.

We understand that the Dan Miller home is under quarantine for small pox.

Wm. Nelson of Belmond was a Goodell caller on Wednesday.

The E. F. Laterre home is under quarantine for typhoid fever. At this writing the patients are getting along as well as can be expected.

Harry Griffen received word that his mother Mrs. Caroline Griffen was dead. Mrs. Griffen was 60 years of age. The funeral was held at Klemme on Monday.

The Goodell Auto company has added a new machine to their already up-to-date equiped garage.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

We are glad to state that Luke Wessels is slowly improving from a severe attack of pneumonia.

John Stadtlander living northeast of Palsville is reported very ill at this writing.

The swinging globes for the three standardized schools arrived last week and will be installed in the near future.

The sympathy of Pleasant township goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kiplinger, former residents here, in the tragic death of their son John, who was killed last Saturday while riding horse back.

Florsheim Shoe

MANY men who pay an extra price to make sure of foot comfort, don't need to. They don't have to pay for "Orthopedic" shoes that look like surgical appliances or for shoes made to measure.

Florsheim knows how to make stylish shoes comfortable — how to make comfortable shoes good looking. Florsheim makes many special lasts to meet special foot needs. They make shoes for you at a reasonable price, and *we* know how to fit them.

C. C. McGUIRE

Belmond, Iowa

HIRAM KNEW

Hiram and his wife were paying their first visit to the Museum of National History. They were in the Egyptian section looking at the mummies. Miranda said:

"Hiram, what does 'B. C. 97' on that mean?"

Hiram replied: "Why, Miranda, dont show your ignorance; that is the license number of the automobile that killed the poor fellow."

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Prologue.

If one can just lie close enough to the breast of the wilderness, he can't help but be imbued with some of the life that pulses therein.—From a Frontiersman's Diary.

Long ago, when the great city of Gitcheapolis was a rather small, untidy hamlet in the middle of a plain, it used to be that a pool of water, possibly two hundred feet square, gathered every spring immediately back of the courthouse. The snow falls thick and heavy in Gitcheapolis in winter; and the pond was nothing more than snow water that the inefficient drainage system of the city did not quite absorb. Besides being the despair of the plumbers and the city engineer, it was a severe strain on the beauty-loving instincts of every inhabitant in the town who had any such instincts. It was muddy and murky and generally distasteful.

A little boy played at the edge of the water, this spring day of long ago. Except for his interest in the pond, it would have been scarcely worth while to go to the trouble of explaining that it contained no fish. He, however, bitterly regretted the fact. In truth, he sometimes liked to believe that it did contain fish, very sleepy fish that never made a ripple, and as he had an uncommon imagination he was sometimes able to convince himself that this was so. But he never took hook and line and played at fishing. He was too much afraid of the laughter of his boy friends. His mother probably wouldn't object if he fished here, he thought, particularly if he were careful not to get his shoes covered with mud. But she wouldn't let him go down to Gitcheapolis creek to fish with the other boys for mud cat. He was not very strong, she thought, and it was a rough sport anyway, and besides—she didn't think he wanted to go very badly. As mothers are usually particularly understanding, this was a curious thing.

The truth was that little Dan Failing wanted to fish almost as much as he wanted to live. He would dream about it of nights. His blood would glow with the thought of it in the springtime. Women the world over will have a hard time believing what an intense, heart-devouring passion the love of the chase can be, whether it is for fishing or hunting or merely knocking golf balls into a little hole upon a green. Sometimes they don't remember that this instinct is just as much a part of most men, and thus most boys, as their hands or their lips. It was acquired by just as laborious a process—the lives of uncounted thousands of ancestors who fished and hunted for a living.

It was true that little Dan didn't look the part. Even then he showed signs of physical frailty. His eyes looked rather large, and his cheeks were not the color of fresh sirloin, as they should have been. In fact, one would have had to look very hard to see any color in them at all. These facts are interesting from the light they throw upon the next glimpse of Dan, fully twenty years later.

Except for the fact that it was the background for the earliest picture of little Dan, the pool back of the courthouse has very little importance in his story. It did, however, afford an illustration to him of one of the really astonishing truths of life. He saw a shadow in the water that he pretended he thought might be a fish. He threw a stone at it.

The only thing that happened was a splash, and then a slowly widening ripple. The circumference of the ripple grew ever larger, extended and widened, and finally died at the edge of the shore. It set little Dan to thinking. He wondered if, had the pool been larger, the ripple still would have spread; and if the pool had been eternity, whether the ripple would have gone on forever. At the time he did not know the laws of cause and effect. Later, when Gitcheapolis was great and prosperous and no longer untidy, he was going to find out that a cause is nothing but a rock thrown into a pond of infinity, and the ripple that is its effect keeps growing and growing forever.

The little incident that is the real beginning of this story was of no more importance than a pebble thrown into the snow-water pond; but its effect was to remove the life of Dan Failing, since grown up, far out of the realms of the ordinary.

And that brings all matters down to 1919, in the last days of a particularly sleepy summer. You would hardly know Gitcheapolis now. The business district has increased tenfold. And the place where used to be the pool and the playground of Dan Failing is now laid off in as green and pretty a city park as one could wish to see.

Some day, when the city becomes more prosperous, a pair of swans and a herd of deer are going to be introduced, to restore some of the natural wild life of the park. But in the summer of 1919, a few small birds and possibly half a dozen pairs of squirrels were the extent and limit of the wild creatures. And at the moment this story opens, one of these squirrels was perched on a wide-spreading limb overarching a gravel path that slanted through the sunlit park. The squirrel was hungry. He wished that some one would come along with a nut.

There was a bench beneath the tree. If there had not been, the life of Dan Failing would have been entirely different. If the squirrel had been on any other tree, if he hadn't been hungry, if any one of a dozen other things hadn't been as they were, Dan Failing would have never gone back to the land of his people. The little bushy-tailed fellow on the tree limb was the squirrel of Destiny!

BOOK ONE

Repatriation.

CHAPTER I.

Dan Failing stepped out of the elevator and was at once absorbed in the crowd that ever surged up and down Broad street. He was just one of the ordinary drops of water, not an interesting, elaborate, physical and chemical combination to be studied on the slide of a microscope. He wore fairly passable clothes, neither rich nor shabby. He was a tall man, but gave no impression of strength because of the exceeding spareness of his frame. As long as he remained in the crowd, he wasn't important enough to be studied. But soon he turned off, through the park, and straightway found himself alone.

The noise and bustle of the crowd—never loud or startling, but so continuous that the senses are scarcely more aware of them than of the beating of one's own heart—suddenly and utterly died almost at the very border of the park. The noise from the street seemed wholly unable to penetrate the thick branches of the trees. He could even hear the leaves whisking and flicking together, and when a man can discern this, he can hear the cushions of a mountain lion on a trail at night. Of course Dan Failing had never heard a mountain lion. Except on the railroad tracks between, he had never really been away from cities in his life.

At once his thought went back to the doctor's words. They were still repeating themselves over and over in his ears, and the doctor's face was still before his eyes. It had been a kind face; the lips had even curled in a little smile of encouragement. But the doctor had been perfectly frank, entirely straightforward. There had been no evasion in his verdict.

"I've made every test," he said. "They're pretty well shot. Of course, you can go to some sanitarium, if you've got the money. If you haven't—enjoy yourself all you can for about six months."

Dan's voice had been perfectly cool and sure when he replied. He had smiled a little, too. He was still rather proud of that smile. "Six months? Isn't that rather short?"

"Maybe a whole lot shorter. I think that's the limit."

There was the situation: Dan Failing had but six months to live. He began to wonder whether his mother had been entirely wise in her effort to keep him from the "rough games" of the boys of his own age. He realized now that he had been an underweight all his life—that the frailty that had thrust him to the edge of the grave had begun in his earliest boyhood. But it wasn't that he was born with physical handicaps. He had weighed a full ten pounds; and the doctor had told his father that a sturdier little chap was not to be found in any maternity bed in the whole city. But his mother was convinced that the child was delicate and must be sheltered. Never in all the history of his family, so far as Dan knew, had there been a death from the malady that afflicted him. Yet his sentence was signed and sealed.

But he harbored no resentment against his mother. It was all in the game. She had done what she thought was best. And he began to wonder in what way he could get the greatest pleasure from his last six months of life.

"Good Lord!" he suddenly breathed. "I may not be here to see the snows come!" Dan had always been partial to the winter season. When the snow lay all over the farm lands and bowed down the limbs of the trees, it had always wakened a curious flood of feelings in the wasted man. It seemed to him that he could remember other winters, wherein the snow lay for endless miles over an endless wilderness, and here and there were strange, many-toed tracks that could be followed in the icy dawns. But of course it was just a fancy. He wasn't in the least misled about it. He knew that he had never, in his lifetime, seen the wilderness. Of course his grandfather had been a frontiersman of the first order, and all his ancestors before him—a rangy, hardy breed whose wings would crumple in civilization—but he himself had always lived in cities. Yet the falling snows, soft and gentle but with a kind of remorselessness he could sense but could not understand, had always stirred him. He'd often imagined that he would like to see the forests in winter.

In him you could see a reflection of the boy that played beside the pond of snow water, twenty years before. His dark gray eyes were still rather large and perhaps the wasted flesh around them made them seem larger than they were. But it was a little hard to see them, as he wore large glasses. His mother had been sure, years before, that he needed glasses; and she had easily found an oculist that agreed with her.

Now that he was alone on the path, the utter absence of color in his cheeks was startling. That meant the absence of red—that warm glow of the blood eager and alive in his veins. Perhaps an observer would have noticed lean hands, with big-knuckled fingers, a rather firm mouth, and closely cropped dark hair. He was twenty-nine years of age, but he looked somewhat older. He knew now that he was never going to be any older. A doctor as sure of himself as the one he had just consulted couldn't possibly be mistaken.

He sat down on a park bench, just beneath the spreading limb of a great tree. He would sit here, he thought, until he finally decided what he would do with his remaining six months.

He hadn't been able to go to war. The recruiting officer had been very kind but most determined. The boys had brought him great tales of France. It might be nice to go to France and live in some country inn until he died. But he didn't have very long to think upon this vein. For at that instant the squirrel came down to see if he had a nut.

It was the squirrel of Destiny. But Dan didn't know it then.

Bushy-tail was not particularly afraid of the human beings that passed up and down the park, because he had learned by experience that they usually attempted no harm to him. But, nevertheless, he had his instincts. He didn't entirely trust them. After several generations, probably the squirrels of this park would climb all over its visitors and sniff in their ears and investigate the back of their necks. But this wasn't the way of Bushy-tail. He had come too recently from the wild places. And he wondered, most intensely, whether this tall, forked creature had a pocket full of nuts. He swung down on the grass to see.

"Why, you little devil!" Dan said in a whisper. His eyes suddenly sparkled with delight. And he forgot all about the doctor's words and his own prospects in his bitter regrets that he had not brought a pocketful of nuts.

"Why, You Little Devil!" Dan Said in a Whisper.

And then Dan did a curious thing. Even later, he didn't know why he did it, or what gave him the idea that he could decoy the squirrel up to him by doing it. That was his only purpose—just to see how close the squirrel would come to him. He thought he would like to look into the bright eyes at close range. All he did was suddenly to freeze into one position—in an instant rendered as motionless as the rather questionable-looking stone stork that was perched on the fountain.

The squirrel was very close to him, and Dan seemed to know by instinct that the movement of a single muscle would give him away. So he sat as if he were posing before a photographer's camera. The fact that he was able to do it is in itself important. It is considerably easier to exercise with dumb-bells for five minutes than to sit absolutely without motion for the same length of time. Hunters and naturalists acquire the art with training. It was therefore rather curious that Dan succeeded so well the first time he tried it. He had sense enough to relax first, before he froze. Thus he didn't put such a severe strain on his muscles.

The squirrel, after ten seconds had elapsed, stood on his haunches to see better. First he looked a long time with his left eye. Then he turned his head and looked very carefully with his right. Then he backed off a short distance and tried to get a focus with both. Then he came some half-dozen steps nearer.

A moment before he had been certain that a living creature—in fact one of the most terrible and powerful living creatures in the world—had been sitting on the park bench. Now his poor little brain was completely addled. He was entirely ready to believe that his eyes had deceived him.

Bushy-tail drew off a little further, fully convinced at last that his hopes of a nut from a child's hand were blasted. But he turned to look once more. The figure still sat utterly inert. And all at once he forgot his devouring hunger in the face of an overwhelming curiosity.

He came somewhat nearer and looked a long time. Then he made a half-circle about the bench, turning his head as he moved. He was more puzzled than ever, but he was no longer afraid. His curiosity had become so intense that no room for fear was left. And then he sprang upon the park bench.

Dan moved then. The movement consisted of a sudden heightening of the light in his eyes. But the squirrel didn't see it. It takes a muscular response to be visible to the eyes of the wild things.

The squirrel crept slowly along the bench, stopping to sniff, stopping to stare with one eye and another, just devoured from head to tail with curiosity. And then he leaped on Dan's knee.

He was quite convinced, by now, that this warm perch on which he stood was the most singular and interesting object of his young life. It was true that he was faintly worried by the smell that reached his nostrils. But all it really did was further to incite his curiosity. He followed the leg up to the hip and then perched on the elbow. And an instant more he was poking a cold nose into Dan's neck.

But if the squirrel was excited by all these developments, its amazement was nothing compared to Dan's. It had been the most astounding incident in the man's life. He sat still, tingling with delight. And in a single flash of inspiration he knew he had come among his own people at last. He knew where he would spend his last six months of life.

His own grandfather had been a hunter and trapper and frontiersman in a certain vast but little known Oregon forest. His son had moved to the eastern cities, but in Dan's garret there used to be old mementoes and curios from these savage days—a few claws and teeth, and a fragment of an old diary. The call had come to him at last. Tenderfoot though he was, Dan would go back to those forests, to spend his last six months of life among the wild creatures that made them their home.

CHAPTER II.

The dinner hour found Dan Failing in the public library of Gitcheapolis, asking the girl who sat behind the desk if he might look at maps of Oregon. He remembered that his grandfather had lived in southern Oregon. He looked along the bottom of his map and discovered a whole empire, ranging from gigantic sage plains to the east to dense forests along the Pacific ocean. He began to search for Linkville.

Time was when Linkville was one of the principal towns of Oregon. Dan remembered the place because some of the time-yellowed letters his grandfather had sent him had been mailed at a town that bore this name. But he couldn't find Linkville on the map.

He Couldn't Find Linkville on the Map.

Later he was to know the reason—that the town, half way between the sage plains and the mountains, had prospered and changed its name. He remembered that it was located on one of those great fresh-water lakes of southern Oregon; so, giving up that search, he began to look for lakes. He found them in plenty—vast, unmeasured lakes that seemed to be distributed without reason or sense over the whole southern end of the state. Near the Klamath lakes, seemingly the most imposing of all the fresh-water lakes that the map revealed, he found a city named Klamath Falls. He put the name down in his notebook.

The map showed a particularly high, far-spreading range of mountains due west of the city. Of course they were the Cascades; the map said so very plainly. Then Dan knew he was getting home. His grandfather had lived and trapped and died in these same wooded hills. Finally he located and recorded the name of the largest city on the main railroad line that was adjacent to the Cascades.

The preparation for his departure took many days. He read many books on flora and fauna. He bought sporting equipment. Knowing the usual ratio between the respective pleasures of anticipation and realization, he did not hurry himself at all. And one midnight he boarded a west-bound train.

He sat for a long time in the vestibule of the sleeping car, thinking in anticipation of this final adventure of his life. He was rather tremulous and exultant as he sank down into his berth.

He saw to it that at least a measure of preparation was made for his coming. That night a long wire went out to the Chamber of Commerce of one of the larger southern Oregon cities. In it, he told the date of his arrival and asked certain directions. He wanted to know the name of some mountain rancher where possibly he might find board and room for the remainder of the summer and the fall. The further back from the paths of men, he wrote, the greater would be his pleasure. And he signed the wire with his full name: Dan Failing, with a Henry in the middle, and a "III" at the end.

He usually didn't sign his name in quite this manner. The people of Gitcheapolis did not have particularly vivid memories of Dan's grandfather. But it might be that a legend of the gray, straight frontiersman who was his ancestor had still survived in these remote Oregon wilds. The use of the full name would do no harm.

Instead of hurting, it was a positive inspiration. The Chamber of Commerce of the busy little Oregon city was not usually exceptionally interested in stray hunters that wanted a boarding place for the summer. Its business was finding country homes for orchardists in the pleasant river valleys. But it happened that the recipient of the wire was one of the oldest residents, a frontiersman himself, and it was one of the traditions of the Old West that friendships were not soon forgotten. Dan Failing I had been a legend in the old trapping and shooting days when this man was young. So it came about that when Dan's train stopped at Cheyenne, he found a telegram waiting him:

"Any relation to Dan Failing of the Umpqua divide?"

Dan had never heard of the Umpqua divide, but he couldn't doubt but that the sender of the wire referred to his grandfather. He wired in the affirmative. The head of the Chamber of Commerce received the wire, read it, thrust it into his desk, and in the face of a really important piece of business proceeded to forget all about it. Thus it came about that, except for one thing, Dan Failing would have probably stepped off the train at his destination wholly unheralded and unmet. The one thing that changed his destiny was that at a meeting of a certain widely known fraternal order the next night, the Chamber of Commerce crossed trails with the Frontier in the person of another old resident who had his home in the farthest reaches of the Umpqua divide. The latter asked the former to come up for a few days' shooting—the deer being fatter and more numerous than any previous season since the days of the grizzlies.

"Too busy, I'm afraid," the Chamber of Commerce had replied. "But Lennox—that reminds me. Do you remember old Dan Failing?"

Lennox probed back into the years for a single instant, straightened out all the kinks of his memory in less time than the wind straightens out the folds of a flag, and turned a most interested face. "Remember him!" he exclaimed. "I should say I do." The middle-aged man half-closed his piercing, gray eyes.

Listen, Steele," he said, "I saw Dan Failing make a bet once. I was just a kid, but I wake up in my sleep to marvel at it. We had a full long glimpse of a black-tail bounding up a long slope. It was just a spike-buck, and Dan Failing said he could take the left-hand spike off with one shot from his old Sharpe's. Three of us bet him—the whole thing in less than two seconds. With the next shot, he'd get the deer. He won the bet, and now if I ever forget Dan Failing, I want to die."

"You're just the man I'm looking for, then. You're not going out till the day after tomorrow?"

"No."

"On the limited, hitting here tomorrow morning, there's a grandson of Dan Failing. His name is Dan Failing, too, and he wants to go up to your place to hunt. Stay all summer and pay board."

Lennox's eyes said that he couldn't believe it was true. After a while his tongue spoke, too. "Good Lord," he said. "I used to foller Dan around—like old Shag, before he died, followed Snowbird. Of course he can come. But he can't pay board."

It was rather characteristic of the mountain men—that the grandson of Dan Failing couldn't possibly pay board. But Steele knew the ways of cities and of men, and he only smiled. "He won't come, then," he explained. "Anyway, have that out with him at the end of his stay. He wants fishing, and you've got that in the North fork. Moreover, you're a thousand miles back—"

"Only one hundred, if you must know. But Steele—do you suppose he's the man his grandfather was before him—that all the Failings have been since the first days of the Oregon trail? If he is—well, my hat's off to him before he steps off the train."

The mountaineer's bronzed face was earnest and intent in the bright lights of the club. Steele thought he had known his breed. Now he began to have doubts of his own knowledge. "He won't be; don't count on it," he said humbly. "The Failings have done much for this region, and I'm glad enough to do a little to pay it back, but don't count much on this eastern boy. He's lived in cities; besides, he's a sick man. He said so in his wire. You ought to know it before you take him in."

The bronzed face changed; possibly a shadow of disappointment came into his eyes. "A lunger, eh?" Lennox repeated. "Yes—it's true that if he'd been like the other Failings, he'd never have been that. Why, Steele, you couldn't have given that old man a cold if you'd tied him in the Rogue river overnight. Of course you couldn't count on the line keeping up forever. But I'll take him, for the memory of his grandfather."

"You're not afraid to?"

"Afraid, h—l! He can't infect those two strapping children of mine. Snowbird weighs one hundred and twenty pounds and is hard as steel. Never knew a sick day in her life. And you know Bill, of course."

Yes, Steele knew Bill. Bill weighed two hundred pounds, and he would choose the biggest of the steers he drove down to the lower levels in the winter and, twisting its horns, would make it lay over on its side. Besides, both of the men assumed that Dan must be only in the first stages of his malady.

And even as the men talked, the train that bore Dan Failing in to the home of his ancestors was entering for the first time the dark forests of pine and fir that make the eternal background of the Northwest. He was wholly unable to understand the strange feeling of familiarity that he had with them, a sensation that in his dreams he had known them always, and that he must never go out of the range of them again.

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Dan didn't see his host at first. For the first instant he was entirely engrossed by a surging sense of disappointment—a feeling that he had been tricked and had only come to another city after all. He got down onto the gravel of the station yard, and out on the gray street pavement he heard the clang of a trolley car. Many automobiles were parked just beside the station, some of them foreign cars of expensive makes, such as he supposed would be wholly unknown on the frontier. A man in golf clothes brushed his shoulder.

Dan looked up to the hills, and he felt better. He couldn't see them plainly. The faint smoke of a distant forest fire half obscured them. Yet he saw fold on fold of ridges of a rather peculiar blue in color, and even his untrained eyes could see that they were clothed in forests of evergreen. Over the heads of the green hills Dan could see a few great peaks; McLaughlin, even and regular as a painted mountain; Wagner, with queer white gashes where the snow still lay in its ravines, and to the southeast the misty range of snow-covered hills that were the Siskeyous. He felt decidedly better. And when he saw old Silas Lennox waiting patiently beside the station, he felt he had come to the right place.

It would be interesting to explain why Dan at once recognized the older man for the breed he was. Silas Lennox was not dressed in a way that would distinguish him. It was true that he wore a flannel shirt, riding trousers and rather heavy, leathern boots. But sportsmen all over the face of the earth wear this costume at sundry times. Mountain men have a peculiar stride by which experienced persons can occasionally recognize them; but Silas Lennox was standing still when Dan got his first glimpse of him. The case resolves itself into a simple matter of the things that could be read in Lennox's face.

Dan disbelieved wholly in a book that told how to read characters at sight. Yet at the first glance of the lean, bronzed face his heart gave a curious little bound. A pair of gray eyes met his—two fine black points in a rather hard gray iris. They didn't look past him, or at either side of him, or at his chin or his forehead. They looked right at his own eyes. The skin around the eyes was burned brown by the sun, and the flesh was so lean that the cheekbones showed plainly. The mouth was straight; but yet it was neither savage nor cruel. It was simply determined.

Lennox came up with a light, silent tread and extended his hand. "You're Dan Failing's grandson, aren't you?" he asked. "I'm Silas Lennox, who used to know him when he lived on the Divide. You are coming to spend the summer and fall on my ranch."

The immediate result of these words, besides relief, was to set Dan wondering how the old mountaineer had recognized him. He wondered if he had any physical resemblance to his grandfather. But this hope was shot to earth at once. His telegram had explained about his malady, and of course the mountaineer had picked him out simply because he had the mark of the disease on his face. As he shook hands, he tried his best to

ROWAN

Congregational Church

Sunday, January 9th, Rev. Ada S. Anderson will preach on the following themes at the Congregational church:

Morning Service—"Aaron and His Almosts."

And in the evening—"Why I believe the Bible."

The Congregational Sunday School have elected the following officers for this year:

Supt—E. Bingham.
Asst. Supt.—Frances Farren.
Asst. Supt.—Howard Box.
Treasurer—Ruth Emerson.
Pianist—Stella Emerson.
Chorister—J. F. Howell.
Librarian—James Kerchival.
Teachers—L. A. McCallum, Mrs. Clint Kercheval, Mrs. Fred Brooks, Mrs. Ada S. Anderson, Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mrs O. E. Ballou, Ruth Emerson, Luella Emerson, Susian Duffy.

Called To New York

Mrs. E. R. Ballou was called Buffalo, New York by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Farmer.

A New Son

Friends have received cards announcing the arrival of William Irvine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Chapman in Juverne on January 2nd. Mrs. Chapman was formerly Miss Georgia Kahele, a grade teacher in our schools.

Word has been received from New York that Mrs. Adeline Cole is seriously ill at the home of her daughter. Her daughter, Mrs. Ola Dayton, of Chicago has gone to assist in the care of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Ballou departed Wednesday for Duluth, Minnesota to visit a short time with friends before returning to their home at International Falls.

Located At Thornton

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son Leland are nicely settled at Thornton and Harris took over his meat market January 1st. Their many friends wish them success in their new business and new home.

Move To New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patton Jr. have moved to their new home in north Rowan, which has just been completed.

Mrs. H. E. P. Ballou and Miss LaVonne Ballou were Clarion visitors Thursday, calling at the Geo. Hill and L. R. Fitz homes.

Edward Rietz has been quite ill the past week with bronchitis.

Miss Pearl Mickelson, of Clarion is nursing Mrs. Howard Box. The many friends of Mrs. Box will be glad to learn that she s improving nicely.

Stork Busy Monday

The stork was sure busy Monday, as he left babies at the following homes:

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hackley, a son, Loran Clyde, weighing eight and one-half pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rietz, a daughter, Muriel, weighing seven pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box, a daughter, Dorothy May, weighing ten and one-half pounds.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Fred Brooks on Wednesday afternoon, January 19th. Topic—"First Anniversary of National Prohibition,' with Mrs. Gladys Whitten as leader. A very cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends to attend this interesting meeting.

Preached At Garner

Rev. Harold Tomkinson went to Garner Saturday and on Sunday supplied the pulpit at the Methodist church as their pastor. Rev. Webb preached in Rowan Sunday and assisted with the revival meeting the past week.

Measles

Rowan is having an epidemic of measles. The Fred Brooks family is quarantined and other families have the disease.

OBITUARY

The funeral of Dorothy May Box, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box was held on Wednesday afternoon from the home, and also from the home of Mr. Albert Emerson. A short service was conducted at each place by Rev. Harold Tomkinson, and assisted by the choir of the Congregational church. Miss LaVonne Ballou rendered a very appropriate solo entitled "Little Babys Gone To Sleep." There were many tangible expressions of sympathy from the community in the way of flowers, not the least being a beautiful wreath from the American Legion, of which the father of the deceased is a member. The friends in Rowan offer their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Box in the loss of their little one.

Successful Meeting

Despite the grippe that has seized so many church people and others in town and thus prevented them from taking part in the revival activities, the services in the Methodist Episcopal church are meeting with good success, at least from the standpoint of people present and helpful messages. Rev. W. Webb, the evangelist, has a pleasing personality, and his powerful sermons have made a profound impression on our people, and much good is expected from the efforts. The services will be continued during the week, when John Walker, of Clarion, will assist.

M. E. Church

The Methodist pulpit, next Sunday evening, will be supplied by Rev. Dr. Bushnell, the new District Superintendent. This service should be particularly helpful, as Dr. Bushnell will bring to us a great message.

BRITT FORGER CAUGHT AFTER AIRPLANE BATTLE

A machine gun on an airplane manned by members of the Royal Canadian mounted police and private detectives riddled a plane piloted by Joseph H. Gadbury, alleged confidence man, forcing him to land near Winnipeg and affecting his capture last week.

Gadbury, wanted at Britt, Iowa, on a charge of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses is being held at the Winnipeg jail. Police intend to return him to the Iowa city for prosecution.

Gadbury was an aviator serving in the world war. His home is in Tama, Iowa. Establishing himself in Britt and promising farmers of that community to build an airplane factory, Gadbury is alleged to have obtained approximately $18,000. He also is charged with passing worthles checks totalling $1,390, after which he started for Minneapolis and Winnipeg in an airplane.

Gadbury was forced to land at Emerson, Minnesota, near the Canadian line, where his ship underwent repairs. Meantime private detectives from Iowa were on his trail.

Arriving at Winnipeg these detectives obtained co-operation of the Canadian police and started from Winnepeg in an airplane to capture Gdbury. Enroute to Emerson they met Gadbury in his plane and an aerial battle rivaling war exploits was staged.

The propellor of Gadbury's machine was damaged, the gasolene tank puntchured, and the fuselage riddled by machine gun bullets before the fugitive landed and was captured, the police say.

Since the above report was sent out Gadbury has been returned to Britt, having waived extradition, and is now in jail awaiting the outcome of this affair. He claims that he did not know he had no funds in the bank on which his checks were drawn. There are reports that he was also engaged in carrying liquor across the border with his plane.

THE SUBSTITUTE FAKERS

Every little while you are going to hear of a wonderful substitute for gasolene that some chemist, unknown, has discovered and intends to immediately begin commercial production.

It is well to hope that the news is true, but it isn't well to put so much faith in the assertion that you would part with real money to finance the proposition, no matter how strong may be the evidence. Actual demonstration may look convincing, but remember the wonder workers of the past.

A short time ago a gasoline substitute received the indorsement of two officers of the United States army. These officers were honest and competent, and when they were invited to make a test of the invention, no one doubted their verdict would be on the level. They tested the mixture said to have been made from cheap vegetable substance and found it proved 95 per cent high test alcohol.

What the officers did not know was that behind the wall was hidden two barrels of pure grain alcohol with a connecting pipe.

The "inventors" are in jail, but their tribe is many and from time to time we expect to see in the news columns of the daily papers announcements of the great discovery that is to take the place of gasoline.

Hope—but don't invest.—Exchange. Amen, brother!

More For Your Money

Every subscriber added to our exchange makes our service more valuable. Actually the number of calls per subscriber per day increases with the growth of the exchange. Thus the Telephone Company is giving you more for your money.

Belmond Telephone Company

Belmond Local News

Mrs. S. O. Windecker of Olaf was a visitor here on last week Saturday.

—I—

Elmer Larsen and family, who have been visiting relatives at Kanawha, were guests of relatives here a few days last week.

—I—

C. J. Johnson was a visitor at Alexander on last week Friday, attending an elevator meeting at that place.

—I—

Frank Nolte of Goodell was a visitor in this town one day last week, looking after some business matters.

—I—

F. R. Chase of Goodell was a business caller at this place on last week Saturday.

—I—

Harvey Bohler was the guest of friends at Goodell one day last week.

—I—

W. H. Milligan of Goodell was a visitor in Belmond on last week Thursday, attending to affairs of business.

Wm. Nelson transacted business at Goodell one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Clarence Scott of Olaf was a visitor with friends and relatives here on last Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Fred Meacham was a Fort Dodge caller on Friday of last week, returning home the first of this week.

BARRY GIVEN JUDGEMENT AGAINST KAUFMAN

Jim Barry was given judgement by Justice Hardwick in his suit against Peter Kaufman, the trial of which was held Saturday and Monday. Barry sued Kaufman, and the defendant had a claim against the plintiff. Brry claimed $150 for rent on land from Kaufman, and Kaufman claimed $68 from Barry for the hauling of tile, etc. Justice Hardwick awarded Barry $75 and Kaufman $68, leaving Barry with seven dollars coming, the costs going against Kaufman. Jensen was attorney for Barry and Bullard for Kaufman.

READ THE ADS AND SAVE.

Two Weeks

Mammoth Clothing Sale!

This Great Sacrifice Sale will Begin Saturday Morning

JANUARY 15h to 29th

We will take our loss now and help lower the cost of living. Wholesale prices and former retail prices utterly disregarded in order to give the people of Belmond and vicinity a concrete example of the tremendous value giving superiority of this store. Our regular stock of Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters, Tailored to meet the exacting standards always maintained here, are especially featured at this sale. No old, out of style or inferior goods will be offered you.

Sensational Reductions on the Famous "Kuppenheimer" and "Society" Brands of All-Wool, Strictly High Grade, Correctly Tailored Guaranteed

Overcoats

$75.00 value. Sale price $37.50
55.00 value. Sale price 27.50
39.00 value. Sale price 19.50

Every Overcoat is offered at a Clearance Price, presenting values greater than we have ben able to offer before.

Children's Dept.

Our entire stock of Children's Shirts, Stockings, Caps, Sweaters, Ties, Underwear, Shoes, Blouses, Waists, Hats, Etc. will be at your disposal. Mothers are invited to bring in their children and make their selections early.

Suits

$65.00 value. Sale Price $43.50
50.00 value. Sale Price 33.50
35.00 value. Sale Price 23.50

These Suits are taken from our regular stock, and are equal to the finest we have shown throughout the season.

Specials

33 1-3 OFF ON SOCKS.
33 1-3 OFF ON DRESS AND SILK SHIRTS.
33 1-3 OFF ON FUR CAPS.
33 1-3 OFF ON WORK GLOVES.
33 1-3 OFF ON SUIT CASES.

Underwear

A large stock of Union and Two-Piece Suits in All Wool, Cotton and Fleece Lined grades. 33 1-3 Off on all sizes and grades.

Sheeplined Coats, Duck Coats, Sport

Coats, Leather Vests and Mackinaws

$52.50 value. Sale Price $26.25
45.00 value. Sale Price 27.50
11.50 value. Sale Price 5.75
7.50 value. Sale Price 3.75

Shoes:

20 per cent off on our entire stock, including Dress and Work Shoes for Men. Best Shoes on the market are to be had at this Sale.

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Belmond, Iowa

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BELMOND TO HOLD A BIG SHORT COURSE

Many Cases From Belmond in the District Court

A Number Of Cases From This Vicinity Occupy The Attention Of The Court.

ONE DIVORCE CASE FOR TRIAL

The board of supervisors has authorized Engineer Hilton to purchase not to exceed five cars of lumber, a quantity of piling and steel culverts.

C. H. Crowe has secured judgement on transcript from Justice Brown's court, against the Wright county fair in the sum of $50 on a note.

The assessors of Wright county have been called to meet at the court house today by Auditor Walker for the purpose of getting their supplies and becoming more familiar with their duties.

Monday was the day set by the board of supervisors for selection of official papers for the year 1921. The Eagle Grove Eagle and Times-Gazette and the Clarion Clipper and the Monitor were named as such papers.

Clerk Goslin has issued marriage licenses to the following couples the past week: Frank Gilliam and Elsie Dorothy State, Loring Champlin and Lucile Schoeneich, Knute Williams and Mrs. Myrtle Downer, Benjamin Quibell and Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels.

The board of supervisors selected H. C. Pinkham of Goldfield as their chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Pinkham, who is one of the best members to serve on that board, will retire at the close of his present term. James Mehl of Norway township is to succeed him.

Miss Blanche Bock, county superintendent, announces the next study center to be held at Clarion on Saturday, January 22nd. The instructors will be Miss Anna Cordts and Miss Grace Rait of Cedar Falls, Miss Margery Hilton of Clarion. All teachers of the county are invited.

The county agent's office has been removed to the north room in the basement of the court house. To reach this office enter the main door to the building and descend the stairs to the right. Miss Kate Liddle the Red Cross nurse, will occupy the room vacated by Agent Edwards on the second floor.

Lois Brown, a minor, by Clara Sorenson, her mother, versus Mrs. J. T. Phyllis of Clarion, grandmother of the child, is a case filed for trial at the January term of court. The action grows out of a family quarrel last week in which the defendant procured possession of the child in question during the mother's absence. Plaintiff petitions the court to determine the custody of the child. --Monitor.

Clipper: Clara Sorenson, mother of Lois A. Brown, four and one-half years of age, has filed a petition in district court asking for a writ of habeas corpus nd disposition of the child, now alleged to be illegally in the custody of the child's grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Phyllis of Clarion. The petition alleges that January 3rd Mrs. Phyllis "unlawfully wrongfully and wilfully secured possession of the child while its own mother was absent" Since then she has refused to return the little girl to the mother.

A minor chapter of this case was written in Mayor McCreery's court Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Sorenson was fined $5 and costs for assault on the person of John English, and for using obscene language. In an effort to get the custody of the child, Sorenson is alleged to have followed the grandmother into the home of Mr. English, where Mrs. Phyllis had fled. There a scrimmage followed and Mr. English filed complaint. Conflicting testimony was introduced on both sides during the trial before Mayor McCreery. Mr. Sorenson appealed from the Mayor's decision to the district court. The English family lives near Mrs. Phyllis.

The Gamble-Robinson Co. of Esthervile, fruit wholesalers, are suing George Lutz of Belmond to recover an account owing them of $70.65, due since August 10.

S. K. Bach, a Dows blacksmith, is suing W. K. Gade et al to secure cancellation of a contract whereby he was trading his blacksmith shop and the lots it was situated on for a farm in Mitchell county, Iowa. He alleges that the Mitchell county land was represented as being worth $325 per acre, well tiled, and free from quack grass, but as a matter of fact it does not come up to the representations and is not worth more than $225 per acre. He asks the court to cancell the contract and quiet title to the Dows property in his name, as well as for damages as the court may determine and for casts of the suit.

H. Fischer is suing Fred Staehle and wife to recover $227.40 due for merchandise sold. The Iowa Valley Sugar Co. has been garnisheed to protect his claim.

H. A. Koefed of Meservey is also suing the Staehles to recover $60.08 for merchandise sold them.

Robert Wildman is suing Clarence Franklin to recover $108.19, alleged to be due on a note.

Laura Chapman is suing Fred Gibson of Eagle Grove for $500 damages, alleged to be due as a result of a fall received in defendant's restaurant. She was employed there as night cook and as the result of the fall was under a doctor's care eight weeks, during which time her wrist was kept in a cast. Defendant did not carry workman's compensation. $75 of the $500 asked represents a doctor's bill.

Fred C. Veeder of Belmond has filed suit for divorce from Dora Veeder. They were married in January 1916, and lived together until April, 1916, and from July 1916 to middle of August of the same year. In that month the wife deserted the husband without cause. He states he was always a dutiful and loving husband, and prays for absolute decree of divorce and that defendant be barred from any right, claim or title to property owned by plaintiff.

Adam Reffer of Bielmond is suing Jas. Siskoff to recover $100, alleged to be due as the result of the breaking of a stove which Siskoff was moving for the plaintiff. Accident resulted from "too fast driving over frozen ground, despite plaintiff's warning."

J. H. Fiderlick is suing Don O. G. Marcus to recover $700 alleged to be due as a balance on rental of land in section 34-90-26, and asks for a landlord's writ of attachment.

L. Emerick is suing C. C. Graves and Wm. Burton to recover possession of a cook shack or $75, alleged to be the value of plaintiff's interest. Two orders for $37.50 each were given plaintiff but they proved to be worthless, he alleges. Graves is Burton's agent in the county, and the cook shack is now east of Clarion.

E. F. Mosher is suing Chester Hunt, Perry Nort and C. E. Hillyer, to recover $500 damages alleged to be due as the result of wrongful possession of a 12-acre tract in Eagle Grove and damages to buildings and grounds. This is an appeal case from J. H. Williamson's court of Eagle Grove. Hillyer originally leased the land and Mosher claims the contract was that the lease could not be assigned except with his consent, and that this was done contrary to his wishes. He claims the pasture was overstocked and rooted up by hogs and damages to buildings also followed the occupancy of the land by Nort and Hillyer.

BOY ACCIDENTLY SHOOTS SELF THRU LIP

Roy Lee, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee, suffered a painful accident last week when he accidently shot himself thru the lip.

The boy was handling a rifle and the weapon was discharged in some manner, the bullet going thru his lip. He was exceedingly lucky in a way, as had the bullet gone a little further to either side the results of it might have been much more serious. Dr. Steele was immediately summoned and gave the lad prompt treatment, and he is now recovering in nice shape.

Knights of Columbus Hold Good Meeting Sunday Afternoon

Belmond, Eagle Grove And Goodell Chapters Meet Sunday in Library To Stir Things Up.

TWELVE NEW MEMBERS JOIN

A meeting of about sixty members of the Knights of Columbus met at the library basement on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting plans and to stimulate an interest in the organization, and to map out a campaign for recruits. A delegation from Eagle Grove and one from Goodell were in attendance. The afternoon was spent in a general smoker and a few good short talks were given. Twelve young men present made application for membership in the organization. Another meeting, at which there will be an initiation of members will be held at Eagle Grove sometime during the next month. Rev. D. Nolan of Eagle Grove was present at the meeting here, and was a visitor with the Rev. Eardley.

BELMOND LAWYER GIVES ADDRESS AT EAGLE GROVE

Eagle Grove Eagle: The address by Atty. W. E. Bullard of Belmond featured the Commercial Club meeting Thursday night. Mr. Bullard is fast becoming known as one of the leading orators of this section of Iowa and the Commercial Club members were pleased with his address, admiring his frankness and fearless attitude on the questions of the day. Mr. Bullard had not time in which to prepare for the address, having been invited the previous morning to appear here. He first reviewed the war and America's participation in it, stating that we were prone to too soon forget those stirring times and the momentous days which followed. He called to mind the demand for American goods at the beginning of the war and for the year and a half following before Europe could get her industries to functioning again. He advocated a give and take attitude by both mercant and farmer. The merchant was getting his and there was no relief for the merchant except to sell his goods for what he could get for them. He had no recourse except to report his loss to the government in the next income blank. The farmer was being forced to compete with Argentine and Canadian competition and should be protected by a protective tariff. But ultimately, the speaker thought, relief would come and that a gradual readjustment would come which would be lasting in its scope and which would assure the future prosperity and welfare of the republic.

Mr. Bullard also spoke at length and commented on the problems which confronted the Belmond Commercial Club and noted the similarity of problems. Both clubs were working for better things for their cities—better express service, better telegraph service. He also advocated a closer spirit of co-operation among the towns of the county. He invited everyone to come over to Belmond, see her big sugar beet factory and other industries, to get acquainted. The county should have a county commercial club. Our interests were common and there is no county fued.

Hon. W. E. Bullard has been a resident of Wright county for the past thirty years and is an entertaining, convincing speaker and he made a favorable impression here, both in his address and in discussion of various subjects at the conclusion of his address.

AMERICAN LEGION NOTICE!

There will be a meeting of the local Post of the American Legion at the city hall on Wednesday night, January 19th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of election of officers and the transacting of important business matters.

Belmond Bolshevism Worries Wirtz

The following clipping from the Clarion Clipper will be of interest to Belmond people, as it illustrates the awful reputation the town is getting among the people:

Much has been said pro and con about Bolshevism but how it is fostered by the upper classes is told by a sugar tramp at Belmond. A stranger going to purchase anything, if he is not wise, is sure to be pitied. I went into a grocery store one night and bought a quarter's worth of apples and got eight for my money. A local man paid the same money for a peck. In a clothing store I was asked $2.50 for a cap that had a $1.50 tag on it; bought pair of overalls for $2.00 one night and two days later was asked $2.50 for hem. Sox sold for forty cents to local men and sold for a half dollar to outsiders, and then these merchants wonder why the migratory worker favors bolshevism when they themselves create the cause for the worst curse the world has very known.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Wirtz.

The Clipper doesn't know a thing about the incidents complained of in the letter from Mr. Wirtz. Lots of times a fellow is honestly mistaken One thing we do know, most stores nowadays have only one price for an article. It would be a foolish merchant who would deliberately try to sell an article marked $1.50 for $2.50. Overalls might raise in price 50c a pair in a few days, and did occasionally do this until last fall. Then we know for a fact stores in Clarion and probably Belmond, too, marked them down 50c to 75c a pair. Some apples at 8 for a quarter would be cheap. A large delicious apple at a dime is not an extortionate price, that is, the merchant who sells it does not get an extortionate profit on the transaction. We know that the class of stores such as you generally find in towns like Belmond, or in Clarion, or in any of the thousand of country towns the nation over, sell standard goods, advertised the country over at certain prices, and where there is one crooked merchant trying to gouge strangers there are who play fair and square with everyone.

Prices have been high on many articles sold in the stores, but that doesn't mean the merchant has gotten the difference between the old pre-war price and that which he received. Fact is, very few country merchants get rich from the profits of their business. Think over the men you know and see how many really have. Some have grown wealthy from investments in land, o iginally a few thousand dollars representing his entire savings, risked. Then the land paid off the debt. A man with a quarter section of Iowa land bought ten or fifteen years ago could have paid for it in the meantime and thus been wealthy in his community. How many merchants have worked for many years and then failed to take out of the business what was originally put in? There are thousands of such the country over.

Mr. Wirtz is right: Bolshevism is a curse. It will not thrive in American soil. Our people are not ground down like they are in oppressed Russia. And the anarchists deported from America and returned to Russia have found that Russia is not the paradise they had dreamed of. Fact is, they denounce bolshevism and its works. There are evils in America that need correcting. Authority is often abused. Public confidence is occasionally betrayed. But the average merchant is more a slave to the public than is the worker. Honesty is not rare in business, but is so common that it bulwarks business, both little and big. Of this we feel sure, Mr. Wirtz's informant to the contrary notwithstanding.

A. H. Storm and son Leland of Sanborn, Iowa, were guests at the home of C. J. Schmalle last week. Mrs. L. W. McCallum and little daughter LaVonne of Alexander visited here last Wednesday.

A THREE DAY PROGRAM TO BE HELD HERE

February 10th And 11th Are The Days Picked For Holding The Big Event.

BIGGEST EVENT OF THE WINTER

Specialists From Ames To Be On Program—Many Different Items To Be Taken Up.

The greatest event of the winter will be held next month Thursday and Friday, February 10th and 11th, when Belmond stages a great two-day Short Course.

Several noted specialists on various farming branches will be on the program, and will lecture and demonstrate in the various departments that are being planned.

The program has not yet been completely worked out, but will be given in a later issue. That it will be a good one goes without saying. So far, the speakers and speciaists who will be here are:

F. G. Churchill, specialist in soils.

E. L. Qaufe, animal husbandry.

Bertha Holden, assistant leader of Home Demonstration Agents.

Peter Peterson, a noted breeder of Holsteins, near Cedar Falls.

All the townships around Belmond are co-operating in the course, and the following men from their respective townships will meet with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce in the near future to complete the details of the course:

Norway—E. E. Evans.
Belmond—Geo. P. Hardwick.
Pleasant—Adolph Meinders.
Iowa—J. E. Miller.
Grant—C. L. Hall.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting this week when a committee will be chosen to meet with the gentlemen named.

The farmers around are all heartily in favor of the idea and are cooperating in every way with the local men in putting the course over. There will be demonstrations in repairing tractors, which will be held at a garage; grain exhibits and lectures, as well as stock exhibits and talks by the specialists on them, a department and program for the ladies, and all that goes with such an affair.

At the last short course held here, several years ago, the program was held at different places about the town, and the majority seem to favor the same plan for this one. It has been suggested that the grain exhibits, lectures, etc, be held in the opera house or the school auditorium, the tractor work, stock, and similar affairs in the garage, and the ladies part in the library basement which appears to be a good idea.

It is also understood that a number of the businesss men will offer prizes for the best exhibits, from the stock of their stores.

There will be no profit for anyone in the course, it is simply a progressive movement to bring about a closer relationship between the town and the country.

Watch for the full program at a later date.

FARMERS OF WEST HAVING A HARD TIME

Geo. Polmateer, who has just returned from a trip thru Nebraska and South Dakota, says that the farmers out that way are having a hard time of it. Being a great cattle country, naturally they raised a large number. Prices came down, they couldn't meet their notes at the banks, and many are being forclosed by the bankers. One banker foreclosed, taking the cattle, and then tried to sell the stocsk at public auction. The auctioneer, sheriff and the banker were there, but not a bidder snowed up. Hay is worth a dollar a ton, and corn lies in great heaps, unsaleable.

NOTICE!

As the Fire Company have reorganized and have been placed on a consistant working basis, it is requested that no one not a member of the fire company be allowed to in any way interfere with the work of the company. And it is forbidden that any one not a member of the company ride on the fire truck.

It is further requested that, at the alarm of fire, ALL other vehicles stop as near the curb as possible and wait until the truck has passed. The volunteer fire company are willing to do all they can to make Belmond safe from fires, and ask the people to do their part in preventing accidents.

And it is further demanded that all trafic cease in the block where the fire is during the time the apparatus is strung across the street.

Should any one desire to turn in an alarm of fire, do so by calling central and plainly telling where the fire is located. There is also an alarm that can be turned in at Griesy's corner, which can be turned in by pressing the black button, and then run to fire station and telling driver where the fire is located. The blowing of the siren at any time indicating fire will be readily distnguished by the raising and lowering of the scale of the whistle. This is obtained by alternately pressing the black and red button.

By order of Fire Chief:
Geo. Brady.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Ralph Christie planned and carried out a very pleasant birthday surprise party upon her husband on Monday evening of this week, for his 29th birthday. Over thirty of their friends and neigbors were present, and as a token of their regard and esteem presented the guest of the evening with a purse. A two course supper was served. Everybody present reports a very enjoyable evening.

Among those present were: Mrs. T. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Flaans and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bamford, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bamford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schleffarth Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hauge, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Luick, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Glen Baker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Christie and children, and Mr. and Mrs. John Tiara and children.

SHIPPING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Belmond Live Stock Shipping Association held its annual meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the Belmond township hall. The order of the meeting was as follows:

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Report of the year's business by the secretary, J. R. Christie.

In his report, Mr. Christie showed the following:

No. cars shipped in year	42
No. of hogs shipped	2,271
No. cattle shipped	181
Total net receipts for same	$63, 010.77
No. dead hogs	3
No. crippled hogs	6
No. dead cattle	1
Total members of the association	122
Recd. membership fees	$ 122
Recd. sinking fund	335.18
Fees paid manager	312.60
Losses paid by assc.	117.91
Frtg.	64.85
Miscellaneous	5.50
Balance in treasury, including membership fees, Jan. 8	246.34

The election of officers showed the following:

President—Geo. P. Hardwick.
Vive pres.—A. E. Thompson.
Treas.—Oscar Jenison.
Sec.—J. R. Christie.
Manager—M. F. Christie.

Two new directors were elected, being A. E. Thompson and Oscar Jenison. The old directors holding over were: R. A. Thayer, P. J. Bamford, Geo. P. Hardwick, Geo. Dipple, J. R. Christie.

Geo. Quandt of Utica, Illinois was a guest of relatives here the past few weeks, returning home last week.

Farm Bureau Notes

WOMEN DIRECTORS IN THE FARM BUREAU

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Wright County Farm Bureau it was unanimously decided that Wright County should be represented at its board meetings by one lady township chairman and act in the same capacity in her town ship in directing the ladies work as the man director does in executing the work of the men's department and so will have the women's voting power at each board of directors meeting.

It was decided that since Wright county is not in a position financially to employ a Home Demonstration Agent for this year that it would be well to organize the ladies department of the Farm Bureau work in this manner so as to give the ladies of our local Farm Bureau an opportunity to assist in directing the activities.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WRIGHT COUNTY FARM BUREAU

The annual meeting of the Wright County Farm Bureau, which was held at the courthouse at Clarion, Thursday, January 13, was attended by nearly 300 Wright county farmers. This seems to have been a record breaker in point of numbers, there being twice as many in attendance as there were at last year's meeting.

Miss Neale S. Knowles, state leader of Home Demonstration agents, delivered a splendid address on "Woman's Part in the Farm Bureau." Miss Knowles talked at length upon the importance of having the women take an active part in the Farm Bureau work. She laid stress upon the responsibility which rests upon each township organization and in turn upon each individual member. In concluding her splendid address Miss Knowles pledged herself to do all that is possible thru her department in co-operating with the ladies of Wright county in conducting their department of the work for next year in the absence of a Home Demonstration agent.

C. W. Hunt, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation gave a most interesting and instructive address on the present status of the Farm Bureau, and the outlook for the future of this great organization.

Mr. Hunt opened his address by answering the question: "Has the Farm Bureau come to stay?" and in doing so he reminded his audience of the tremendous growth of the Farm Bureau made in the past two years, and gave facts and figures to substantiate his statements regarding its growth.

In referring to the National Farm Bureau Federation at Indianapolis, Mr. Hunt said that that convention was the greatest meeting that had ever been held in America since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He spoke of how the entire agricultural interests of the U. S. were represented at this meeting. He spoke of the delegates coming from all parts of the U. S. from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian line and from the Atlantic coast, to the Pacific coast, all with one thought in mind: namely, that of establishing a better and more permanent argricuture.

In speaking of farmers not joining the Farm Bureau so as to co-operate with one another, Mr. Hunt said that too often the farmer takes the selfish view that if he becomes a member of the Farm Bureau he will be helping some other fellow, when he should realize that by becoming a member of such an organization he will be helping himself. He used a clear cut illustration to drive home the point he was making by telling the story of the sight of a sow and a litter of ten pigs all nestled up as close as possible in order to keep warm during a freezing cold night. Each pig was cooperating with the others to keep them all warm but in doing so he was keeping himself warm.

The greater part of the morning program was given to reports from the various committees. The afternoon session was spent in listening to the splendid addresses by the two principal speakers and in the election of officers for the ensuing year and in discussing matters of business of the Farm Bureau.

The general interest at the meeting was added to by the good music which was so kindly rendered by Meeker's orchestra of Dows. Mr. Hunt referred to the splendid music in his talk and complimented Wright county people in having the foresight to realize that music adds to a public meeting and keeps things moving.

The election of officers for 1921 gave the following results:

Harry Sumners, Clarion, president.
Geo. C. Kirstein, Clarion, vice pres.
Geo. A. Miller, Dows, Treasurer.
E. W. Campbell, Clarion, Secretary.

The following directors were elected to represent their townships on the County Farm Bureau board:

A. L. Middleton, Mrs. A. L. Middleton, Troy;
G. D. Dengert, Mrs. Glen Knox, Vernon;
E. W. Campbell, Mrs. M. L. Clark, Lake;
Harry Sumners, Lady chairman not yet elected, Dayton;
N. L. Vanderlip, Mrs. O. P. Hackbarth, Blaine;
Floyd Bubeck, Lady chairman not yet elected, Wall Lake;
Roy Woodley, Ladyl chairman not yet elected, Lincoln;
Adolph Meinders, Mrs. J. F. Henn, Pleasant;
Joe Abernathy, Lady chairman not yet elected, Boone;
E. E. Evans, Mrs. E. E. Evans, Norway;
F. L. Kirstein, Lady chairman not yet elected, Woolstock;
J. E. Miller, Lady chairman not yet elected, Iowa;
C. L. Hall, Lady chairman not yet elected, Grant;
G. L. Trask, Lady chairman not yet elected, Eagle Grove;
G. P. Hardwick, Mrs. A. E. Martin, Belmond;
T. A. Knight, Lady chairman not yet elected, Liberty.

The following resolutions were submitted and adopted at the annual meeting:

"We the members of the Wright County Farm Bureau submit the following resolutions:

We endorse the national and state officers and commend them on the interest of the farmers at all times.

That we favor the retention of the Primary Law, and urge upon the general assembly the enactment of such amendments as will eliminate abuses and preserve the integrity of the principles involved.

That we recommend the county Farm Bureau to appoint a committee to meet with the assessors and county board of review for the purpose of using their influence for the proper equalization of taxes.

That we look with approval of the newspaper reports which indicate that Henry C. Wallace is to be appointed to the position of Secretary of Agriculture. If such appointment is made, we urge Mr. Wallace to accept, for we feel that he is a man of ability to represent farmer's interests in the way needed under present conditions.

That we deplore the attitude of farm machinery manufacturers in regard to the prices asked for their products, and we recommend to our farmers the careful repairing of all machinery that can economically be made serviceable. Furthermore, our Farm Bureau should conduct an "Excess farm machinery inventory" the facilitate the exchange of same, thus obviating as far as possible the necessity of purchasing new equipment. To this end we advocate a week to be known as "Repair week," requesting all farmers to get all machinery in workable shape.

That we recommend the work of the committee of seventeen in their efforts to work out feasible plans for marketing our produce.

We recommend that our by-laws be so changed that each township lady president shall have equal right in voice and voting in all county meetings with the men directors and shall be eligible to the different offices in the county.

That there be an amendment to the law giving the drainage engineer so much power on drainage ditches.

That the board of directors pick the resolutions committee at their last meeting at least one month previous to the annual meeting, thereby giving the resolutions committee more time, also giving each member an opportunity to hand any resolution to the county agent or one of the committee.

That the permanency and dignity of agriculture as well as the stability and happiness of country life is in large measure dependent upon the quality and inherent strength of the farm homes. The influence of this organization which is a potent factor in our national life will be materially extended and reflect itself over rural America in a more significant manner, by the admission of women to membership; and they are invited into full participation in the task of advancing the cause of American agriculture. We welcome to our councils the farm women of our nation and pledge our full co-operation in such programs for the advancement of our common purpose as shall be within the scope of this organization's activities in its endeavors to promote the welfare of country life.

That there should be no further delay by the American Farm Bureau Federation in the establishment and adequate financing of a bureau of research with sub-departments for the purpose of collecting and interpreting facts and figures dealing with the production of farm crops and livestock and for the fullest inquiry into conditions which influence the law of supply and demand, to the end that our members may have reliable information and guidance in the production and marketing of their commodities.

That we denounce as un American the principle and are opposed to guaranteeing a fixed return to public utilities and railroads on a cost-plus basis.

That we declare that the farmer is entitled to compensation for his services equal to actual cost of efficient production and a reasonable return upon his capital invested and we pledge our efforts to bring about these results.

That we highly recommend the good work of the county agricultural agents, the agricultural extension departments and the experiment stations, and we pledge our hearty cooperation to them in the furtherance of their work along practical agricultural lines, and the improvement of home and community.

That we endorse the immediate relief program advocated by the American Farm Federation, reading as follows:

(1) Regulartory power over farmers' co-operative marketing associations should be in the hands of U. S. Department of Agriculture rather than the Federal Trade Commission.

(2) The farmers' co-operative marketing movement must not be hindered by the provisions of the Sherman Law enacted to control trusts and not with any intent to curb co-operation for the benefit of the public at large.

(3) The Federal Reserve Bank should be amended so as to provide preferred rates for loans for productive purposes over loans for speculative purposes.

(4) The warehousing act should be extended so as to serve the needs of both individuals and co-operative associations, and there should be based upon it a rural credits plan which will enable the farmer, individually and collectively, to market his crops in an orderly fashion.

(5) The Federal Land Bank system should be extended to provide farmers with personal credit, for such purposes as buying improved seed, livestock, machinery and equipment, on the same general plan as real estate loans are now provided.

SCARBRO'S CLUB MEMBERS PRODUCE OVER MILLION

The following article from the extension staff of the South Dakota agricultural college will be of interest to folks in this vicinity, as it concerns the work of Prof. P. J. Scarbro, former superintendent of schools here for nine years:

Products valued in excess of a million dollars were produced during the past year by the 6,869 South Dakota youngsters enrolled in the boys' and girls' clubs. A summary of project results for 1920 just issued by P. J. Scarbro, state club leader, shows that 5,727 club members reported a gross production of $881,631.91 for the year. Production costs totaled $302,913.81, leaving a net profit of $578,718.10. The average gross production record of each member reporting was $153.94, the net production averageing slightly in excess of $101.

The report shows that there were 526 organized boys and girls' clubs in the state with an average membership of 13 plus. More members enrolled for the baby pork project than for any other, the total enrollment for this project being 1,452. Gardening came second in the matter of enrollment with 1,410, and sowlitter third with 1,393. Other projects undertaken by the clubs, with the total enrollment in each, follow:

Corn, 182; potatoe, 35; cow-calf, 109 baby-beef, 10; sheep, 47; poultry,300; canning, 617; bread, 274; sewing, 1,040.

The greatest production record, in gross value, at least, from any of the projects was made in the sowlitter clubs. Members reported a gross production of $695,440 in this project, total cost being $219,720, leaving a net profit of $475,720. This means an average gross production of $529 plus for every member of a sow-litter club in the state. The cow-calf clubs came second in the matter of value of products, the gross value reported being $64,528, and the net production $31,828.

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AUTO LICENSE BUSINESS PICKS UP CLOSING DAYS

All fall and early winter the county treasurer's office was ready to issue licenses to the auto owners of Wright county, but they came dribling in. The last half of December saw business pick up some, but after the 29th, when the force was up with the applications the deluge came. Then the appications poured into the office in a growing stream and the last day the mail applications swamped the force. It will require all of this week to get caught up again and likely the number of delinquents will not be large. Up to January 1st 2070 licenses had been mailed. About 3500 cars are in the county.—Clipper.

EMERGENCY INSECTICIDE SHELF FOR FARMERS

Everyone is familiar with the modern housewife's emergency food shelf which saves her many embarrassing situations when unexpected guests show up at mealtime. The same principle can be applied by the farmer in taking care of his unexpected insect guests by the maintainence of an emergency insecticide shelf consisting of a complete line of common insecticides.

These materials always at hand would not only save many trips to town in the midst of the season's work, but would also save many promising crops from the ravages of hungry insect armies.

Such a shelf should contain several pounds of powered arsenate of lead for use against the leaf feeding insects of the garden and orchard. There should be some Paris green for the ever present potatoe bugs, and at least one pint of Black-leaf 40 for those plant lice that become so bad at times. Five or ten pounds of powdered white arsenic should not be forgotten as this is the poisoning element used in poisoned bait, which is so successful against grass hoppers, cut worms and army worms. One must always remember that spray materials cannot be applied without some kind of a spraying apparatus. This apparatus completes the shelf.

An emergency shelf of this nature is one of the most useful and profitable additions to any farmer's or gardener's equipment. It certainly is deserving of serious thought. Farmers should stock up now and be ready for the next season, as these materials will keep indefinitely.

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1 team of drivers, 7 and 8 years old; 1 team, horse and mare coming 4 and 5 years old, wt. 3000; 1 bay horse, 3 yrs. old; 1 bay horse 2 yrs. old; 1 horse 16 yrs. old.

27 Head of Cattle

8 milk cows; 11 yearling calves; 2 2 year old heifers; 3 2 year old steers; 1 heifer and calf; 1 Polled Hereford Bull 2 years old.

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1 bob sled
1 open buggy
1 single buggy
1 road cart
1 hay fork
1 set hay slings
1 hay rack
1 fanning mill
2 grinders
1 hog waterer
1 tank heater
1 ladder
1 lawn mower
2 sets harness
Fly nets and collars
1 6 ft. Deering binder
1 5 ft. McCormick mower
2 Hayes corn planters, 1 new
1 Emerson hay loader
1 low down International manure spreader
1 8 ft. Cutaway disc
1 low down seeder
1 22 ft. harrow
1 hay rake
1 land roller
1 beet cultivator
1 walking gopher
1 Emerson sulky plow
1 potato lifter
2 wagons, 1 narrow tire and 1 truck

Household Goods

1 washing machine; 1 cupboard; 1 cook stove; 3 bedsteads: 2 mattresses; 3 bed springs; 1 child's bed; 1 sink and other articles too numerous to mention.

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COMPARES IOWA SUGAR BEET LAND WITH COLORADO'S

Colorado is the sugar bowl of the United States. Colorado soil and sunshine produced more sugar in 1920 than any other state in the union. The famed cane crop of Louisiana was but 150,000 tons while Colorado harvested 335,000 tons of sugar, or 670,000,000 pounds of a total value of $53,600,000, figured at eight cents a pound, the lowest price sugar has reached in years.

The only state anywhere approaching Colorado's production is Michigan with slightly more than half of Colorado's yield.

In the short space of nineteen years, less than a generation, Colorado has taken the lead in the growing nd manufacturing of this necessity of the human race. The pioneer company, the Great Western, started operations in Loveland in 1901 with 5,600 acres cultivated to the sugar and the growth of the industry in 1920 had 160,000 acres devoted to the growing of beets exclusively for its factories. The one factory has grown to eighteen operating plants with one under construction and others planned. The Great Western Sugar company has ten of these operating factories and the one building at Johnstown, Colorado. In the eighteen plants the investment represents $60,000,000.

The total acreage devoted to the sugar beet in Colorado in 1920 was 250,000. Tees quarter of a million acres produced 2,750,000 tons of beets. To work the fields the sugar companies imported labor from old Mexico, thousands of men and women and the youths in the families. The railroads were paid $300,000 for their transportation to the various localities in Colorado where they were turned over to the beet growers.

The farmers of Colorado were paid $31,800,000 for their beets and they paid the labors in their fields $8,000,000. To move the crop cost $8,500,000, the railroads receiving this in freight charges embracing all operations in the transportation.

Ten thousand farmers in Colorado are now engaged in raising beets and they employ 25,000 "beet hands." One grower in the northern Colorado fields received more than $31,000 for the product from his 210 acres. Several were handed checks of more than $15,000. Eleven tons of sugar beets to the acre was the 1920 average and the fixed guaranteed minimum price for the grower was $12 per ton. The average farmer with thirty acres of beets received around $4,300 for his one crop, and the majority grew corn, wheat and other crops in addition. Sugar beets is the big cash crop of the state for the farmer knows the price before he plants and the crop represents just so much cash in the farmer's hands.

The past year saw the highest price ever paid for sugar beets in the state. Everybody benefitted including the 8,500 employees in the factories whose wages range from $3.50 to $8 a day. The 160,000 acres was the highest acreage in the history of the Great Western Sugar company, 1919 having but 138,449 acres grown for this one company. The 1920 season starting September 23 when the first factory began operations will last 110 days.

The above clopping was taken from the Denver Post of January 1,1921

Please take notice that the price paid for the beets in 1920 was $12 per ton, which is the same price paid by the Northern Sugar corporation.

The average yield as shown by the above clipping in Colorado is 11 tons to the acre. Bear in mind that they have been raising beets in Colorado for twenty years and that the beet crop is the main crop there. Quite naturally the land is put in the very best of condition for the crop so as to produce a big yield.

First it is prepared for irrigation, second, thoro drainage as irrigation causes seepage water, third, deep plowing followed by making a firm seed bed and then a thoro cultivation keeping the field free from weeds and after all this thoro work they go thru in Colorado the yield is 11 tons of beets to the acre. Still they make money on their beets on their land which is worth from $400 to $500 per acre.

When we come to the realization that we have the soil in the counties of Hancock, Kossuth, Emmet and three or four other counties in northern Iowa with proper drainage and begin to give the beet crop the care and attention it requires, the same as we do with our other crops we will find that the yield on our land will average a litte better than the lands of Colorado.

In the five years that I have been connected with the Northern Sugar Corporation as their fieldman I have had occasion to come across many fields in this territory where with the proper care in getting the seed bed ready and follow it with a thoro cultivation, keeping the field free from weeds on our drained lands the yield has been all the way from 12 to 20 tons per acre.

The past year has been a poor year in this territory for a beet crop as we had too much rain in the early spring and summer, yet the crop averaged over 12 tons on several hundred acres.

With 20 year's experience in the beet industry such as Colorado has had we will, I believe, be able to increase our yield at least one-third more. Think of what this will mean to your land.

Within the next fifteen years there will be scattered thruout this part of the country 15 to 20 sugar beet factories and you will see land selling around $500 an acre—for when you can raise a crop that will net you $100 an acre, land at that price will be very reasonable.

Every farmer within a reasonable distance of a beet dump should plan to raise from 20 to 40 acres of beets this year.

With the large yield of corn in 1920 and corn selling around 45 cents a bushel, what will corn be worth this year if we have another large crop with a surplus left over from the preceeding year?

The price we are going to pay for beets this year has not been settled yet, but I feel sure that one acre of beets will bring you more clear money than two acres of corn or three of oats.—C. S. Terwilliger in the Garner Signal.

FIRST WHITE WOMAN IN HANCOCK COUNTY TELLS OF EARLY EXPERIENCES

The following article from the Garner Signal was written by Mrs. A. Avery, one of the pioneer settlers of this vicinity and well known by many Belmond people. The Signal prints as follows:

The following reminiscence of olden days is from the pen of Mrs. A. Avery, who is now nearing her nintieth birthday, having been born at Sandusky, Ohio, January 22, 1831, is exceedingly interesting. A very significant fact about the manuscript is that it is so well connected, indicating an intellect as clear as that of one of middle age and the hand writing is as free from the indications of advanced years as tho it were by the hand of one of but twenty summers. Each letter is as clear and distinct, every line and curve perfect, not a waver of the pen can be detected. At the request of Mrs. Hattie M. Aldridge, recorder of Hancock county, Mrs. Avery prepared this article and we consider it a real privilege to be allowed to produce it.

"In 1854, with my husband, our two children, my little sister and two hired men, I came to Hancock county. We landed at Upper Grove on the Iowa river, September 9th. We lived in a hay shanty for six weeks until the men could get the hay put up for our stock. We had twelve head of oxen and two cows. After the hay had been put up, the men went into the timber and there they cut the logs for our log cabin. After this was completed, the hired men went back to civilization. It was necessary for my husband to go to Dubuque after supplies, requiring eight days to make the trip with oxen, and during this time I was left alone with my little family. During his absence I got very lonesome, there being not one person in the county except our family. One day I strolled to the river and as I stopped by the beaver dam, I saw five or six half-grown beavers feeding in the pool above their dam and the thought came to me that I could catch some of them. I went back to the cabin and got a two-spring trap, found a stick that would hold the trap, went down to the river and set it. The next morning I went to see if I had anything in my trap and sure enough, I had a beaver. I managed to pull it out of the water but it was so heavy that I could not carry it. I went back and brought my little sister to help me drag it to the cabin and when my husband returned he took the pelt off the beaver. I tried out the oil and had three gallons. I never again tried to catch any beavers. The next spring a fur buyer came thru our country and he gave me only $1 a pound for the pelt. It weighed seven pounds and was as dry as a chip. But at that price I was glad to get rid of it. This happened on Christmas day. I recall the beautiful weather. There was no snow and it was as warm and nice as a spring day, but we had plenty of snow in Februry and March. The next spring Mr. Avery began breaking his ground. I drove the oxen while he broken in ten acres. We used three yokes of oxen to the plow. When it came to planting I had to chop the corn in with an ax. After it ripened, I had to stand guard with a shotgun to save it from the wild cranes, wild geese and ducks.

"On one occasion, when Mr. Avery was away after provisions, Indians camped on the look-out, half a mile from our cabin. They would come to our place and beg bread, eggs or anything they could eat. I soon found that I could not stand to give them always, so one day I refused them. They went away, and I expected that they would murdur us all but they did not harm us in any way. When Mr. Avery came home I was relieved, and told him of the Indian's visit. He was scared, so was I, more so than at the time the Indians were there. But I lived thru it all. The climate agreed with me. During the next summer several families came to the county, and I felt better. Our post office was Eldora, Hardin county, seventy-five miles distant. There was not a tree or a shrub from Upper Grove to Forest City at that time. Now it is quite different.

"I was at the first birth and the first death in the county. Three years after landing in Hancock county my son George A. Avery, first male child born in the county, came to this world. He now lives at Belmond.

"Mr. Avery and I celebrated our golden wedding anniversary six years before his death. Since his death, two years ago, I have made my home with my daughter, Mrs. A. W. Schmalle in Garner.

"I will bring my reminiscence to a close. I trust that you will excuse poor grammer and poor spelling. I have never been to school since I was ten years old. I trust that you will over-look my shortcomings in this article, and be gracious enough to say that she has done the best she could. I am ninety years old."

Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to wthstand each succeeding attck and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.

KANAWHA

Martin Thompson left the first of the week for a visit with relatives in Illinois.

Mrs. Elmer Hill, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for several weeks left Friday for her home at Cylinder.

L. B. Miller left Thursday for Belmond to assist with the work at the Carlston & Skovlin clothing store during the big sale week.

Rudolph Hartwig, who has been quite ill for some time is again able to resume his duties at the D. E. Johnson Drug Company.

Mrs Gundvel Johnson is getting along nicely from her recent accident when she fell and injured her back.

Miss Edith Severson left this week for a visit with relatives at Waseca, Minnesota.

Nels Nelson of Ft. Dodge is visiting friends here this week.

Robert Lucas, Jr., of Montana, came Friday for a visit with relatives and friends here.

Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thorsen, living south of town, had the msifortune to fracture her left arm just above the elbow one day last week. The accident occurred while at school and the pupils were at play.

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kudej to Henry Severson, son of Severt Severetson. The happy event took place at Mason City, Tuesday, January 11, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Severson, after a short visit with relatives here will leave for Minnesota and after March 1st will be at home on a farm near Claremont, Minnesota.

ALEXANDER

Misses Addie Larsen and Edith Beenen were having dental work done at Belmond Saturday.

Will Foughty was a business caller at Hampton Thursday.

George Stoffer was a Belmond caller Saturday.

Mrs. Lloyd Green was a visitor at Hampton last Saturday.

Mrs. Clay Klinefelter and baby were Hampton callers Monday.

Herbert Mallory, our station agent on the M. & St. L. railroad was a caller at Corwith Sunday.

Mrs. Pekarek and daughter, Josephine visited with relatives at Hampton several days last week.

Mrs. George S. Yaw, of Iowa Falls visited at the Fred Rodemeyer home several days last week.

Bernold Kinseth of Belmond was a Sunday visitor with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Braden, of Dows is visiting at the L. C. Peters home this week.

Miss Oranna Kinseth, of Belmond visited with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Bohlen several days last week.

Louie Peters was transacting business at Hampton Thursday

Mrs. Mary Kansian, of Ackley is visiting at the John Bell and Peter Bohlen homes this week.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters Monday, January 10th.

Mrs. Charley Winwood was shopping in Hampton between trains last Wednesday.

Miss Alvena Johnson spent the last of the week with her parents at Latimer.

Misses Hazel Hendrickson and Bertha Gartz were among the Hampton callers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Farhman were visitors at Latimer last Thursday.

The Methodist and Congregational churches will hold a series of union meetings beginning Sunday night, January 23, at the Congregational church. The meetings will be conducted by Rev. Edge, pastor of the Methodist church and A. D. Mohr, pastor of the Congregational church. A cordial welcome to be present is extended to all the members of this community.

Mrs. Otto Kieslich will entertain the Ladies Aid Society at her home next Wednesday afternoon, January 26th. A 10 and 15 cent package sale will be an interesting feature of the day.

On last Tuesday, January 11th at 12:00 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss Ellen Schulte and Hilko Pals, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Symers. The wedding was charming in its simplicity, only the immediate relatives present. Rev. Joseph Edge, pastor of the Methodist church, was the officiating minister. The ring ceremony was used. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion in pink and white. The bride was gowned in taupe beaded silk georgette and carried a bouquet of flowers. She was attended by Mrs. Katie Frohling, sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid, while Menno Frohling served the groom. Miss Susie Schulte, little ten year old sister of the bride, played the wedding march. Following the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. Both the bride and groom have resided near Alexander most all their lives and are held in very high esteem by their many acquaintances.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Claas Symens, being a very accomplished young lady. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pals, well known residents of Franklin county. Mr. and Mrs. Pals left immediately after the wedding service for a trip to Texas, where they will visit at Port Arthur and other points for three or four weeks.

On their return home they will commence housekeeping on a farm two and one-half miles north of Alexander.

Congratulations are extended Mr and Mrs. Pals by their many friends for a long and prosperous wedded life.

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WHAT ABOUT THE BAND?

What about the band for next year? Is Bemond to have another? If so, is it not time to be looking into the matter and getting the thing in shape and lined up?

Klemme's band has started their preliminary work for next season's concerts, perfecting their organization and laying out their summer's schedule. It is a good plan to follow, to have things settled early and not leave everything for the last minute when time is short and action apt to be hasty and unconsidered.

Nobody entertains any doubt that a band is a good thing for the town, that it brings trade, gives wholesome entertainment and is a worthwhile proposition in every way. And nobody who heard Belmond's band last summer entertains any doubt but what it is one of the best of its kind in the country.

The Independent is not informed as to whether the band boys had any "kick" on the way the band was financeid or run last summer, but if they had, now is the time for them and the Chamber of Commerce to get together and settle it, and to make their plans for next summer.

HOW ABOUT A CHAUTAUQUA?

Two different gentlemen representing two different chautauqua systems have been in Belmond in the past two months, investigating the possibilities for holding a chautauqua in Belmond next summer.

The first did not meet with very good success, and the second with a little more. Nobody appeared to take enough interest in the idea to be willing to start something. A number were willing to back the proposition, but nobody wanted to do any of the work.

This paper is heartily in favor of Belmond's holding a chautauqua next summer, and is willing to be one of the backers, and to lend whatever assistance may be within its power. A chautauqua is a good thing for any town, regardless of size; it furnishes the highest class of entertainment at a very moderate cost, and at a season of the year when entertainment of its calibre is usually on the shelf.

Practically most of the towns in this vicinity have signed or are to sign up for a chautauqua this next summer. Goldfield is a noted example of the chautauqua as a paying proposition. A chautauqua has been staged there for several years and has made good, because the citizens of the town were back of it and willing to boost.

If Belmond intends to remain on the map next year, there are several things it should be looking into now, and among them is a good high grade chautauqua. Reccomended for action by the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Club.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Owing to the stormy day last Sunday the attendance was not up to average in the Sunday school. We ought to have an extra large attendance next Sunday to bring the average up to standard.

Dr. J. J. Bushnell, our district superintendent, will be with us and preach next Sunday morning. This is Dr. Bushnell's first Sunday with us. Let's give him a royal welcome at the service. It will cheer him and we are certain his message will be an inspiration to all who hear it. Most folk are ready to acknowledge that they should give the church and religion a larger place in their lives than they do. Why not do it this year? "Men and women who conform to the laws of God and strive to be of real service one to another automatically become healthy, happy and prosperous. Ninety-five per cent of the people who do not get along well materially owe their misfortune to lack of these religious qualities of faith, industry, courage, imagination and thrift. This means that the real great work of the church today lies in reviving these great productive qualities in the souls of the masses."

You will find a welcome at any and all of the services of the church. Will you be there Sunday?

ROUTE ONE

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mennenga returned last Friday from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Freeport, Illinois.

Lee Lowenberg seems to be having more than his share of trouble. Last spring he had a severe seige of the small pox, and last week he returned to his school duties after an attack of measles, and at this writing he is confined at the home of his uncle, Herman Wenzel, with scarlet fever.

Mr. Joe Jenison of Sanborne, Iowa visited with friends and relatives in this neighborhood on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Several young people of this vicinity attended a masquerade dance in Goodell last Friday evening. All report a very pleasant time.

Geo. P. Hardwick, who has had charge of this vicinity for the county agent in the relief drive for the near East, reports the following contributions:

Wm. Barry, cash	$ 3.00
Geo. Kalkwarf, 30 bu. corn	12.47
Farmers Elev. Co.	5.00
Geo. Hardwick	6.53
Total	$27.00
Telephone expense	$ 2.00
Account sent forward	$25.00

Mr. Hardwick will be glad to forward any amounts given to the county agent.

Belmond Local News

The Independent was able to be of service last week Wednesday to the Kanawha Reporter, whose linotype went on the blink the day before.

—I—

L. L. Putnam of the sugar company has been in the east the past week on business.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy.

—I—

The farmer who takes pride in his farm, wants every appearance to be of the best. Printed letter heads and envelopes containing the name of the place and the proprietor's name, add distinction to any business. Ask the Independent for styles and prices.

—I—

Howard Wolle was a visitor at the town of Klemme one day last week where he visited with friends.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Menno Frohling of near here acted as best man and bridesmaid for Hilko Pals and Ellen Schulte, at the marriage of the latter at Alexander last week.

—I—

Dick Kenefick was an over Sunday visitor at the home of his son-in-law at Crystal Lake, near Forest City.

—I—

Henry Steinlicht spent last Saturday at Kanawha visiting with friends and attending to business matters.

—I—

For Sale—About 25 bushel of timothy seed. $3.50 per bushel. Phone 816, Rowan.—Nathan Aldrich. 92*

—I—

The Masonic lodge held a very interesting meeting on last week Tuesday evening.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright county
April Term, A. D. 1921.
H. A. Koefed, Plaintiff,
vs
Fred Staehle,
Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.
The Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc, Garnishee.
To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of sixty-six and eight-one-hundred dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1920, for fresh, salt, and smoked meats, together with other merchandise sold and delivered to you during the year of 1920, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family; that plaintiff has filed his bond asking that a writ of attachment issue against your goods, chattels, credits and property; that said bond has been approved; said writ granted; and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc., attached as garnishee.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Clarion on the fourth day of April A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Belmond Local News

J. N. Morgan of Algona was a business visitor here on last week Thursday.

—I—

The grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lynch, who are visiting at the Lynch home, all have the measles, wich has prevented their moter, Mrs. Winey of Spencer, from returning home when they had planned.

—I—

For Sale—Cutter, almost new. Inquire at this office. tf

—I—

L. B. Miller of Kanawha was a caller in this city on last week Thursday.

—I—

D. G. Netty of Nevada, Iowa, was among the business callers in this city last week.

—I—

Lost—Eversharp lead pencil. Finder return to this office. Reward.

—I—

Helen Williams of Dows who has been employed in this place returned to her home on last week Saturday.

—I—

Albert Michelson of Kanawha was a business caller in this city on last Wednesday.

—I—

For Sale—Several desirable residence lots. Inquire of D. L. Rankins.

—I—

Henry Luick spent last week Wednesday and Thursday at Goodell, visiting relatives and friends.

—I—

Lost—Pair of spectacles, in case. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward. Lost in or near the Lyric theatre.

—I—

Mrs. M. E. Hoover of Algona has been visiting the past week at the home of friends in this place.

—I—

H. Barnett of Hampton was a caller here one day last week attending to business affairs.

—I—

Joie Jenison of Sanborn, Iowa, was the guest of relatives here one day last week.

—I—

J. S. Dinwoodi of Nora Springs was among the business callers here last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boller were guests at Goodell one day last last week.

—I—

For Sale—Well matched team of buckskin driving poines, broke to all harness and saddle. Three and four years old. Also a team of well matched blacks, four and seven years old, well broke. A bargain for quick sale. —Inquire of Roy Guest, Phone 3518. 72*

—I—

19c sale at the Belmond Variety Store this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

—I—

Roy Carlston of Kanawha was a visitor with friends here on last week Tuesday.

—I—

Miss Tillie Coy, who has been helping her aunt, Mrs. Collins, for some time past, went to Alden on Friday for a visit with friends and relatives.

—I—

M. F. Gurbrall of Clarion attended to business matters here one day last week.

—I—

FOR SALE—Gray reed baby carriage. Inquire of Mrs. Lee W. Stacy.

—I—

Henry Stapley is spending a few days visiting at the home of relatives

—I—

Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerals for sale. Phone 2210. H.L. Bamford.

—I—

Two tractors for rent for belt work. Inquire Nordschow Motor Co.

—I—

19c sale at the Belmond Variety Store this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. I. Shaffer was a caller at Dows last week Wednesday.

—I—

Miss Addie Larsen and Miss Edith Benson of Alexander were shoppers in this city one day last week.

—I—

Geo. Stoffer of Alexander was a business caller in this city on last week Saturday.

—I—

C. W. Lamer of Goodell was a business caller here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Marvin Christie of this city and her father, Mr. Patrick of Kanawha, together with her sister Mrs. Bamford of Kanawha departed for first of the week for Kellog, Iowa, to attend the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Burbank, which was held on Tuesday. The party expect to return this week Thursday.

—I—

Herman Traeger is engaged in tearing down the Farmers Elevator company's old building at the M. & St. L. tracks. He expects to use the lumber on his farm.

—I—

19c sale at the Belmond Variety Store this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

—I—

Bernold Kinseth spent Sunday at Alexander visiting old friends, where he formerly resided.

—I—

L. B. Miller of Kanawha is a new employee at the Carlston & Skovlin store.

—I—

Miss Oranna Kinseth visited with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Bohlen at Alexander last week.

—I—

Miss Mamie Nelson spent the week end at Olaf visiting with friends.

—I—

Mrs. Ralph Stanberry of Mason City accompanied her mother Mrs. H. J. Klemme on their trip to California last week.

—I—

Clara Lewis went to Clarion the first of the week to be in attendance at the Teigland-Lewis wedding near there.

—I—

Arthur Lowenberg of Goodell was a business caller here last week.

—I—

19c sale at the Belmond Variety Store this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Sorenson and Chester were in Mason City last week Monday, where they attended to some business matters and visited relatives.

—I—

Harold Bettin, son of D. Bettin of the Case hotel, arrived last week to remain with his father and help him in the hotel work. Mr. Bettin was in the tank corps as a mechanic in the army, saw active service overseas and liked the life so well that he signed up for another year after his discharge. His year was up on January 1, and after a visit at other points he came here to join his folks, where he expects to remain.

—I—

Ed. Lathrop was a business caller last week at Kansas City. Thru an error last week it was mentioned in the Independent that it was Mrs. Lathrop.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harbison are the happy parents of a fine baby girl who arrived at their home on last week Thursday. A nurse from Algona is in attendance.

—I—

Carlton Johnson of Kanawha was a Belmond caller on last week Friday, attending to some business affairs.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Pfaltzgraff went to Dumont on last week Wednesday to spend the week end with relatives, returning the first of this week.

—I—

R. N. Reuber of Klemme was in town on business on last week Thursday.

—I—

Robert Lucas of Lewistown, Montana, was a business caller here one day last week.

—I—

Harold Rikansrud of Kanawha was a guest last week Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson of this city.

—I—

C. K. McNabb of Britt was a business visitor in this city on last week Thursday.

—I—

The high school basket ball team met defeat at the hands of the school team from Dows last week, in a fast game played at that place.

—I—

Miss Edna Rubendall of Dows was a caller here one day last week, attending to business matters.

—I—

Parties are known who have "Buster," a brown and white Fox terrier, shut up, and they will save themselves considerable trouble by releasing him at once. 92*

—I—

All those who are invited to a surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. John Kalvig be sure and come!

—I—

Father Torpey of Clarion was a visitor the first of the week with Father Eardley of this place.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Brady and little son Roger returned from Mason City on Saturday, where they had been spending the past week at the Chas. Deitz home.

—I—

Little Veona Galloway, who has been very ill the past week with a combination of scarlet fever and diptheria, is reported as being much improved.

Miss Nell Delaney spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Delaney.

—I—

Mrs. A. Axen of Cornelia was a passenger to Mason City on last week Thursday.

—I—

Father Eardley and the Geo. Brady family spent Sunday at the Frank Barry home east of town.

—I—

Lyon Huntley of Clarion was a visitor at this place on last week Saturday.

—I—

Leslie Reed of Alexander was a business caller in this city on last week Saturday.

—I—

Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerals for sale. Phone 2210.—H. L Bamford. 92*

—I—

C. P. Wheaton of Mason City was a caller here over Sunday of this week.

—I—

Atty W. E. Bullard is in attendance at the district court at Clarion this week.

—I—

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield of Fort Dodge was a visitor with old friends in Belmond several days last week, and also attending to business affairs. She was formerly a resident of this place for many years.

—I—

Mrs. Elmer Spears was a visitor the first of the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

—I—

H. G. Goslin of Clarion was a visitor here on Sunday of this week.

—I—

Claude Elliott, who has been employed at the sugar factory for the past three months, went to Waterloo on Monday for a short visit at the home of his sister.

—I—

Joe Courtney returned the first of the week from Ottumwa, where he has been visiting the past two weeks or so.

—I—

A party consisting of Louis Henrickson, Carl Johnson and Lars Johnson, all of Boone, visited with friends here over Sunday.

—I—

Lois Kastler of Clarion was a business caller here on Saturday of last week.

—I—

Lee Lounberg is ill with scarlet fever at the home of his uncle here, Herman Wenzel.

—I—

Bert Butterfield was a guest of his brother at Mason City on last week Friday.

—I—

Adolph Wenzel of Meservey was a visitor with his parents one day last week.

—I—

J. N. Johnson of Kanawha was a visitor here on last Friday attending to some business affairs.

Notice!

Big Type Duroc Jersey Sale

FEBRUARY 18, 1921

E. G. Reed and Son and George Thompson will offer, at Belmond, on February 18, one of the finest lot of Big Type

Registered Duroc Jersey Bred Sows and Gilts

ever shown in this territory. Watch for further particulars

SCHOOL NOTES

This week will be given to reviews and semester examinations. Some pupils are beginning to realize that it is better to get their lessons every day rather than depend upon semester examinations.

The Normal Training examinations will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week in Room 35. Any Normal Training graduate may write at this time to raise certificate grades if they wish to do so.

Last Frday the basket ball team journeyed to Dows, where they met defeat. Our teams were not used to playing on a small floor with low ceilings. However, we expect to record a different story when Dows comes to Belmond, February 18.

Don't forget the men's community night which is held in the gym every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30. Come out and enjoy the evening with us. Volley ball, indoor base ball and other games will give you a chance to enjoy yourself. Tennis or gym shoes or rubbers are needed to play on the floor.

Last Friday evening the second number of the Lyceum course was given. The weather was anything but pleasant, but a good audience greeted the Bonnie Brook company and enjoyed the entertainment. Miss Brooke had a number of selections which she might have given had the audience encored. Don't be afraid to applaud the talent if you are pleased with their efforts.

The last number of the Lyceum course will be given February 7th. This number will be the Laurant company. Laurant is a magician and known among the Redpath talent as the Man of Mystery. Laurant has been with the Redpath bureau over ten years and comes to us guaranteed to please any who wish magic and mystery.

Mrs. Frank Baldridge and Mrs. Dull were kindergarten visitors last Friday afternoon.

A third of first grade's enrollment has been absent the past week due to colds and measles.

The public declamatory contest will be held in the auditorium on January 26, at 8:00 o'clock. Every one should plan to attend this program. Tickets 25 and 35 cents.

PROGRAM

Music —Girls Double Quartette.

Oratorical

The Voice of Armenia .... William Chase.
The New South .... Teddy Johnson.
The Challenge of Americanism .... David Luick.
Message of Flanders Fields .... William Vestweber.
Piano solo—Magdelene Johnson.

Dramatic

The Death Disk .... Ennis Allen.
The Wheels of Time .. Nellie Murphy
Gallipeau .... Leona Smith.
Vocal duet—Helen Enger, Leona Rierson.

Humorous

Cohan on the Telephone .... Irving Madsen
A Morning Call .. Elaine Rierson.
A Knight Without Reproach .... Wilma Thompson.
Richard's Practicing .. Ruth Tiara.
Piano duet—Doris Bailey, Helen Hildebrand.

(Bring this program with you.)

The debating team consisting of William Chase, Olive Butts and Teddy Johnson, went to Storm Lake on January 14. The Storm Lake team of experienced debaters defeated the Belmond team, but the home team were a credit to their school and have gained some valuable experience that they can use in the next debate. Belmond high school is out to make a name for herself in all lines of student activities.

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Lyric

George Hake, Prop

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

BOOKING NOT RECEIVED

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

"A Sister to Salome"

A Fox picture featuring

Gladys Brockwell

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

"The Scuttlers"

A Fox picture featuring

Wm. Farnum

An absorbing and sensational story of the sea. William Fox, the producer, must have gone to great expense to put this story on the screen. A 250-foot ship is used for most of the scenes, and this vessel is sunk far out n the Pacific, after a series of dramatic incidents that are gripping in the extreme.

The story is that of a man who is hired to ship as a sailor in order to learn if the captain is guilty, as suspected, of scuttling his ships for the insurance. To avoid suspicion Farnum, as Jim Landers, allows himself to be shanghaied. He finds himself under a brutal first mate, and the mate at once shows that he dislikes Landers more than any one on board. The story passes from one thrill to another and holds the breathless interest of the audience from beginning to end.

15c and 30c

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

"Twins of Suffering Creek"

A Fox picture featuring

William Russell

Also a special Crisby comedy—KISS ME CAROLINE.

11c and 25c

MONDAY AND TUESDAY JAN. 24 & 25

"What Women Love"

A First National production featuring

Annette Kellerman

Annette Kellerman, known as the mermaid of the screen, and who is the greatest woman swimmer in the world, was threatened in her childhood with the life of an invalid. Thru her untiring energy and her love of the sea she gained the peak of womanly physical perfection, and today is one of the most beautiful figures on the screen.

Also a two-reel Harold Lloyd comedy — BUMPING INTO BROADWAY

15c and 30c

KLEMME BAND GETTING READY FOR SUMMER

Klemme Times: The members of the Klemme band met at the band rooms Monday evening for their annual meeting and the election of officers. Matters of business were talked over and a constitution and by-laws were read and to be adopted by the band at the next meeting, thereby completing the organization and putting the band on a firmer footing . A leader will be located and band rehearsals will begin in a week or two so that a good summer program can be lined up. The band had a hard struggle last year as they were all beginners but they are gradually being whipped into good shape and this summer the band will be able to give some high class entertainment.

CHARLEY PETERSON TELLS TALE OF ROAD SHOWS

The following article is from the Hampton Chronicle, and is by a former Belmond resident, Charles Peterson, who managed the Lyric theatre for several years. Charley is a showman from the ground up, and knows the business thoroly. What he says carries weight. The article reads:

The present rail situation in this country is giving theatrical managers no end of concern. Charles Peterson, manager of the Windsor theatre, stated today that big shows are being forced from the road nearly every day because of the great increase in railroad rates. In prewar days, when the two-cent-per mile rate was in force, a baggage car could be secured for fiteen tickets. Now it costs three cents and even more per mile and takes from 25 to 40 tickets to secure a car.

Iowa, in common with many other states, is fighting the 3.6 rate within the state, altho it has gone into effect for interstate travel. Mr. Peterson says that the entire future of the one-night stand theatre depends upon some adjustment of the rate of travel for theatrical companies; that unless some help is had soon, hundreds of theatres will be forced to close and will be converted into some other business. The producing managers and theatre interests of the country have appeared before the interstate commerce commission a number of tims and asked for hearing, but thus far without success.

"Some of the roads in the east are said to have been willing to make some concessions, but those of the west are not willing to make any change whatever in their rates," said Mr. Peterson. "The roads of the west are going on the theory that the shows will travel, no matter what the rates are, but they are due for an awakening.

"Another disturbing element in the present situation is the advance in wages given to the actor, the stage employee and the musician, together with the other increases have been granted, and altho seats for first class attractions are selling at the very highest figure ever known and business is good, many of the theatres and nearly all of the one-night stand and week stand companies are losing money. There must be very general reduction in operating expenses or a very general increase in admission charge.

"Not alone should the theatre managers look upon these railroad fare increases with concern, but also should the general public. The merchant who has much out of town patronage will find that with every increase his trading radius will be cut down or that he will be called upon to make greater inducements to those from a distance. The business man who has got to go to market often finds that his traveling expenses have gone up a great deal. Everyone is affected and increases increases are being put into effect in transportation almost daily, while all other things are on the decline. The merchant, the worker, the farmer and the manufacturer are all taking their losses, but the railroads, under the protecting wing of the interstate commerce commission, are still advancing their rates."

NEWSPAPER RATES TO STAND

Deflation is now in full swing in the United States. Pyramid prices are giving away before marked public resistance. The newspaper industry, however, is one in which there can be no radical revision in prices, for the very good reason that newspaper service to both reading public and advertiser has been underpaid and undervalued for many years. During the war, and since, newspaper prices have advanced as a last resort under circumstances over which publishers have had no control.

It is but honest and fair to state in this connection that there has been no profiteering by newspaper publishers, but, on the contrary, public service of the first order most under most unusual and extraordinary interference by the government.

There can be no reduction today in newspaper rates, neither to the reader or advertiser—in fact in many instances there must be still further advances in subscription and advertising rates to cover increases in cost since October 1st, in labor and materials.

Truth is, the hazards of newspaper publishing are so great, the lure to exceptional and expensive public service so enticing and competition so keen, that it is practically impossible to accumulate needed reserves and necessary betterments, to say nothing of adequate managerial compensation, dividends, etc., says Editor and Publisher.

Since 1914, the principal factors in newspaper making, organized labor and news print, have increased in cost 498 percent, while in the same period retail prices have increased approximately 150 percent; advertising rates 180 percent—a total of 330 percent, leaving a balance of 168 per cent in actual increased costs of production that has been absorbed by reduction in pages and other economies.

These figures do not include non-union labor increases, which have been in almost equal proportion, or a multitude of all kinds of tax items.

Deflation is now the order of the day in practically every business except that of newspaper-making. Prices must come down, but newspaper prices must never again be permitted to fall to the old cut-throat level that prevailed prior to 1914.

From the standpoint of production costs—labor and news print—the newspaper publishing business will be unchanged in 1921 over 1920. There is no tendency to lower wage scales and in all probability news print will continue to sell on contracts at the same average as in 1920, if not ten per cent higher.

There can be no lowering of rates either to subscriber or advertiser. The newspaper businesss is today on a more solid basis than ever before in its history and it must be kept there. In some cases, as we have said, further increases in revenues will be necessary to meet the new standards. As a matter of fact since October 1st, over three hundred newspapers have raised advertising rates on an average of about twenty-five percent. It may be necessary for other papers to follow this lead, in spite of general price declines.

In the meantime, it is the duty of every publisher in America to take stock in order that he may present a logical dollar and cents reason why for his prevailing schedule of rates, instead of some sentimental reason which was the rule some years ago and which, it is hoped, has been driven out of newspaper and advertising business for all time.

Just as an example of the above, when the Independent started in business in Belmond fourteen months ago, its first purchase of news print cost six cents a pound—last week a ton was finally delivered, at eleven cents a pound, nearly double what was paid a little over a year ago. Fourteen cents was the price last spring, showing a decline of three cents in a year. The Independent's subscription price is the same and the advertising rates the same as when print was six cents.

MANY ACCIDENTS ON CROSSINGS IN PAST YEAR

The safety of motor cars, trucks and other vehicles on the highways of the country and especially the dangers to their occupants at railroad grade crossings and on the bridges and culverts, is one of the subjects that will receive a great deal of attention at the American Good Roads Congress and National Good Roads Show to be held at the Coliseum in Chicago, February 9 to 12 next.

The congress and show will be held under the auspices of the American Road Builders Association, which includes in its membership the highway officials of the national government and those of the states, counties, cities and townships in the United States and Canada, together with highway engineers, users of road materials and highwaay transportation equipment.

It is estimated that there are about 400,000 bridges of more than five-foot span in the United States. According to Willis Whited, bridge engineer of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, it is probable that more than 80 percent of these are unable to carry a thoroly modern truck with an ample margin of safety. A majority of the bridges consist of a single span of wooden stringers with plank floors. Better construction and inspection of these bridges is one of the advances which members of the American Road Builders Association are advocating and it is likely that a vigorous campaign will be inaugurated at the Chicago good roads meeting with those ends in view. Engineers, like Mr. Whited, believe that the smaller bridges of the country will, for the most part, have to be rebuilt and the floors of the larger ones will have to be strengthened. Truck traffic, they say, is growing constantly heavier, and the limit is not in sight.

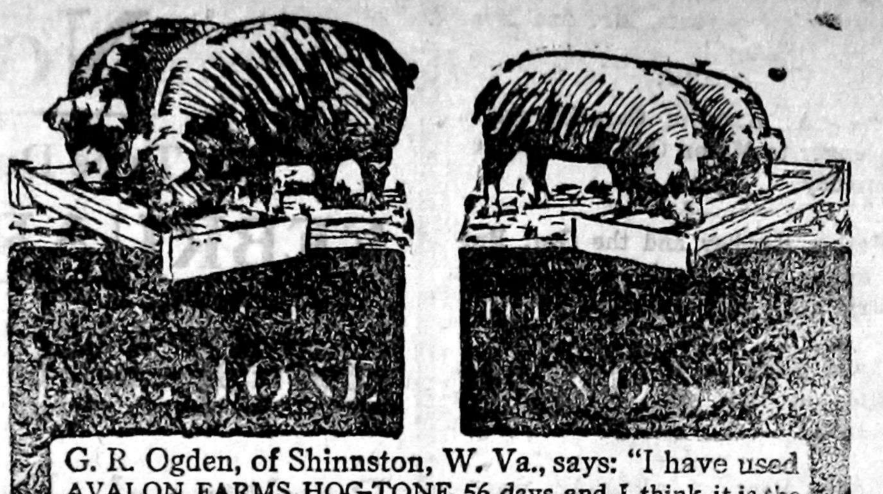
The constantly increasing number of grade crossing accidents, too, is a subject that is expected to cause considerble discussion at Chicago in connection with the growing demand for the elimination of grade crossings. Automobile accidents of one kind or another on the public highways killed 7,969 persons in 1919 according to the census of figures for 1920 covering the census bureau's registration area, which embraces 80 per cent of the country's population. A total of 3,808 deaths occured on the streets of the 66 largest cities of the country.

The deaths in 1919 from automobile accidents in the registration area showed an increase of 444 over those of 1918.

The enormous amount of automobile traffic on American roads and the consequent increase in liability to accident will be realized when it is considered that there are now 8,000,000 automobiles registered in the United States. In 1906 the number was only 48,000 an average of 1,000 to the state. In 1914, the number grew to 1,700,000. Twenty-five million Americans are now using motor cars. The actual vehicle-mile use of the roads, it is estimated, has increased more than 500 per cent in the rural districts and 1000 per cent in those near the large centers of population. There are 2,500,000 miles of rural highways in the United States and 40,000,000 automobiles tires are now an annual necessity.

The Chicago meeting promises to be one of the greatest in point of attendance and in results ever held in the history of the good roads movement. The governments of the several states and terrorities of this country and Canada as well as the mayors of two thousand cities have been asked to appoint official delegates to the meeting. In some instances governors and mayors will head their delegations in person. Seven thousand road and street contractors and thousands of army, automotive and chemical engineers, agriculturists, editors, bankers, motorists and large users of trucks, as well as officials of boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other organizations interested in road and street improvement, have been invited to attend. The congress also will be open to any and all persons interested in improving the highways of the country.

Wanted—Good clean rags, cotton, and of fair size. Will pay fifteen cents a pound for what we want. Bring them to the Independent office.



G. R. Ogden, of Shinnston, W. Va., says: "I have used AVALON FARMS HOG-TONE 56 days and I think it is the best medicine I ever used. I have two pigs 4 months and 3 days old that weigh 360 pounds, one 6 pounds heavier than the other. They are 100 pounds heavier than my neighbor's 2 of the same litter and feed."

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GOODELL

Mrs. Thos. Hamilton was a Klemme visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Ahrenkeil visited friends at Garner a couple of days last week.

Owen Conwell was a Hampton caller on Tuesday.

A car derailment caused a delay of train No. 820 of about three hours here last Tuesday, due to making a flying switch.

The Farmers Elevator company is improving the road leading to the elevator by graveling from main street to the elevator.

Barney Vance has moved his household goods from his shop to the property owned by J. C. Raph, west of the hotel.

Lloyd Cline went to Mason City on Wednesday to receive treatment at the Park hospital.

C. W. Lamer transacted business at Belmond on Wednesday.

Geo. Ruka was a Belmond visitor on Wednesday.

M. J. Kernan was a Garner visitor on Thursday.

Word has been received in Goodell that Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doty have returned to the states. Rev. and Mrs. Doty were stationed at San Fernando, Philipine Islands, as missionaries from the United Brethern church.

Ernest Nolte of Clear Lake was a business caller here last week.

Mrs. J. D. Bachman enjoyed a visit from her sister of Forest City on last Wednesday.

Henry Luick of Belmond was visiting friends and relatives here on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. R. Estl is reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boller of Belmond were visitors in Goodell on Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Heginger was a Belmond visitor on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lamer are enjoying a visit from their daughter of Fort Dodge this week.

Thomas. Cashman of Polo, Illinois, is visiting relatives and friends here and also looking after farm interests the last of the week.

Mrs. A. N. Ahrenkeil visited relatives at Klemme on Saturday.

Jno. Nolte transacted business at Belmond on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Ahrenkeil visited relatives at Belmond on last Saturday.

Charles Burkitt left Wednesday for Hampton where he was operated on for appendicitis. At this writing he is getting along as well as could be expected.

The masquerade dance held last Friday evening was well attended. Everybody reported a good time. The music was furnished by the Noite Bros.

Carl Engeseth will have a general clearance sale lasting eleven days.

Arthur Lowenberg was at Belmond on Monday.

SNARL STREET

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens departed for Chicago where he will undergo an operation at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings are doing the work for Carl Steffens during his absence.

Garnette Stumph, of Rowan is getting over the measles just fine.

Chas. Keith has been having tonsilitis and it was necessary to have his throat lanced.

Harold Gates and J. E. Miller were Rowan callers Saturday.

Herb Hadley shelled corn Friday and Saturday.

Carl Jacobs received the sad news of the death of a sister-in-law, Mrs. George Jacobs, of Deep River.

Several on the street attended the sale of Al Abels.

Percy Smith is doing the work for his uncle, Alex Smith, of Belmond. He has the la grippe.

John Smith and Earl Patton attended the Farmers Union at Des Moines, Monday.

OLAF

Miss Mamie Nelson, of Belmond spent from Friday until Monday visiting at the Henry Linn home.

The Farmers Elevator Co. have been very busy the last few days. They took in 15,000 bushels of shelled corn in five days, besides quite a few oats.

Roy Lee, while hunting rats with a rifle, accidentally shot himself thru the face. He is getting along nicely, altho the wound is quite painful.

Alma Ericson entertained a company of friends at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Blanche Tegland who became a bride, Monday. Anyone who has ever entertained at this hospitable home knows what a good time everyone had.

M. E. Benson holds a public sale Friday.

Among those who have shelled corn lately are F. Allen, R. Tendall, Olaf Peterson, Eliason estate, J. C. Johnson and Clarence Scott.

Clarence Scott will go to Rochester Wednesday to take treatment for scalp trouble.

Julius Oleson visited last week with relatives and friends at Marshall, Minnesota.

Irene Baker returned to her home at Belmond after helping Mrs. Orpha Anderson for two weeks.

Geo. Baxter took in a carload of hogs Monday for some of the farmers.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Oscar Hanson and Jessie Shurson, who are to be married on Thursday, January 20.

CORNELIA

The David Huntley home was a scene of merriment and festivity on Friday evening of last week, when their friends and neighbors gave them a farewell party. Mr. and Mrs. Huntley moved to Clarion to make their home. May their future be prosperous is the good wishes of their friends.

Lynn Huntley was a Clarion visitor Thursday evening.

Leon Lathrop departed for Kansas City, expecting to remain in the city a week taking in the sights.

Mrs. A. M. Axen and daughter, Geralda visited relatives in Mason City Thursday.

Coburn and Burt shelled corn for W. Kelling the first of the week.

Al Abels held a closing out sale Thursday, which was a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Traeger entertained Mrs. Traeger's sisters, Misses Lois and Agnes Reed Sunday at dinner.

Owen Mattinger was a caller at the Kastler home Sunday evening.

Art Leonard's family are having a tussle of chicken pox and measles.

Ase Legge visited south of Clarion Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair McDermott visited the parental home over Sunday. Miss June Lathrop, Mrs. McDermott's sister returned with them. Miss June has been visiting with her sister the past two weeks.

Howard Wooden was a business caller in Cornelia last week.

Lynn Huntley and Louis Kastler attended the dance at Belmond Saturday evening.

Miss Ruby Sheahan visited at the Wilson home Sunday.

Mr. Ely and a couple of other gentlemen came out from Clarion Saturday and pumped water from the lake to keep the fish from freezing.

Ed Burt visited over Sunday with the family at Clarion.

Bill Huntley and Pete Kastler made another business trip to Belmond Sunday.

MOONSHINE STILL RAIDED NEAR DOWS

Hampton Recorder: Federal agent Healey of Fort Dodge, accompanied by Sheriff A. B. Atkinson and Deputy Sheriff A. P. Millet, made a raid on the rural home of G. A. Benkendork, two miles east of Dows in Morgan township, last week and captured the first moonshine whiskey still to be found in Franklin county. The officers destroyed twenty gallons of mash but only obtained about a pint of the finished product.

Mr. Benkendorf was not at home at the time of the raid, being absent on a visit to Illinois, but as it is against the law to have a still in one's possession, unless it is duly registered, in which case it may only be used legally in distilling water, he will be dealt with upon his return home by either the state or federal government.

Members of the family declare that Mr Benkendork made the still himself and had only used the liquor for home consumption, which Mr. Healey says is the usual plea. It is a good guess that Mr. Benkendorf upon his return to Iowa will be summoned to Fort Dodge and while there will be called upon to pay the usual fine assessed in such cases.

DESCENT OF MAN

Little Girl—Teacher said today that our ancestors away back were monkeys.

Mother—You don't believe that, do you?

"Well, I don't know much about it, but I told the teacher that maybe it wasn't so far back either, ' cause I heard dad say that you had made a monkey out of him."

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

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read the mountaineer's expression. It was all too plain: an undeniable look of disappointment.

The truth was that even in spite of all the Chamber of Commerce head had told him, Lennox had still hoped to find some image of the elder Dan Failing in the face and body of his grandson. Because of the thick glasses, Lennox could not see the young man's eyes; but he didn't think it likely they were at all like the eyes with which the elder Failing saw his way through the wilderness at night.

"You're Dan Failing's Grandson, Aren't You?"

Of course he was tall, just as the famous frontiersman had been, but while the elder weighed one hundred and ninety pounds, bone and muscle, this man did not touch one hundred and thirty. Evidently the years had brought degeneracy to the Failing clan. Lennox was desolated by the thought.

He helped Dan with his bag to a little wiry automobile that waited beside the station. They got into the two front seats, and a moment later were starting up the long, curved road that led to the Divide.

During the hour that they were crossing over the foothills, on the way to the big timber, Silas Lennox talked a great deal about the frontiersman that had been Dan's grandfather. A mountain man does not use profuse adjectives. He talks very simply and very straight, and often there are long silences between his sentences. Yet he conveys his ideas with entire clearness.

Dan realized at once that if he could be, in Lennox's eyes, one-fifth of the man his grandfather had been, he would never have to fear again the look of disappointment with which his host had greeted him at the station. But instead of reaching that high place, he had only—death. He knew what his destiny was in these quiet hills. And it was true that he began to have secret regrets that he had come. But it wasn't that he was disappointed in the land that was opening up before him. It fulfilled every promise. His sole reason for regrets lay in the fact that now the whole mountain world would know of the decay that had come upon his people. Perhaps it would have been better to have left them to their traditions.

He had never dreamed that the fame of his grandfather had spread so far. For the first ten miles Dan listened to stories—legends of a cold nerve that simply could not be shaken; of a powerful, tireless physique; of moral and physical strength that was seemingly without limit. Then, as the foothills began to give way to the higher ridges, and the shadow of the deeper forests fell upon the narrow, brown road, there began to be long gaps in the talk. And soon they rode in utter silence, evidently both of them absorbed in their own thoughts.

Dan did not feel oppressed at all. He merely seemed to fall into the spirit of the woods, and no words came to his lips. Every mile was an added delight to him. Not even wine could have brought a brighter sparkle to his eyes. He had begun to experience a vague sort of excitement, an emotion that was almost kin to exultation, over the constant stir and movement of the forest life. Once, as they stopped the car to refill the radiator from a mountain stream, Lennox looked at him with sudden curiosity. "You are getting a thrill out of this, aren't you?" he asked wonderingly.

It was a curious tone. Perhaps it was a hopeful tone, too. He spoke as if he hardly understood.

"A thrill!" Dan echoed. He spoke as a man speaks in the presence of some great wonder. "Good Heavens. I never saw anything like it in my life."

"In this very stream," the mountaineer told him joyously, "you may occasionally catch trout that weigh three pounds."

But as he got back into the car the look of interest died out of Lennox's eyes. Of course any man would be somewhat excited by his first glimpse of the wilderness. It was not that he had inherited any of the traits of his grandfather. It was absurd to hope that he had. And he would soon get tired of the silences and want to go back to his cities. He told his thought—that it would all soon grow old to him; and Dan turned almost in anger.

"You don't know," he said. "I didn't know myself, how I would feel about it. I'm never going to leave the hills again."

"You don't mean that."

"But I do." He tried to speak further, but he coughed instead. "But I couldn't if I wanted to. That cough tells you why, I guess."

"You mean to say—" Silas Lennox turned in amazement. "You mean that you're a—a goner? That you've given up hope of recovering?"

"That's the impression I meant to convey. I've got a little over four months—though I don't see that I'm any weaker than I was when the doctor said I had six months. Those four will take me all through the fall and the early winter. And I hope you won't feel that you've been imposed upon—to have a dying man on your hands."

"It isn't that." Silas Lennox threw his car into gear and started up the long grade. And he drove clear to the top of it and into another glen before he spoke again. Then he pointed to what looked to Dan like a brown streak that melted into the thick brush. "That was a deer," he said slowly. "Just a glimpse, but your grandfather could have got him between the eyes. Most like as not, though, he'd have let him go. He never killed except when he needed meat. But that—as you say—ain't the impression I'm trying to convey."

He seemed to be groping for words.

"What is it, Mr. Lennox?" Dan asked.

"Instead of being sorry, I'm mighty glad you've come," Lennox told him. "It's not that I expect you to be like your grandfather. You haven't had his chance. But it's always the way of true men, the world over, to come back to their own kind to die. That deer we just saw—he's your people, and so are all these ranchers that grub their lives out of the forests—they are your people, too. And you couldn't have pleased the old man's old friends any better, or done more for his memory, than to come back to his own land for your last days."

The words were strange, yet Dan intuitively understood. It was as if a prodigal son had returned at last, and although his birthright was squandered and he came only to die, the people of his home would give him kindness and forgiveness, even though they could not give him their respect.

CHAPTER III.

The Lennox home was a typical mountain ranch-house—square, solid, comforting in storm and wind. Bill was out to the gate when the car drove up. He was a son of his father, a strong man in body and personality. He too had heard of the elder Failing, and he opened his eyes when he saw the slender youth that was his grandson. And he led the way into the white-walled living room.

"You must be chilly and worn out from the long ride," Lennox suggested quietly. He spoke in the tone a strong man invariably uses toward an invalid. Dan felt a curious resentment at the words.

"I'm not cold," he said. "It's hardly dark yet. I'd sooner go outdoors and look around."

The elder man regarded him curiously, perhaps with the faintest glimmer of admiration. "You'd better wait

"You'd Better Wait Till Tomorrow, Dan."

till tomorrow, Dan," he replied. "Bill will have supper soon, anyway. You don't want to overdo too much, right at first."

"But, good heavens! I'm not going to try to spare myself while I'm here? It's too late for that."

"Of course—but sit down now, anyway. I'm sorry that Snowbird isn't here."

"Snowbird is—"

"My daughter. My boy, she can make a biscuit! That's not her name, of course, but we've always called her that. She got tired of keeping house and is working this summer. Poor Bill has to keep house for her, and no wonder he's eager to take the stock down to the lower levels. I only wish he hadn't brought 'em up this spring at all; I've lost dozens from the coyotes."

"But a coyote can't kill cattle—"

"It can if it has hydrophobia, a common thing in the varmints this time of year. But as I say, Bill will take the stock down next season, and then Snowbird's work will be through, and she'll come back here."

"Then she's down in the valley?"

"Far from it. She's a mountain girl if one ever lived. Perhaps you don't know the recent policy of the forest service to hire women when they can be obtained. It was a policy started in war times and kept up now because it is economical and efficient. She and a girl from college have a cabin not five miles from here on old Bald mountain, and they're doing lookout duty."

Dan wondered intensely what lookout duty might be. "You see, Dan," Lennox said in explanation, "the government loses thousands of dollars every year by forest fire. A fire can be stopped easily if it is seen soon after it starts. But let it burn awhile, in this dry season, and it's a terror—a wall of flame that races through the forests and can hardly be stopped. And maybe you don't realize how enormous this region is—literally hundreds of miles across. We're the last outpost—there are four cabins, if you can find them, in the first seventy miles back to town. So they have to put lookouts on the high points, and now they're coming to the use of airplanes so they can keep even a better watch. Snowbird and a girl friend from college got jobs this summer as lookouts—all through the forest service they are hiring women for the work. They are more vigilant than men, less inclined to take chances, and work cheaper. These two girls have a cabin near a spring, and they cook their own food, and are making what is big wages in the mountains. I'm rather hoping she'll drop over for a few minutes tonight."

"Good Lord—does she travel over these hills in the darkness?"

The mountaineer laughed—a delighted sound that came somewhat curiously from the bearded lips of the stern, dark man. "Dan, I'll swear she's afraid of nothing that walks the face of the earth—and it isn't because she hasn't had experience either. She's a dead shot with a pistol, for one thing. She's physically strong, and every muscle is hard as nails. She used to have Shag, too—the best dog in all these mountains. She's a mountain girl, I tell you; whoever wins her has got to be able to tame her!" The mountaineer laughed again.

The call to supper came then, and Dan got his first sight of mountain food. There were potatoes, newly dug, mountain vegetables that were crisp and cold, a steak of peculiar shape, and a great bowl of purple berries to be eaten with sugar and cream. Dan's appetite was not as a rule particularly good. But evidently the long ride had affected him. He simply didn't have the moral courage to refuse when the elder Lennox heaped his plate.

"Good heavens, I can't eat all that," he said, as it was passed to him. But the others laughed and told him to take heart.

He took heart. It was a singular thing, but at that first bite his sudden confidence in his gustatory ability almost overwhelmed him. So he cut himself a bite of the tender steak—fully half as generous as the bites that Bill was consuming across the table. And its first flavor simply filled him with delight.

"What is this meat?" he asked. "I've certainly tasted it before."

"I'll bet a few dollars that you haven't, if you've lived all your life in the Middle West," Lennox answered. "Maybe you've got what the scientists call an inherited memory of it. It's the kind of meat your grandfather used to live on—venison."

Soon after dinner Lennox led him out of the house for his first glimpse of the hills in the darkness.

They walked together out to the gate, across the first of the wide pastures where, at certain seasons, Lennox kept his cattle; and at last they came out upon the tree-covered ridge. The moon was just rising. They could see it casting a curious glint over the very tips of the pines. But it couldn't get down between them. They stood too close, too tall and thick for that. And for a moment, Dan's only sensation was one of silence.

"You have to stand still a moment, to really know anything," Lennox told him.

They both stood still. Dan was as motionless as that day in the park, long weeks before, when the squirrel had climbed on his shoulder. The first effect was a sensation that the silence was deepening around them. It wasn't really true. It was simply that he had become aware of the little continuous sounds of which usually he was unconscious, and they tended to accentuate the hush of the night. He knew, just as all mountaineers know, that the wilderness about him was stirring and pulsing with life. Some of the sounds were quite clear—an occasional stir of a pebble or the crack of a twig, and some, like the faintest twitching of leaves in the brush not ten feet distant, could only be guessed at.

"What is making the sounds?" he asked.

He didn't know it, at the time, but Lennox turned quickly toward him. It wasn't that the question had surprised the mountaineer. Rather it was the tone in which Dan had spoken. It was perfectly cool, perfectly self-contained.

"The one right close is a chipmunk. I don't know what the others are; no one ever does know. Perhaps ground squirrels, or rabbits, or birds, and maybe one of those harmless old black bears who is curious about the house. And tell me—can you smell anything—"

"Good Lord, Lennox! I can smell all kinds of things."

"I'm glad. Some men can't. No one can enjoy the woods if he can't smell. Part of the smells are of flowers, and part of balsam, and God only knows what the others are. They are just the wilderness—"

Dan could not only perceive the smells and sounds, but he felt that they were leaving an imprint on the very fiber of his soul. He knew one thing. He knew he could never forget this first introduction to the mountain night. The whole scene moved him in strange, deep ways in which he had never been stirred before; it left him exultant and, in deep wells of his nature far below the usual currents of excitement, a little excited too.

Then both of them were startled out of their reflections by the clear, unmistakable sound of footsteps on the ridge. Both of them turned, and Lennox laughed softly in the darkness. "My daughter," he said. "I knew she wouldn't be afraid to come."

Dan could see only Snowbird's outline at first, just her shadow against the moonlit hillside. His glasses were none too good at long range. And possibly, when she came within range, the first thing that he noticed about her was her stride. The girls he knew didn't walk in quite that free, strong way. She took almost a man-size step; and yet it was curious that she did not seem ungraceful. Dan had a distinct impression that she was floating down to him on the moonlight. She seemed to come with such unutterable smoothness. And then he heard her call lightly through the darkness.

The sound gave him a distinct sense of surprise. Some way, he hadn't associated a voice like this with a mountain girl; he had supposed that there would be so many harshening influences in this wild place. Yet the tone was as clear and full as a trained singer's. It was not a high voice; and yet it seemed simply brimming, as a cup brims with wine, with the rapture of life. It was a self-confident voice too, wholly unaffected and sincere, and wholly without embarrassment.

Then she came close, and Dan saw the moonlight on her face. And so it came about, whether in dreams or wakefulness, he could see nothing else for many hours to come.

The girl who stood in the moonlight had health. She was simply vibrant with health. It brought a light to her eyes, and a color to her cheeks, and life and shimmer to her moonlit hair. It brought curves to her body, and strength and firmness to her limbs, and the grace of a deer to her carriage. Whether she had regular features or not Dan would have been unable to state. He didn't even notice. They weren't important when health was present. Yet there was nothing of the coarse or bold or voluptuous about her. She was just a slender girl, perhaps twenty years of age, and weighing even less than the figure occasionally to be read in the health magazines for girls of her height. And she was fresh and cool beyond all words to tell.

And Dan had no delusions about her attitude toward him. For a long instant she turned her keen, young eyes to his white, thin face; and at once it became abundantly evident that beyond a few girlish speculations she felt no interest in him. After a single moment of rather strained, polite conversation with Dan—just enough to satisfy her idea of the conventions—she began a thrilling girlhood tale to her father. And she was still telling it when they reached the house.

Dan held a chair for her in front of the fireplace, and she took it with entire naturalness. He was careful to put it where the firelight was at its height. He wanted to see its effect on the flushed cheeks, the soft dark hair. And then, standing in the shadows, he

Standing in the Shadows, He Simply Watched Her.

simply watched her. With the eye of an artist he delighted in her gestures, her rippling enthusiasm, her utter irrepressible girlishness that all of time had not years enough to kill.

Bill stood watching her, his hands deep in his pockets, evidently a companion of the best. Her father gazed at her with amused tolerance. And Dan—he didn't know in just what way he did look at her. And he didn't have time to decide. In less than fifteen minutes, and wholly without warning, she sprang up from her chair and started toward the door.

"Good Lord!" Dan breathed. "If you make such sudden motions as that I'll have heart failure. Where are you going now?"

"Back to my watch," she answered, her tone wholly lacking the personal note which men have learned to expect in the voices of women. And an instant later the three of them saw her retreating shadow as she vanished among the pines.

Dan had to be helped to bed. The long ride had been too hard on his shattered lungs; and nerves and body collapsed an instant after the door was closed behind the departing girl. He laughed weakly and begged their pardon; and the two men were really very gentle. They told him it was their own fault for permitting him to overdo. Lennox himself blew out the candle in the big, cold bedroom.

Dan saw the door close behind him, and he had an instant's glimpse of the long sweep of moonlit ridge that stretched beneath the window. Then, all at once, seemingly without warning, it simply blinked out. Not until the next morning did he really know why. Insomnia was an old acquaintance of Dan's, and he had expected to have some trouble in getting to sleep. His only real trouble was waking up again when Lennox called him to breakfast. He couldn't believe that the light at his window shade was really that of morning.

"Good Heavens!" his host exploded. "You sleep the sleep of the just."

Dan was about to tell him that on the contrary he was a very nervous sleeper, but he thought better of it. Something had surely happened to his insomnia. The next instant he even forgot to wonder about it in the realization that his tired body had been wonderfully refreshed. He had no dread now of the long tramp up the ridge that his host had planned.

But first came target practice. In Dan's baggage he had a certain very plain but serviceable sporting rifle of about thirty-forty caliber—a gun that the information department of the large sporting-goods store in Gitcheapolis had recommended for his purpose. Except for the few moments in the store, Dan had never held a rifle in his hands. The first shot he hit the trunk of a five-foot pine at thirty paces.

"But I couldn't very well have missed it!" he replied to Lennox's cheer. "You see, I aimed at the middle—but I just grazed the edge."

The second shot was not so good, missing the tree altogether. And it was a singular thing that he aimed longer and tried harder on this shot than on the first. The third time he tried still harder, and made by far the worst shot of all.

"What's the matter?" he demanded. "I'm getting worse all the time."

Lennox didn't know for sure. But he made a long guess. "It might be beginner's luck," he said, "but I'm inclined to think you're trying too hard. Take it easier—depend more on your instincts."

Dan's reply was to lift the rifle lightly to his shoulder, glance quickly along the trigger and fire. The bullet struck within one inch of the center of the pine.

For a long second Lennox gazed at him in open-mouthed astonishment. "My stars, boy!" he cried at last. "Was I mistaken in thinking you were a born *tenderfoot—after all*? Can it be that a little of your old grandfather's skill has been passed down to you? But you can't do it again."

But Dan did do it again. If anything, the bullet was a little nearer the center. And then he aimed at a more distant tree.

But the hammer snapped down ineffectively on the breech. He turned with a look of question.

"Your gun only holds five shots," Lennox explained. Reloading, Dan tried a more difficult target—a trunk almost one hundred yards distant. Of course it would have been only child's play to an experienced hunter; but to a tenderfoot it was a difficult mark indeed. Twice out of four shots Dan hit the tree trunk, and one of his two hits was practically a bull's-eye. His two misses were the result of the same mistake he had made before—attempting to hold his aim too long.

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Dan and Lennox started together up the long slope of the ridge. Dan alone armed; Lennox went with him solely as a guide. The deer season had just opened, and it might be that Dan would want to procure one of these creatures.

"But I'm not sure I want to hunt deer," Dan told him. "You speak of them as being so beautiful—"

"They are beautiful and your grandfather would never hunt them, either, except for meat. But maybe you'll change your mind when you see a buck. Besides, we might run into a lynx or a panther. But not very likely, without dogs."

They trudged up, over the carpet of pine needles. They fought their way through a thicket of buckbrush. Once they saw the gray squirrels in the tree tops. And before Lennox had as much as supposed they were near the haunts of big game, a yearling doe sprang up from its bed in the thickets.

For an instant she stood motionless, presenting a perfect target. It was evident that she had heard the sound of the approaching hunters, but had not as yet located or identified them with her near-sighted eyes. Lennox whirled to find Dan standing very still, peering along the barrel of his rifle. But he didn't shoot. The deer, seeing Lennox move, leaped into her terror-pace—that astounding run that is one of the fastest gaits in the whole animal world. In the wink of an eye she was out of sight.

"Why didn't you shoot?" Lennox demanded.

"Shoot? It was a doe, wasn't it?"

"Good Lord, of course it was a doe! But there are no game laws that go back this far. Besides—you aimed at it."

"I aimed just to see if I could catch it through my sights. And I could. My glasses sort of made it blur—but I think—perhaps—that I could have shot it. But I'm not going to kill does. There must be some reason for the game laws, or they wouldn't exist."

"You're a funny one. Come three thousand miles to hunt and then pass up the first deer you see. You could almost have been your grandfather, to have done that. He thought killing deer needlessly was almost as bad as killing a man. They are beautiful things, aren't they?"

Dan answered him with startling emphasis. But the look that he wore said more than his words.

They trudged on, and Lennox grew thoughtful. He was recalling the picture that he had seen when he had whirled to look at Dan, immediately after the deer had leaped from its bed. It puzzled him a little. He had turned to find the younger man in a perfect posture to shoot, his feet placed in exactly the position that years of experience had taught Lennox was correct; and withal, absolutely motionless. What many hunters take years to learn, Dan had seemed to know by instinct. Could it be, after all, that this slender weakling, even now bowed down with a terrible malady, had inherited the true frontiersman's instincts of his ancestors?

The result of this thought was at least to hover in the near vicinity of a certain conclusion. That conclusion was that at least a few of the characteristics of his grandfather had been passed down to Dan. It meant that possibly, if time remained, he would not turn out such a weakling, after all. Of course his courage, his nerve, had yet to be tested; but the fact remained that long generations of frontiersmen ancestors had left this influence upon him. The wild was calling to him, wakening instincts long smothered in cities, but sure and true as ever. It was the beginning of regeneration. Voices of the long past were speaking to him, and the Failings once more had begun to run true to form. Inherited tendencies were in a moment changing this weak, diseased youth into a frontiersman and wilderness inhabitant such as his ancestors had been before him.

Continued next week.

ROWAN

Mrs. Dan Fletcher was called to Stanwood by the death of an uncle the past week. She returned home Monday, having also visited relatives at Tipton, Iowa.

J. F. Howell and Geo. Pritchet motored to Iowa Falls on Wednesday to transact business.

Mrs. Leonard McCallum was a Belmond caller on Wednesday afternoon.

Milton Brown of Meringo was a week end guest at the F. H. Fowler home, and was accompanied home on Monday by his wife, who has been a guest of her parents the past two weeks.

CALLED TO ILLINOIS

William Steffens and son Jesse were called to Illinois by the sudden death of Mr. Steffens' brother, Jim. Another brother, Jake Steffens, who has been a guest here with relatives also accompanied them.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday morning, January 23, at the Congregational church the Rev. Ada S. Anderson will speak about "Low Geared Religion." In the evening she will deliver a special sermon to girls and young women.

GONE TO HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens went to Chicago the past week where Mr. Steffens will undergo an operation at the Presbyterian hospital. He has been in very poor health all fall.

FIRST LADY CALLED

Miss LaVonne Ballou was the first lady from Rowan and Iowa township to be drawn as a juror. Fred Kercheval, Fred Williams, Geo. Liming and W. Azeltine were also drawn as jurors.

DEPARTED FOR COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Oleson have departed for Pueblo, Colorado, where they will make their future home. The Olesons have relatives in Colorado and his sister Mary is spending the winter with relatives.

Clint Kercheval was a business caller at Clarion between trains on Wednesday.

DEATH OF MR. WHITTEN

Friends were sorry to hear of the death of Mr Daniel Whitten, Sr., at Long Beach, California, on Tuesday morning, January 11th. Mr. Whitten was spending the winter with his family in California, and was in very poor health in the fall but they thot the trip would be a benefit to him. Funeral services were held in Long Beach on Friday, January 14th, and arrangements have been made to hold funeral services in Rowan on Saturday, January 22nd. The Whitten families have the sympathy of the entire community. An obituary will be printed next week.

W. C. T. U. POSTPONED

The W. C. T. U. meeting that was to be held on Wednesday at the Fred Brooks home was postponed to January 26.

M. E. FOREIGN MISSIONARY

The Foreign Missionary of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Theo. Hansen on Wednesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. D. E. Harris, had charge of the meeting.

MASONIC BANQUET

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden, Messrs. Dick Virden, Robert Keith and O. E. Ballou attended the Masonic banquet at Dows on Wednesday evening.

AMERICAN LEGION

The new executive committee of the American Legion met with the out-going committee at the J. F. Howell home on Friday evening for a business meeting and to plan the work for the new year.

The Methodist Sunday school have elected the following officers and teachers:

Supt.—C. H. Lindsey.
Asst. Supt.—A. O. Pelly.
Sec.—Willard McCallum.
Treas.—Esther Fowler.
Miss. Treas.—Mrs. A. O. Pelly
Librarian—Anna Rietz.
Pianist—Florence Nordmeyer.
Chorester—Mrs. Roy Ryder.
Teachers—H. Rietz, Rev. Tomkinson, Miss Shaffer, Mrs. Earl Sellers, Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mrs. E. Haupt, Mrs. A. O. Pelly, E. Haupt, Mrs. C. H. Lindsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings are staying at the Carl Steffens' home during their absence in Chicago.

Mrs. E. A. Pierce went to Corwith the first of the week to care for Mrs. Joseph Olson.

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Henry Stapley has been spending the past week visiting with friends at Marshalltown.

Belmond Local News

Theo. Bonte will hold a closing out sale on the Mennenga farm two miles east and two north of Belmond on February 3rd. Watch for his ad and bills.

Ike Shaffer handed us the following clipping from a Portland, Ore., paper, and says he knows the gentlemen mentioned very well:

Letters signed "Shadow" and demanding amounts varying from $25,000 and $10,000 and other damage, have been received by five prominent men of Portland, the police announced J. Wesley Ladd, banker, received a letter demanding $25,000; Ben Selling, clothier, $15,000; Charles Jennings and Henry Jennings and I. Gevuertz, furniture men, $10,000.

The police arranged with Ladd to place a dummy package in a designated spot last night and after the package had been put there it disappeared. The police were unable to account for the escape of the person who had taken the package.

SOME SNOW

Belmond's lovely weather took a sudden turn for the worse last week Thursday, and for a few minutes the heaviest fall of snow that this vicinity has experienced for many moons occurred. Some of the old timers said that they could not remember a time when the snow fell so thick. The storm did not last long, but it certainly done some business while it was here. The weather then turned colder and the wind coming up made things disagreeable that night.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

As I am moving away, I will offer at private sale my entire household furniture during the next two weeks, at my residence one block north and one block west of the Rock Island. This furniture is all new and in very good condition. I offer it at a large reduction over cost price. Phone 319.—Mrs. A. K. Thelin. 92c

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"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have foud them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in their favor," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y. For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Hundreds of people from Belmond and surrounding towns have visited our store since the beginning of our MAMMOTH CLOTHING SALE---and each has left with a genuine bargain. Your neighbor knows the QUALITY and PRICE we are offering. If you are in doubt, ask him, if not, come in and take our word. Every piece on this sale is strictly guaranteed to be satisfactory, or your money refunded

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50 PER CENT OFF ON MACKINAWS
50 PER CENT OFF ON LEATHER VESTS
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33 1-3 OFF ON SILK and DRESS SHIRTS
33 1-3 OFF ON TRAVELING BAGS, SUIT CASES AND TRUNKS
33 1-3 OFF ON CHILDREN'S WEAR33 1-3 OFF ON NECKWEAR
33 1-3 OFF ON OVERALLS and UNIONALLS
20 PER CENT OFF ON DRESS and WORK SHOES

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OLDEST CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

Many Interesting Items From The School

Board At Special Meeting Considers Question Of Pupils Bringing Lunch To School.

OTHER REGULATIONS MADE

The board at a special meeting adopted a motion stating that no distinction should be made regarding pupil might bring his noon lunch to school. However, we hope parents will see the wisdom of a child having a warm meal at noon, as well as wel as the walk to and from school and will not permit their child to bring lunch except in case of stormy weather or sickness.

The board also decided at this meeting that pupils leaving the building would not be permitted to enter again until 1:00, unless given permission to leave and return by the teachers in charge of hall duty.

Please bear this in mind and do not allow your children to return to school until nearly time for the first bell.

E. S. Fyler.

The following pupils received gold and silver buttons as rewards in Palmer Method of penmanship.

GOLD

Harriet Gowdy, Virginia Morris, Marie Barry, Lewis Dippel, Nellie Cramer, Rolland Schultz, Hildegard Thorman, Ethel Thompson, Earl Johnson, Alice Nisson, Helen Clark, Duane Brady, Bernice Ziska, Jesse Nelson, Hoyt Klemme, Merlin Pech, Lois Eaton, Frank Metzic.

SILVER

Marian Luick, Lynn Hake, Joe Gasper, Mary Elizabeth Blake, Billy Reike, Ida Harms, Stanley Moe, John Zeiger, Edwin Steenblock, Naida Waddington, Marview Hanson, James Kral, Edward Obrecht, Esther Peterson.

The following pupils have returned to school after a period of illness:

Hoyt Klemme, Marian Luick, Hildegard Thorman, Lorena Ersland, Marview Hanson.

The following second grade pupils have been neither absent nor tardy during the first semester:

Lewis Dipple, Harriet Gowdy, Lynn Hake, Virginia Morris, Stanley Moe, Melvin Pech, Henry Steenblock.

THIRD GRADE

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the first semester:

Merlin Dipple, Robert Fetrow, Muriel Luick, Ruth Leavy, Ninta Packard, Glenn Russell, Raymond Trees.

Robert Luick returned to school on Monday after an absence of two weeks

Miss Alma Erickson of Kanawha visited the third grade Friday afternoon.

FOURTH GRADE

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the first semester.

Zoe Bishop, Dwight Boughton, Martial Holtzbauer, Mildred Jacobson, Henry Johnson, Helen Luick, Lois Pech, Raymond Thompson, Lawrence Withers.

FIFTH GRADE

Harmie, Louise and Miola Buschman have been absent on account of sickness.

SIXTH GRADE

Those neither absent nor tardy in the first semester are:

Leroy Eaton, Merle Hawley, Thurston Larson, Lucile Legge, Thomas Maitland, Robert Obrecht, Mary Quinlin, Joseph Skaar, Dorothy Thelen.

Gladys Ersland of Story City and Eileen Baker of Mason City have entered the sixth grade.

The home declamatory contest will be held January 26. Everybody should plan to attend. Admission 25c and 35c. No reserved seats. Program begins at 8 o'clock. Bring this program, as run in last week's paper, with you. The Independent had a slight error in the program, omitting Carol Tyrrell's production, "The Lion and the Mouse."

Her number is the last on the dramatic class.

Merlin Buchanan, Beryl Hake and Helen Johnson were neither absent nor tardy during the first semester.

The kindergarten visitors the past week were Mrs. C. E. Obrecht, Mrs. Martin Johnson, Mrs. H. L. Gowdy and Master James Gowdy.

Doras Russell and June Obrecht of the kindergarten room have been neither absen nor tardy the first semester.

Mrs. Obrecht, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs Gowdy visited school last week.

ROUTE ONE NEWS NOTES

O. D. Jenison had the misfortune to fall last week and fracture several ribs. This in connection with a severe cold not only makes it inconvenient but also very painful.

Mrs. C. J. Schmalle visited at the home of her daughter Mrs. Elmer Hofferman near Meservey, last week.

Henry Busick lost a very valuable horse last Saturday.

Miss Gladys Jenison was an over Sunday visitor at the O. D. Jenison home.

Barbara Gealow, Elwood and Alma Anderson, Willie Rabe, Max Nolte and Paul Bohning are out of school on account of measles.

The many friends of Mrs. Herman Frohling were grieved to hear that she had suffered a fall on the ice last Wednesday, fracturing the bones of the leg above the ankle. She was taken to the hospital and the injured member was placed under the ex-ray, where it was found necessary to have it placed in a cast. Owing to her age this is a serious misfortune andher many friends hope for a permanent and speedy recovery.

Several people from this vicinity attended the Engeseth sale in Goodell last week.

Authorities Take Still and Booze In Raid Here

Moonshiner Found In One Of The Old School House Buildings—Get Still And Quart.

23 GALLONS OF MASH TAKEN

Last week Tuesday night the police authorities of the city made a raid on one of the old school house buildings in north Belmond and captured a still, a quart of the real stuff and about 23 gallons of raisin mash.

The raid was made by Marshall Nourse, Nightwatch Rierson, and the man, a Russian with a jawbreaking name, offered no resistance, admitting his guilt. He could not very well help it as the officers found a still on the stove going full blast.

The Russian was taken before Justice Purdy that same evening and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of operating a still. Sheriff Fisher came over the next day and took him to the county seat, where he is now awaiting the pleasure of the court.

The next night, Wednesday, the police made another raid on one of the other houses. They were accompanied by Dr. McClellan and Clyde Jennings, who had been deputized, but the folks evidently had been wised up that they were coming, and altho the officers could smell the stuff in the house and found a quantity of mash outside there was nothing on which to base a charge and they had to let the people go, who strongly denied that they had been operating a still or that they had had anything to do with one.

ROYAL NEIGHBOR LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Royal Neighbor lodge installed their officers at the home of Mrs. Benson last Saturday afternoon. The officers are as follows:

Mrs. Earnest Stapley ---- Oracle
Mrs. Jesse Reeder ---- vice oracle
Mrs. Collins ------------ Chaplain
Mrs. Snyder ---------- Past Oracle
Mrs. Alice Kaufman ------ Marshall
Mrs. Fanny Lathrop ------ Recorder
Mrs. Wolle ------------- Receiver
Mrs. Benson ------------ Manager

They have four new members to initiate at their next meeting, which will be held in the library basement.

Belmond Prominent In Cases At the District Court

Wednesday, January 12, the assessors from the various districts of Wright county met at the court house in Clarion on call of county Auditor Walker.

This meeting was called in order that the assessors might receive instructions regarding their duties and that a schedule of valuations might be arrived at to be used as a basis for fixing 1921 values on land and personal property.

The meeting was called to order by E. M. Callender, deputy county auditor. T. R. Beverage was elected chairman and Raymond S. Paine secretary. Assessors were present from the townships of Dayton, Belmond, Troy, Liberty, Lake, Grant, Iowa, Wall Lake, Lincoln, Eagle Grove, Blaine, Vernon, Boone and Norway and from the incorporated towns of Clarion, Belmond, Goldfield, Galt, Rowan, Eagle Grove and Woolstock.

The following values will be used as a basis for the 1921 assessments:

Land $72 an acre.
Stallions, according to value.
Horses, 3 years old and over, $60
Colts, 2 years, $48.
Colts, 1 year old, $32.
Mules, same as horses.
Bulls, according to value.
Cows, $36.
Heifers, 2 years old, $28.
Heifers, 1 year old, $16.
Steers, 3 years old, $40.
Steers, 2 years old, $32.
Steers, 1 year old, $20
Swine, over six months old, 5c per pound.
Sheep, over six months old, $4 each.
Goats, over six months old, $4:00 each.
Tractors and threshing rigs, according to value.

Clipper: The January term of the district court convenes Monday, January 31, and this is the last day for filing cases for the January term. The following cases were filed this week:

Daniel W. Rapp is made the defendant in a ten thousand dollar damage suit brought by Ernest F. Wege. They are Belmond residents, Mr. Wege being president of the United Manufacturing company, engaged in the manufacture of concrete machinery and beet harvesting machinery, and Mr. Rapp manager of the company. The petition alleges that while Mr. Rapp was manager of the company he made false, malicious and slanderous statements against the defendant stating in substance that Mr. Wege never made and could not make any concrete mixers that would be a success; that he had made a failure of everything he had undertaken; that he had never done any thing of value to the company, etc. The statements are alleged to have been made in the presence of C. P. Luick, John Berg and Matt. Barry, directors of the company. Mr. Wege claims the statements were made for the sole purpose of injuring his good standing and character and for the purpose of questioning his ability, and asks judgment in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SNARL STREET ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs entertained to dinner Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Franks and daughter Mildred of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and children, Bernice and Raymond of Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Oramel Gates entertained to dinner Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum of Rowan and Miss Midred Franks of Des Moines.

Mrs. A. C. Andrews and son Lester were called to Highmore, South Dakota, by the serious illness of her relative, Mrs. Pearl Smith, who is very low.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings entertained to dinner Friday, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings, Edgar Mantle, Gerald Jennings, Garnette and Bernard Stumph.

Arvard and Edna Hansen have been on the sick list the past week.

Will Ferguson was a caller at the Lee Aldrich home Wednesday.

There was a dance at the Albin Anderson home Friday evening, and a very good time is reported by all present.

Lee Sellers shelled corn on Tuesday.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Community Club meets at he library basement on Friday afternoon, January 28.

The lesson will be on modern philanthropists.

Leader ---------- Mrs. Rosecrans.
Vocal Solo -------- Mrs. C. O. Fitts
Leland Standford - Mrs. H. L. Schultz
Vocal Duet —Mrs. Wm. Schooler, Mrs. E. Boughton.
Jane Adams -------- Mrs. Putnam
Henry Ford ---- Mrs. Lud Johnson
Mrs. Cyrus McCormick ------------ Mrs. A. W. Martin
Vocal Solo -------- Dorothy Purcell
Florence Nightingale ---------------- Mrs. McBurney
Bells Solo ----------- Doris Bailey
Belmond's Philanthropist ------------ Mrs. W. R. Ramsay

Serving Committee—Mrs. J. Thayer, Mrs. Wm. Guest, Jr., Mrs. W. H. White, Mrs. Pfaltzgraff, Mrs. McBurney, Mrs. Chamberlin, Mrs. Rankins, Mrs. Bert Anfinson, Mrs. Joe Bohning, Miss Thera Fitts.

Obituary

NORRIS GLENN LATEER

Norris Glenn Lateer was born July 19th, 1896, at Blairsburg, Hamilton County, Iowa, and died January 20th 1921, at the home of his parents six miles Northwest of Belmond, Iowa, at the age of twenty-four years, six months and one day.

He moved with the family from Blairsburg to Alden, Iowa, in 1904 and in 1917 from Alden to Meservey, where they lived until the spring of 1920 when they moved to the present home. He entered the service of his country September 6, 1918, at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and was mustered out December 16, 1918, at Ft. Harrison, Indiana. Since his discharge from the army he has been engaged in business most of the time at Clear Lake, Iowa, selling out his interests there the day he was taken sick. For about three weeks he struggled with an attack of typhoid fever, which he seemed to be going to rally from when he was taken with hemorrhage, from which he died at nine-thirty Thursday morning.

Norris was a member of the M. W. A., the I. O. O. F. subordinate, and the I. O. O. F. Camp, and the American Legion, all of Clear Lake, Iowa.

Norris was preceeded in death by his father just four months and one day. He leaves to mourn his decease his mother, three brothers, Edwin E., Leon J., Earnest F., and one sister, Lucy A. Lateer, a number of other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. J. H. Edge were conducted from the Methodist church in Belmond, Iowa, Sunday, January 23, and interment made in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP MEETING

A township meeting of Norway Farm Bureau members was held at the home of E. J. Maland who lives in the soutwestern portion of Norway township Monday afternoon, Jan. 17. About 35 members were in attendance and were favored by a splendid address by A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove and Miss Bertha Holden, asst. state leader of home demonstration agents of Ames.

The men who attended the meeting were deeply interested in the report which Mr. Middleton made of the marketing situation of which he has made a thoro study in the past few months. The lady folks listened with interest to the plans and suggestions made by Miss Holden for carrying forward the ladies' work in the Farm Bureau in the absence of a home demonstration agent.

R. M. CAMERON FALLS DEAD AT HOME

Had Eaten Hearty Breakfast And Been Down Town That Morning Apparantly In Good Health.

WAS OVER NINETY YEARS OLD

Came To Belmond About Forty-Two Years Ago, And Was Prominent In The Affairs Of Town.

The people of Belmond were surprised and shocked Monday when it became known that R. M. Cameron had been stricken with a sudden attack of apoplexy, which caused his death.

Mr. Cameron, who was known by everybody in the community and who was a well known figure on the street of the city, ate a hearty breakfast Monday and was apparantly in the usual good health which he enjoyed. He came down town, where he stayed some time, and then went home. He was stricken while in the yard at his home, and died instantly.

Funeral services will be held at the house this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:30, with the Masonic lodge, of which he was long a member, in charge.

Robert M. Cameron was born near Canton, Ohio, January 2, 1830, and died at his home in Belmond on January 24, 1921, at the age of 90 years, six months and 22 days.

In 1852 his father came from Ohio to Cedar Rapids, Robert following the next winter. During this same winter he went to Cedar Falls, where he purchased a farm and opened up a real estate office. On Feb. 15 he bought the first land sold in Grundy county.

He remained at Cedar Falls for several years, and then returned to Ohio where he engaged in business for a time.

On May 28, 1867 he was united in marriage to Laura E. Beeson. Soon after they were married they moved to his former home at Cedar Falls, where their two children were born and where they stayed until about 1879, when they moved to Belmond.

Mr. Cameron had filled an important place in the building up of the town and community. He was mayor of the town for four terms, and served as a justice of the peace for fifteen years. He was postmaster during President Cleveland's second term of office.

During the time that he was mayor, the city park was laid out, the city well was dug, and the water works thoroly started. At this time also the road leading north from town was laid out.

In the early days he was deputy county surveyor, and he done considerable surveying in connection with his real estate business.

Mr. Cameron was an honest, upright man and citizen, and had a large part in the community's early life and in the building up of Belmond. He made many friends, who extend to his family their sincerest sympathy in his death.

MRS. ARTHUR NELSON

Mrs. Arthur Nelson died of scarlet fever at her home west of town on Monday evening of this week. She and Mr. Nelson had only been married but a short time. Mrs. Nelson was well known in this vicinity, being a daughter of Tom Brooks, and her family and husband have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

THE COUNTY AGENT AND THE IMPLEMENT DEALER

There recently appeared in a number of the papers in the county an article purporting to be an interview with me relative to the attitude of the Farm Bureau and the County Agents of the state toward the implement dealers and manufacturers. The statement credited to me in that article was never made by me at any time. The interview was never held and the publication of the article was unknown to me, and, of course, unauthorized. I regret very keenly the impression the article created relative to my attitude toward the local implement dealers, and the attitude of the Farm Bureau toward them. I known the article was printed without malice on the part of the editors, who have been very generous in the use of their space in furthering the interests of the Farm Bureau in this county. I know the bureau as well as myself has appreciated this hearty co-operation. But in justice to the bureau and myself, I feel that the above statement of the case is necessary. Furthermore, the relations between the Farm Bureau and the implement dealers of the county have been most cordial. We regard them as our friends and hope to have them continue as such.

RALPH M. EDWARDS,
County Agent.

The Independent wishes to say in this matter that it did not publish the article mentioned, and prints the foregoing correction in the interests of Mr. Edwards and the Farm Bureau

MARRIED

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shurson, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Jessie, to Mr. Oscar Hanson, Thursday, January 20th, 1921, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. Jensen officiating.

About 65 guests were present and after the ceremony a most splendid wedding dinner was served. The bride and groom went to Minneapolis for a short honeymoon when the will be at home on the bride's father's farm, Mr. Hanson having rented it for the coming year.

The guests from Belmond were Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson, Miss Minnie Johnson, Albert Hanson, Galen Johnson and Adolph Skovlin.

Short Course Now Being Perfected

Committee From Chamber of Commerce Meets Tuesday With Committee From Townships.

MANY PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

A committee composed of M. C. Barry, Cato C. Griesy, and Mr. Moore from the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon at the city hall with the reprepresentatives from Belmond, Pleasant, Norway, Iowa and Grant townships to perfect the plans for Belmond's big short course to be held here on the 10 and 11 of February.

The county agent was present at the meeting and assisted the two committee in perfecting the plans.

A committee of five, consisting of Cato C. Griesy, Geo. P. Hardwick, C. P. Luick, Geo. Dipple, and Adolph Meinders was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the buildings and equipment for holding the short course.

It is urged upon every farmer and farmer's wife who expects to exhibit at the short course, whether stock, grain, domestic science or what ever they will enter, to report to their respective township chairmen what they are entering, the township chairmen in turn reporting to the committee mentioned. The men are asked to report to the men's chairman and the ladies to the ladies'.

There will be a number of prizes offered at the short course, and a list of these prizes will be printed in the local papers in the last issue before the short course, which will be the 8th of February. The awarding of these prizes will be based upon the combined amount subscribed by the farmers and business men.

The complete program for the biggest event of the winter will be in next week's issue of the Herald-Press and the Independent. Nothing is being left undone to make it the biggest and best event of its kind ever held in this vicinity, and it is expected that the course will be a howling success from start to finish.

Farm Bureau Notes

SUGAR BEET GROWERS MEET IN MASON CITY

The sugar beet growers of northwestern Iowa representing Cerro Gordo, Wright, Hancock, Humboldt, Winnebago and Webster counties met in conference at the office of county agent Roy F. O'Donnell at Mason Wednesday, January 19.

Each county was represented by a good delegation and matters of vital interest to all sugar beet growers of northwest Iowa were discussed and some very constructive resolutions were passed.

Practically all the time was spent in discussion of the labor phase of the sugar beet industry. The farmers thruout the sugar beet districts of northwest Iowa seem to feel that the labor conditions in the sugar beet operation could be improved upon materially. The feeling was expressed that the labor clause included in the contracts which have been heretofore entered into between the sugar growers and the sugar company were not drafted in justice to the sugar beet growers.

An organization to be known as the Northwest Iowa Sugar Beet Growers Association was perfected and the chairman of each county organization will be a member of the board of directors of this organization. This board of directors will constitute an executive committee and all directors. The organization plans to have each county organization elect or appoint subcommittees of two members each at each dump. The purpose of this committee being to mediate in all disputes which may arise between the sugar beet growers and the sugar incorporation.

A resolutions committee consisting of Frank W. Senneff of Hancock county, W. J. Elling of Hancock county, and R. M. Edwards of Wright county submitted the following resolutions for adoption:

It is hereby resolved by the Northwestern Iowa Beet Growers Association in assembly at Mason City this 19th day of January 1921, consisting of Cerro Gordo, Wright, Winnebago, Hancock, Kossuth, Humboldt and Webster counties, Iowa, that the following resolution be and is hereby adopted:

First, payment of labor, that the amount to be paid for labor shall be based as follows: The amount paid for weeders shall be based on the thinning and number of beets per rod and all doubles or more counted as missing payments to be based on the final percentage if possible. It shall be based by basing 16 beets per rod as a perfect stand and allowing two or three beets per rod either greater or less as variation. If the farmer damages the beets so that the stand is not perfect the laborer shall have the right to call in the committee hereinafter named to relieve labor of the responsibility

Second: The payment of labor shall be based as follows: It is considered an average yield of beets $8 per ton and that labor shall receive the sum of 50c per ton for each ton raised over 8 ton per acre in addition to the payment on the 8 ton per acre for the first ton, $1 for the second ton over 8 acres and $3 per ton for all tonnage in excess of 10 tons per acre The above amounts to be based upon the actual weight.

Third Price: It is further resolved that the blocking and thinning shall be done by the laborers within ten days after the planting thereof providing that the weather and season are favorable

It is further resolved that the weather conditions may be taken into consideration by the committee hereinafter referred to if called upon to adjust any differences arising by reason of failure to block and thin said beets as herein specified.

Fourth, Responsibility of Labor. Be it further resolved that the company shall be responsible to the grower for procuring good and efficient labor and at the proper time for the caring of the beets of the grower and that the contract between he grower and the company shall obligate the company to the grower to bind itself to procure such labor.

Be it further resolved, that the labor so procured by the company shall be at all times under the supervision of the company but shall be subject to the directions of the grower for work done or ordered to be done by him that said labor be equally responsible to the company and to grower.

Be it further resolved, that there shall be appointed a committee of two men which committee shall serve as a committee from each dump; one of the members of said committee shall be the director of the dump and the other member of said committee shall be chosen by the executive committee of the county in question. That said committee shall have charge of all controversies or questions arising between the grower and labor and the grower or the company and shall act as appraisers in any matter of damages that may arise or determine any questions affecting labor, grower or the company.

Be it further resolved, that the fild representative of the company shall meet with said committee at such reasonable time or times as he may be requested by said committee. Said committee shall hold office for the period of one year from and after the election or appointment.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be presented to the proper officials of the Northern Sugar Corporation of Mason City and the Iowa Valley Sugar company of Belmond and any other sugar companies in the counties named with the request that said companies include in their contracts for the season of 1921 the matters herein named and that copies of this resolution be sent to each county agent of the counties herein named with the request that the same be presented to the beet growers in his respective county.

Be it further resolved, that any beet companies doing business in the counties herein named shall submit to the executive committee or each county herein named, contract to be executed between said company and the grower before contracts are executed for the season 1921.

The above and foregoing resolutions are hereby adopted and approved this 19th of January, 1921.

R. M. Edwards, W. J. Elling, Frank W. Senneff.

SOILS SERVICE CAMPAIGN

A soils service campaign will be held in Wright county in four district meetings January 27 and 28.

Due to the fact that this service has been requested by so many townships it was thought best to arrange four district meetings at farm homes nearest the central point in each of the four districts.

The townships wanting this service are requested to meet in group or district meetings at the farm which is nearest the central point of the four districts in the sectional meeting according to the following schedule:

Jan. 27—10 a. m.—Farm centrally located—Lincoln-Vernon-Blaine.
Jan. 27—2 p. m.—farm centrally located—Belmond, Pleasant, Iowa, Grant.
Jan. 28—10 a. m.—farm centrally located—Boone, Norway, Liberty, Lake.
Jan. 28—2 p. m.—farm centrally located—Eagle Grove, Troy, Woolstock, Dayton.

The object of the campaign will be to inform the farmers concerning the results obtained from the soil survey of their county and the follow-up laboratory, greenhouse and field experiments and also to recommend methods for the proper management of the soils of the county, whereby increased crop production may be obtained.

The campaign will consist of two talks per day in different localities, each talk to be followed by a general discussion and answers to questions.

An exhibit will be prepared and used thruout the campaign to illustrate results of the survey work. The exhibit will consist of the soil maps, blue prints of experimental fields, bulletins, leaflets and so forth.

GRAIN BEGINS TO MOVE AGAIN

Business in the northwest has taken a turn for the better. The bank credit situation in the country is easing, farmers are again selling their grain, railroad business is picking up and there are evidences on every hand of revival of activity in the industrial and commercial field of the Twin Cities and the Northwest.

Delayed for four months, the "frozen" bank loans of the northwest are beginning to be liquidated. There is a noticeable easing of money though rates may not soften for some time. Manufacturing firms report fewer cancellations and more orders on the basis of new 1921 prices. In short, many business leaders are confidently of the opinion that the opening of a new period of sound business prosperity is virtually at hand.

Wheat has rallied to more than $1.70 per bushel, a full 30 cents above the low mark late in the fall. The present price is attractive to farmers, apparently, and there is a new movement to sell. Today 224 cars of wheat were received. Yesterday 289 cars of wheat arrived in Minneapolis compared with 238 a week ago and 235 a year ago. Country shipping points are calling for more cars.

The Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads today issued orders forbidding any of their grain cars from leaving their lines. The emptes are to be rushed to country points to move the remainder of the grain crop to the terminals.

Fully 38 per cent of the Northwest reserve bank estimates. In this grain on the farms and in the country elevators is much basic wealth. At $1.50 a bushel this represents $81,000,000 in wheat alone. Bankers estimate that with other grains, forage, produce and live stock yet unsold there are sufficient products when converted into cash, to more than liquidate the $95,000,000 of the loans of the federaal reserve bank extended in the district.

The marketing of the remainder of the grain crop at present prices will increase purchasing power in the country. Bankers say this selling operation ought to reduce bank loans in the country sufficiently to relieve the credit strain and leave the banks free to finance the spring and summer agriculture operations.

"We are just beginning to see the liquidation of country bank loans," said Theodore Wold, vice president of the Northwestern National bank. "Loans of city banks to the country have not increased any in the last two weeks. Grain is starting to move again and this will undoubtedly mean liquidation in the country."

Bankers said that heavy movement of grain within the next two weeks is anticipated.

FARMERS NOT ALONE

The farmers are not alone in suffering losses in the general decline of prices to normalcy. The merchants are experiencing a serious loss on stocks of goods purchased for a very much higher retail price than they can now realize and are now selling much of their stocks at much below cost. They are speculators and are expected to take their chances on the ups and downs of the market. But the farmer is a producer, producing the essential foods for the world which all agree in all equity he should never be compelled to do at a less than cost and a fair margin of profit. Food producing should always be remunerative, attractive, from good profits. The trader can quit his business if he finds it unprofitable and no difference to the world, but not so with the food producers. Food must be had, and it is not at all possible its production would cease. Its profits should be such as to attract the intelligent and the skillful. Unless it is kept profitable, the intelligent, the thrifty, the brainy, will abandon it, and the vocation will return to the typical hayseed, the rube and the slouch conceived as the farmer of twenty-five years ago. Food producing of this day needs brains but it will not attract them unless fair profits are possible and assured. The farming will revert to the class formerly typical, a "class who couldn't do anything else," whose homes have no musical instrument, the floors no carpets, the shelves no books, and the "deestrict" four months annual school. "Ill fares the land, to endless ills a prey," where the farmers cannot prosper and the farm life no call for the intelligent, the cultured and the progressive.—Eagle Grove Eagle.

Notice!

Big Type Duroc Jersey Sale

FEBRUARY 18, 1921

E. G. Reed and Son and George Thompson will offer, at Belmond, on February 18, one of the finest lot of Big Type

Registered Duroc Jersey Bred Sows and Gilts

ever shown in this territory. Watch for further particulars

Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to wthstand each succeeding attck and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.

PUBLIC SALE!

As I have decided to quit farming, I will hold a closing out Sale on the place known as the Mennenga Farm, one mile east and two miles north of Belmond, and two miles west of Palsville, on

THURS., FEB. 3, '21

Commencing at 10:00 o'clock sharp, the following described property:

12 - Head of Horses - 12

1 Black Mare, 6 years old, weight 1300.
1 Black Mare, 12 years old, weight 1100.
1 Gray Mare, 7 years old, weight 1500.
1 Black Mare, 3 years old, weight 1150.
1 Bay Mare Colt, 2 years old.
1 Bay Gelding, 1 year old.
1 Sorrel Mare, 8 years old, weight 1150.
1 Spotted Gelding, 14 years old, weight 1150.
1 Sorrel Gelding, coming 8 years old, weight 1600.
1 Black Gelding, coming 9 years old, weight 1600.
1 Black Team of Geldings, 7 and 8 years old, weight 2800.

23 - Head of Cattle - 23

9 MILCH COWS—1 fresh with calf at side. 1 Cow fresh about 3 months. Balance will be fresh soon.
3 YEARLING STEERS. 3 YEARLING HEIFERS 1 DURHAM BULL, 3 YEARS OLD.
6 LAST SUMMER CALVES.

Farm Machinery---All Machinery Will Be Sold Before Noon.

1 Drag Cart	2 16-ft. Log Chains	1 new Deering Hay Rake	1 16-inch Riding Stubble Plow
1 Hog Oiler	2 4x16 Chicken Coops	1 new Hand Corn Sheller	1 new Hoosier Endgate Seeder
1 Bob Sleigh	1 20-ft. Steel Harrow	1 I. H. C. Corn Planter	1 Double Seated Spring Wagon
1 Pump Jack	2 14-ft. Hog Troughs	1 Self Sinking Tank Heater	1 Clover Leaf Manure Spreader
1 Spring Seat	1 new 4 Grass Mower	1 Sterling Broadcast Seeder	1 400-bushel Wire Corn Cribbing
3 Shoveling Boards	3 Triple Box Wagons	1 Low Wheel Truck Wagon	1 14-inch Rock Island Gang Plow
1 14-ft. Tile Rack	1 Sweep Feed Grinder	1 1200 Ear Seed Corn Rack	1 3-inch Stoughton Truck Wagon
2 16-ft. Hay Racks	1 14-inch Walking Plow	1 4 H. P. Cushman Engine	1 Dain Hay Stacker in good shape
15-gallons Crude Oil	1 good Dain Hay Buck	1 3-inch Mandt Truck Wagon	1 good as new 8 ft. Deering Binder
1 Steel Water Tank	2 16-wheel Moline Discs	1 new Baxter 2-row Cultivator	1 1½ H. P. AllBro Gasoline Engine

1 Garland Soft and Hard Coal Heater
1 pair Wool Horse Blankets, good as new
3 6-shovel Moline Cultivators, riding and walking
1 Single Harness
1 C. B. & Q. Corn Planter with 80 rods new wire
1 DeLaval Cream Separator, good as new
1 Single Top Buggy
3 Set 1¼ Work Harness

Hay, Harness, Household Goods, Etc.

15 TONS GOOD WILD HAY IN STACK
3 SET 1½ INCH BREECHING HARNESS
1 SINGLE HARNESS
1 SADDLE
3 SET FLY NETS
1 PAIR OF NEW EXTRA BRIDLES
8 GOOD COLLARS
SOME EXTRA LINES
1 BED, 1 MATTRESS AND SPRINGS
1 DRESSER
1 COUCH
175 CHICKENS
4 OLD GEESE, 3 geese and 1 gander
1 NEW BABY OVERLAND, MODEL 1919 CAR

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE---All sums of $10 or less, cash. Over that amount 10 months' time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

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T. D. Rankins
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Belmond Savings Bank, Clerk

ALGONA WOMAN MURDERED AND HUSBAND IS HELD

Mrs. Minnie Benjamin, 40 years old, wife of L. T. Benjamin, for fifteen years organist at the Congregational church, was found dead in the kitchen of her home here Saturday night, with her skull fractured in four places. A bloodspattered ammer was found a few feet from her side. Her husband, who is ten years her senior, is in the county jail charged with her murder.

Benjamin was arrested a few hours after the crime, when the police are alleged to have learned he had quarreled earlier in the day with his wife over another woman. The music teacher stoutly maintains his innocence.

The crime is believed by the police to have been committed between 5:30 and 6 o'clock Saturday evening, as Mrs. Benjamin was preparing the evening meal. They had returned to the house from a trip down town shortly after 5 o'clock. Benjamin is said to have left again about fifteen minutes later.

In his absence a neighbor woman went to the house and altho she is said to have rapped loudly she obtained no response. About half an hour later Benjamin returned in company with Miss Moline who was a roomer at the house. It is said, however, that she is not the woman over whom Benjamin quarreled with his wife. Benjamin had met her on the way home and they walked to the house togeter.

Miss Moline discovered the body as she and Benjamin walked into the kitchen. The body was stretched upon the floor, the face turned partially to the side. It was fully clad.

The police were called and after a brief investigation arrested Benjamin.

A coroner's jury has returned a verdict holding Benjamin guilty of his wife's murder. His clothing, which was examined at the inquest, is said to have been spattered with blood. The police hold to the theory Benjamin knocked his wife unconscious with the first blow of the hammer, weilding three other blows and then left the house.

The organist, who is also a music teacher, appears to be undisturbed over his predicament. In his cell he reiterated he was innocent.

Mrs. Benjamin was widely known thruout Kossuth county having been one of the leaders in the Red Cross work during the war. She also was secretary of the local lodge of the Mystic Workers. Funeral services will be held Tuesday.

A singular incident in connection with the crime is the fact that the Benjamins, who came to Algona twenty years ago, were about to depart for Chicago, where the musician was to accept a big church organist position.

Benjamin resigned his position as organist at the Congregational church here last week and Wednesday evening a farewell reception was tendered in his honor.

INCOME TAX WILL SOON BE DUE

Work has begun on the collection of the income tax for the year 1920. Uncle Sam, thru the bureau of internal revenue, is addressing to every person in the United States the question: "What was your net income for 1920?'" The answer permits of no guesswork. Every single person whose net income for 1920 was $1,000 or more and every married person whose net income was $2,000 or more is required to file a return under oath with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which he lives on or before Marc 15, 1921.

The penalty for failure is a fine of not more than $1,000 and an addition assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due. For willful refusal to make a return the penalty is a fine of not more than $10,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. A similar penalty is provided for making a false or fraudulent return, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

The income tax applies to women as well as men. Husband and wife must consider the income of both plus that of minor dependent children, and if the total equals or exceeds $2,000 a return must be filed A minor who has a net income in his own right of $1,000 or more must file a separate return. To be allowed the $2,000 exemption a married person must be living with husband or wife on the last day of the taxable year, December 1, 1920. Divorcees, persons separated by mutual agreement, widows and widowers unless they are the sole support of others living in the same household, in which case they are allowed the $2,000 exemption granted the head of a family, are entitled only to $1,000 exemption.

The normal tax rate for 1920 is the same as for 1919—4 per cent on the first $4,000 of net income above the exemption and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. This applies to every citizen and resident of the United States. In addition to the normal tax a surtax is imposed upon net incomes in excess of $5,000.

Full instructions for making out returns are contained on the forms, copies of which may be obtained from collectors of internal revenue. Persons whose net income for 1920 was $5,000 or less should use Form 1040A. Those with incomes in excess of $5,000 should use Form 1040.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to assist taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced by the press or may be acertained upon inquiry at the office of collectors. This advisory service is without cost to taxpayers.

Thousands of farmers whose net income for 1920 equaled or exceeded the exemptions of $1,000 for single persons and $2,000 for married persons will be required to file on or before March 15, 1921, income tax returns for the year 1920.

As an aid to farmers the Bureau of Internal Revenue has prepared a special form, 1040F, for recording sales of live stock, produce, and a summary of income and expenses. This form should be attached to the taxpayer's individual return on Form 1040 or 1040A. Full instructions for making out the forms are contained in each.

Under gross income a farmer is required to include all proceeds derived from the sale of farm products whether produced on a farm or purchased for resale. When he exchanges his produce for groceries, clothing, or other merchandise, he must include in is income the value of the articles received and exchanged. Profit received from the sale of farm land or rent received for the use thereof must also be included.

In determining his net income, upon which the tax is assesesd, the farmer may deduct all necessary expenses incurred in the operation of his farm during the year. These include cost of cultivation, harvesting and marketing crops, the cost of seed and fertilizer used, amount spent in repair to farm buildings other than the dwellings and to fences and machinery. The cost of farm tools used up in the course of the year, the wages paid to employees other than domestic servants, and rent paid for farm land and buildings (other than dwelling) are deductable items.

Farmers who keep no records or only records of cash receipts and disbursements should make their returns on the basis of actual receipts but farmers who keep complete accounts and who take inventories at the beginning and end of the year to determine their profits should report on the accural basis. Both methods are fully explained on Form 1040F, copies of which may be obtained at the offices of collectors of internal revenue.

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Schultz Drug Co.

SIX WHISKEY STILLS FOUND ON A FARM

Omaha, Jan. 12.—A drunken hog, aided by an intoxicated dog, were engaged in a gory battle with three inebriated goats when deputy sheriffs descended on the farm of Geo. Fred, alleged moonshiner, near here yesterday. The goats, which had imbibed more freely than the other animals, got decidedly the worst of the argument, but not before they had inflicted severe punishment on the enemy.

Officers found six stills in full operation and confiscated 600 gallons of corn whiskey, besides large quancome drunk from eating the mash.

Belmond Local News

Miss Viva Rourk of Belmond was an over Sunday guest here with the home folks. Miss Mary Foster of Britt, who is now employed in one of the banks at Belmond, accompanied her here for the week-end.—Kanawha Reporter.

—I—

Mrs. E. A. Pierce of Belmond was a brief visitor here with friends last Monday while on her way to Corwith to assist with the care of Mrs. J. Olsen.—Kanawha Reporter.

—I—

Harry Sanquist who has been employed in a clothing store up at Belmond returned home last Saturday. He has resigned his position there and is assisting at Selander's clothing store this week.—Dayton Review.

—I—

Did anybody notice that LuVerne Smith spent Sunday in Klemme? Well it may look suspicious but such was the case. The only reason LuVerne could not get to see his girl this week was on account of the cold weather here Sunday. A week ago he walked to Belmond and it only took two hours and a half. Verne says he goes there to look at the big sugar beet plant but we have gotten to the point where that story don't soak into our dome any more. You'll have to hatch up a new yarn Verne.—Klemme Times.

—I—

Mrs. L. W. McCallum of Rowan was a shopper in this city on last week Wednesday.

—I—

Two tractors for rent for belt work. Inquire Nordschow Motor Co.

—I—

The Mesdames Lane of Garner and Blank of Klemme and Miss Blank of Klemme are visiting this week at the Quandt home. Miss Blank underwent an operation at the Steele hospital here on Monday of this week.

—I—

FOR SALE

One Rotary Water pump, capacity 14 gallons per minute. Catalog price $32.70 mill. Will sell for $8.00. Guaranteed to give satisfaction.—Belmond Welding & Tank Co. 1tc

—I—

L. B. Miller, who has been helping during the big sale of Carlston & Ekovlin, returned to his home at Kanawha Sunday of this week.

—I—

Thomas Berhow of Kanawha was a visitor here on Friday of last week, attending to business affairs.

—I—

Mrs. Anna Thompson and Miss Beauh Thompson and Raymond were Mason City visitors on last week Saturday.

—I—

Born, Friday, January 20th, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Spears, a son.

—I—

Mrs Wm. Harbison is on the sick list this week with scarlet fever, but so far the children have not contracted the disease.

—I—

W. E. Pech was a business caller here last week Friday from Garner.

—I—

Geo. Peterson of Ames was in the city last week visiting his mother, Mrs. P. J. Peterson, and meeting old friends. This was George's former home.

—I—

Charley Foss and cousin Joe Veeder of Alexander went to Des Moines the first of this week on business matters.

—I—

John Lieuwen is reported on the sick list this week with an attack of the measles.

—I—

Charles Cannon of Clear Lake was among the business callers here on last week Saturday.

—I—

Which will it be—E. J. Price or International Tailored Suit?—F. J. Tuffree, post office building.

—I—

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—I—

W. F. Schreiner, of Lake Mills, was a business caller in Belmond Thursday.

—I—

Miss Hazel Jackson, who is employed at Minneapolis, is the guest of relatives here for a few days.

—I—

W. T. Presnell of Algona was in town last week Friday looking after business matters.

—I—

H. Albertson of Storm Lake was among the business callers in this city last week.

—I—

Roy Anderson, who is connected with the Armour company, was called to St. Paul last week Saturday by the serious illness of his brother who resides at that place.

CHATTEL MORTGAGE SALE

The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the First National Bank, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 29th, at TWO O'CLOCK P. M. OF SAID DAY,

Five (5) good work horses, besides other farm machinery, for cash or bankable paper.

The above described property is being sold in payment of the indebtedness of John Kuderin and Fred Staehle, who have left for parts unknown, leaving their indebtedness unpaid.

For further particulars, see notices of said sale at the Post Office and elswhere.

Dated January 19th, 1921.

H. J. Holt, Mortgagee.
T. D. Rankins, Auctioneer.
W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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REFUSED NATURALIZATION PAPERS

In the district court session of Humboldt county at Dakota city last week, two foreigners were refused naturalization papers and ten were awarded citizenship papers. Regarding the two refused rights of citizenship, the Humboldt Republican said: "The Judge felt different concerning Gunner Voetmann, of Humboldt, and John Lilliskog, of Thor, whent it was shown that these men were of military age and had been in the draft, but that they had escaped military service by pleading their lack of citizenship. Judge Deland made himself very plain on the subject. He felt that a man who would not fight for the United States had no right to be a citizen of the United States. So far as he was concerned he will not make citizens of men who want our benefits but wish to avoid our responsibilities. And so far as the Judge is concerned, these men will never become citizens of the United States."

OUT WITH THE OLD
IN WITH THE NEW

SPRING MERCHANDISE DEMANDS ROOM, ROOM, ROOM; THEREFOR THESE EXTREME REDUCTIONS ON WINTER MERCHANDISE:

IN DRESSES—Women's silks and wools at $9.98, $16.98 and $19.98.

COATS—Any woman's coat in the house $6.98. Wholesale cost more than double to us.

SKIRTS—Wools $2.98. Silks are $2.98.

MACHINAWS—Boys' $9.98 Coats $3.98, Boys' One piece Overalls Suits $1.29; Boys' Stockings 29c; others 5 pair for $1; any Boys' Winter Union Suits $1.39; Boys' Knit Caps 39c; Shoes $2.98.

MEN'S $10 and $12.50 All Wool Union Suits $4.98; $5 Suits $2.98; $2.25 Suits $1.49; Men's Pants $2.49; Corduroys $3.98; Overalls, best 220 weight denim $1.39; Men's heavy Wool Sox 39c, three pair for $1; Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c; Men's Solid Leather Dress or Work Shoes $3.98; last of our overshoes greatly reduced; Men's Shirts $1.

RUGS—9x12 Congoleum $16.98; 6x9 at $8.88; Smaller Rugs $1.69 and $1.98. Blankets to $25.00 at $9.98; $7.50 Wools at $3.98; others at $1.19. Comforts, choice of house at HALF PRICE.

CORSETS—$1, $1.49 and $1.98 that were worth more than double.

BLOUSES, choice of the house now $3.98; others $1.98.

GINGHAMS—32 inch 29c; 36 inch Percales 19c; 25c and 29c dark Outing 15c yard; Black Sateen 25c and 39c; Floral 49c yard; Dress Ginghams 19c; genuine Crepes 29c; Sheets $1; Pillow Cases 4 for $1; Cretonnes 25c; yard wide Silks $1 All Wool Serges 98c; plain Volles 29c.

HALF PRICE table of Children's Dresses, Aprons, Men's Children's, Boys' and Women's Sweater Coats and other things.

STOCKINGS—Boys and Girls' and Women's, 4 and 5 pair for $1; Women's $2.00 Silks at $1.39 and $1.19. Men's wool army style 59c.

OCCIDENT FLOUR $3.10; Carnation tall can Milk 14c; small 7c; Hebe 5c; 16-ounce Seedless Raisins 30c; P. & G. Soap, 10 bars 65c; Crisco, 4 pounds for $1; Peas, Corn, Tomatoes 10 for $1; Canned Peaches, Cherries, Apricots at 3 for $1.

C. & C. STORE

Ft. Dodge's Biggest, Busiest Little Store

CLOSING OUT

Public Sale!

As I have rented my farm and will move to town I will hold a closing out sale, 1 mile north and 5 miles west of Belmond, 1-2 mile east of St. Olaf church, at 11 o'clock sharp, on

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd

10 Duroc Jersey Brood Sows averaging 200 pounds or better. Due to farrow 1st part of April.

7 Head of Horses
22 Head of Cattle
Farm Machinery
Household Goods

Most of the Machinery is nearly new and in good repair.

TERMS of SALE--All sums of $10 and less cash; over that amount 12 months time on approved security at 8 per cent. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

JOHN SHURSON

LEWIS HAUGE, Auctioneer A. L. LUICK, Clerk

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
S. U. Leinbach, Pastor

The Ladies Missionary Society will hold their first meeting of the year on next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 Let every member and friend be present. The regular services will be hld next Sunday.

The following article on Going to Church was printed in the Country Gentleman in the issue of Jan. 15, which is well worth the consderation of all:

"Even in dollars and cents a person who attends church is better off than he otherwise would be, for worship quickens those great business virtues—honesty, industry, and thrift.

Church attendance promotes good health and length of life, for it is not work but worry that kills, and yielding the mind and heart to the Most High drives out worry and brings peace.

From an intellectual and cultural point of view he who loafs or visits or motors all day Sunday is vastly poorer than he need be. At church the great hymns of the ages are sung, the Book of Books is read and interpreted, and what Daniel Webster said was the greatest thought which ever filled his mind, man's accountability to God, is constantly emphasized.

The local church, as some one has suggested, is a branch office of the greatest enterprise in the world, which has a host of representatives in every land, which promotes education all over the globe, heals the sick of every clime, seeks to build up a universal human brotherhood and is the greatest single influence for world peace. How narrow is the man who refuses to take an active part in the attempt of the church to make over the world according to the principles of the Supreme Teacher!

Go to church and you will be reminded of the things that are really worth while, you will become a part of the highest and largest of fellowships, the cobwebs will be brushed away from the walls of the chamber of conscience, faded ideals will be brightened up as parched fields by a shower, and religion will become an actual experience of companionship with a heavenly Father who is supremely made real in the Man of Galilee, in whose service there is completest freedom and fullest joy."—
J. Elmer Russell.

The more you meditate upon these great truths the more you will see that they have not been overstated. The more you attend church the more you will see that the church does the things mentioned.

Start in to church next Sunday and let it become a habit of your life. It will be a habit of which you will never have to make an apology for and which will never be a handicap to in any way but will always be a help.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

There was a fine attendance at the services last Sunday. If you are with out a church home you will find a welcome at every service of the church. Plan to be present next Sunday.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The attendance of the Sunday school of the M. E. church last Sunday 130 with a collection of $6.14. The secretary gave a very fine report giving the members of the Sunday school the average attendance of the year of 1920. The average for the whole year was 102. The average for the month of January this year so far has been 115. For the quarter October to December 31, was 107. The attendance just a year ago, January 25, 1920, was 82. It is the earnest desire of the Sunday school and the officers to keep the attendance every Sunday above the 100 mark. There are classes open to all ages, men, women and children, even the little tots, so parents, it is up to you to see that he kiddies are here, and you kiddies that come, bring your parents with you. Watch this report every week.

Secretary.

YOU SAVE MONEY
AT
ROBINSON'S

60c Buys 10 pounds of Sugar with a $5.00 Order

20 per cent Discount on All Brooms

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Williams of Clarion was a visitor at the Snyder home on last Monday.

—I—

Feed your calves Lamrey's Calf Meal. Saves many times its cost in cream saved.—Schultz Drug Co.

—I—

Mrs. W. H. Wolle went to Ackley last Saturday for a few weeks to help care for her aged mother who is quite ill at the home of a daughter there.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell are expected home from their Texas trip the last of this week.

—I—

Feed your calves Lamprey's Calf Meal. Saves many times its cost in cream saved.—Schultz Drug Co.

—I—

Mrs. Tracy of Clarion was a visitor at the Tracy home here the first of the week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Klemme are the parents of a son, born the 24th.

—I—

For Sale—A few ton of good prarie hay. Phone 2004.—C. C. Landon.

—I—

Work Wanted—By married man. On farm. Write Box 461, Belmond. Iowa. 103c

—I—

For Sale—Two or three one and a half horse power gasolene engines. All in first class condition. Can be seen running at any time. Will sell cheap, or will trade for pigs or chickens. Phone 351, or address Box 417. Bemond. 102*

—I—

FOR SALE

7 room house. 2 lots 70 x 140 feet. Cheap if taken at once. Terms: 6 per cent interest. Phone 205.

L. J. Kalvig and Peter Dahl came over from Kanawha enroute for Ossian, where they are going on business.

—I—

For Sale—Several desirable residence lots. Inquire of D. L. Rankins.

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Every subscriber added to our exchange makes our service more valuable. Actually the number of calls per subscriber per day increases with the growth of the exchange. Thus the Telephone Company is giving you more for your money.

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Only Four More Days

Our Mammoth Clothing Sale

Will Close Saturday, January 29th

BAD WEATHER DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS KEPT HUNDREDS OF PATRONS AWAY FROM OUR MAMMOTH CLOTHING SALE. THE WEATHER HAS TURNED FOR THE BETTER, THE ROADS HAVE IMPROVED, AND WITH OUR FRESH AND COMPLETE STOCK STILL AVAILABLE FROM WHICH TO CHOSE ONLY STANDARD QUALITY GOODS AT PRICES FAR BELOW ANY OTHERS OFFERED THIS SEASON, WE KINDLY URGE YOU TO COME IN EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH ON THE LAST DAY.

EVERY SINGLE PIECE IN OUR ENTIRE STOCK IS STRICTLY GUARANTEED TO BE SATISFACTORY. IF IT ISN'T YOUR MONEY WILL BE CHEERFULLY REFUNDED. MOST CLOTHIERS DO NOT PERMIT THIS IN THEIR SALES, BUT WE KNOW OUR GOODS ARE RELIABLE AND WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO BACK THEM UP.

50 per cent off on

"KUPPENHEIMER" and SOCIETY BAND" OVERCOATS, Prices $19.50 to $42.50.
SHEEP LINED COATS, Sale prices: $16.00 to $27.50.
DUCK (Blanket lined) coats, Sale prices: $3.75 to $5.75.
SPORT COATS, Sale prices: $16.00 to $27.50.
MACKINAWS, Sale prices: $5.35 to $7.50.
LEATHER VESTS, Sale prices: $6.00 to $9.00.

33 1-3 per cent off on

"KUPPENHEIMER" and "SOCIETY BRAND" SUITS, Sale prices: $19.50 to $47.50.
WOOL, MIXED AND FLEECED LINED UNDERWEAR, Sale prices: $1.49 and up.
SWEATERS AND SWEATER COATS, Sale prices: $1.67 and up.
SILK AND DRESS SHIRTS, Sale prices: $1.00 and up.
TRAVELING BAGS, SUIT CASES AND TRUNKS, Sale prices: $1.87 and up.
NECKWEAR, 69c and up.
OVERALLS, SPECIAL SALE PRICES, $1.79 and $1.98.
CHILDREN'S WEAR, Entire Stock at 33 1-3 off.

SPECIALS!

COTTON FLANNEL MITTS

We have 90 dozens of GENUINE COTTON FLANNEL, DOUBLE PALMED MITTS, that must go on this sale at only $1.80 a DOZEN or 15c a PAIR. BUY NOW, THEY NEVER WILL GET CHEAPER.

WOOL AND COTTON SOCKS

$1.25 value, WOOL SOCKS,	Sale price	79c
$1.00 value WOOL SOCKS,	Sale price	69c
.75 value WOOL SOCKS,	Sale price	45c
.30 value COTTON SOCKS	Sale price	19c

20 per Cent Off On Our Entire Stock of Dress and Work Shoes

Remember! Saturday is Your Last Chance! Buy Now and Save

Carlston & Skovlin

Belmond, Iowa

Someone is Saving the Money You Waste ?

!! Why Not Save it Yourself

First National Bank

Belmond Local News

We believe in International Made-to-Measure Clothes because we sell them and we sell them because we believe in them. Maybe you will believe so too, and more when you see the prices. We can prove nothing to you here—we can do no more than tell you that you'll not be disappointed if you will honor us with a visit. F. P. Tuffree—Under the post office.

—I—

Miss Ruth Pierce was a visitor on Sunday of this week with friends at Fort Dodge.

—I—

W. A. Thompson, of Thompson's Cafe, was a caller at the capital city last week Thursday, going down to look after some business matters.

—I—

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Congregational church meets in the church parlors on Thursday of this week. Mrs. Wallace will be the leader and Mrs. E. G. Reed, Mrs. Gene Kinney and Mrs. E. A. Pierce will be the hostesses.

—I—

W. C. Hofer of Clear Lake was a caller here on last week Friday, attending to some business matters.

—I—

L. B. Hefler of Kanawha was a visitor in this city on last week Friday, attending to business affairs.

—I—

Miss Roland and Miss Hunt were callers at Mason City on last week Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Georgia Galbraith of Goodell was among the out of town shoppers in Belmond last Saturday.

—I—

B. T. Hute of Eagle Grove was among the visitors here last week coming over Friday to look after business matters.

—I—

Mrs. G. F. McBurney was a visitor at Mason City on last week Saturday.

—I—

Miss Ella Matson of Goldfield returned to her school work near this city on last Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen was a visitor with friends and relatives here one day last week.

—I—

Rev. Albertson of Storm Lake was a visitor with friends here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Fred Mortimer was a visitor at Mason City last Tuesday.

—I—

Rev. W. P. Webb, pastor of the M. E. church at Garner, was a caller at the M. E. parsonage here with Rev. Edge the first of the week.

—I—

Miss Hazel Hembd was at Ackley last week helping care for her grandmother who has been ill.

—I—

John Bell of Alexander was a business caller here one day last week.

—I—

The declamatory contest of the high school will be held Wednesday evening of this week.

—I—

Miss Gladys Barry went to Dows Saturday to train the contestants in the high school there for the declamatory contest held in Belmond in the near future.

—I—

Louis Rierson went to Clarion on Monday on matters of business.

—I—

Mrs. Ramsay came down from Garner, Saturday, to see her daughter Miss Jane, who is quite ill.

—I—

Rev. Edge went to Alexander Sunday afternoon to help in the special meetings that are being held there.

—I—

The Chain of Ten met with Mrs. Jensen last Monday, and will meet next time at the home of Mrs. Harold Luick.

—I—

Ole Thompson returned last week from Lisbon, South Dakota, where he has been looking after his land interests.

—I—

Mrs. Mary Wade of Seattle, Washington, is visiting at the Chamberlin and Claussen homes.

—I—

John Sharp and family, who moved to Minnesota about a year ago, have returned to this place and are looking for a house to rent.

—I—

Ed. Carlston recently underwent an operation at Rochester, this being his second operation in the past two months. He is recovering nicely.

—I—

Martin Lewis spent last week Sunday with his wife and relatives at the Jene Sullivan home.

—I—

Mrs. E. Lutke and family are about ready to move into their new house on Washington street.

De Laval Service Day

Wednesday, February 2nd

De LaVal Separator Owners Attention!

If your machine is bucking, be sure to bring it in Wednesday morning, February 2nd, or the day before. The service man must leave on the afternoon motor, so come early,

Johnson & Wright

Belmond, Iowa

Earl Madson has accepted a position in the State Bank and began his duties last week.

—I—

Miss Beatrice Leavy went to Chaska, Minnesota to visit friends last week. Little Arthur Heinish accompanied her.

—I—

The Klemme children, who have been quarantined in rooms over the Belmond Furniture Company's store, have recovered and have returned to their home.

—I—

Miss Pearl Dalrymple is visiting her sister, Mrs. Susie Geise, in Iowa City, and is taking treatments in the hospital there for goitre.

—I—

Earl Sands returned Friday from a trip to Fulton, Ill., Rock Island, Ill., Clinton, Davenport, Fort Dodge and Des Moines. In the latter city he visited with his brother.

—I—

Earl Dalrymple, who is well known here, and who is now living at Algona, is reported to be very ill.

—I—

Harry Nordschow was a business visitor in Fort Dodge on last week Thursday, returning Friday morning.

—I—

Joe H. Boller, of Greene, Iowa, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

—I—

George Gayken, who has been working here the past few months went to Rock Rapids Thursday night for a few days visit.

—I—

George Patten, of Storm Lake, was transacting business in town Wednesday.

—I—

Maus Skauge, of Kanawha, was in town Thursday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jensen went to Mason City Friday morning. They will visit friends there and at Hanlontown before returning home.

—I—

Miss Mable Starnes who has been employed here, returned to her home in Charles City Friday morning.

—I—

A. W. Schultze, of Clarion, was a business visitor in town Thursday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacson are visiting friends in Minnesota.

—I—

A. F. Reis, of Ames, Iowa, was a business visitor in Belmond Thursday.

—I—

L. P. Everz, of Eagle Grove, was in town last Wednesday.

—I—

Mrs. Winey and children returned to their home in Spencer last week. They had been visiting at the Fred Lynch home and while here the children contracted the measles, delaying their return until the little ones had recovered.

—I—

J. W. Winter, of Mason City, was in town on business matters last Wednesday.

—I—

The Priscilla Club met at the home of Mrs. Claude Jennings last Wednesday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris at Rowan.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph of Rowan was doing some shopping in this city on last Wednesday.

—I—

Wanted—Good clean rags, cotton, and of fair size. Will pay fifteen cents a pound for what we want. Bring them to the Independent office.

—I—

Salesmen Wanted—Three young men to travel. No experience necessary. Address G. E. Shurnard, Belmond. General Delivery.

—I—

HOUSEHOLD GOODS SALE

We expect to leave Belmond soon and must vacate our home by March 1st., so we are offering our furniture at private sale at reasonable prices. Call anytime at home fter Feb. 1.—Joseph Bohning. 103c

—I—

Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans returned on last week Saturday from a visit to Dubuque.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of this city spent last Saturday visiting old friends at Rowan, their former home.

—I—

Charles Buchanan was a visitor last week with his sister Edna at Oelwein.

—I—

FURNITURE FOR SALE

As I am moving away, I will offer at private sale my entire household furniture during the next two weeks, at my residence one block north and one block west of the Rock Island. This furniture is all new and in very good condition. I offer it at a large reduction over cost price. Phone 319.—Mrs. A. K. Thelin. 92c

—I—

Miss Alma Ericson of Olaf was a visitor here one day last week.

—I—

Peter Stacy, who has been very ill the past two months with stomach trouble, is improving somewhat and is now able to be in his shop awhile each day.

—I—

Martin Paulson of Olaf was a visitor over the week end with friends in Belmond.

—I—

Miss Eva Hampton of Hampton was a guest over the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard.

—I—

For Sale—About 25 bushel of timothy seed. $3.50 per bushel. Phone 816, Rowan.—Nathan Aldrich. 92*

New Shoes

Our new stock of new Shoes and new Oxfords is now ready for your inspection.

See the new designs in dark Brown and Black.

You will be surprised at this season's prices.

W. W. GOETZ

Belmond, Iowa

Miss Viva Rourk was a visitor on Saturday with friends and relatives at Kanawha.

—I—

Lee Lowenberg, who has been suffering from an attack of scarlet fever, became much worse Monday and a consultation of doctors was held regarding his case.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy.

—I—

Henry Anderson went to Kanawha last week to be present at a meeting of stockholders in a company he is interested in.

—I—

Leroy G. Hill, of Clarion, transacted business in town Thursday.

—I—

FOR SALE—Gray reed baby carriage. Phone 325.

Harry Wolle went to Mason City the first of the week to attend to some business matters.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pletch are spending a week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Meyer and family at Manson, Iowa.

—I—

Mrs. Lawrence Miller of Kanawha was among the out of town shoppers in Belmond on last week Saturday.

—I—

Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerals for sale. Phone 2210. H.L. Bamford.

—I—

F. C. Aldrich visited his brother Fred of Rowan over the week end.

—I—

John Wenzel of Kanawha was a visitor at the home of his parents here on the first of the week.

Clearance Sale of

Horse Blankets

Owing to the extreme mild winter and the present money stringency, we are left with a large number of both wool and storm blankets, on which we are placing the following prices:

Wool Blankets

$19.50 All Wool Blankets, sale price -	$14.50
16.50 Wool blankets, sale price -	12.50
12.00 Wool blankets, sale price	8.00
10.00 Wool blankets, sale price - -	7.50

Storm Duck Blankets

$19.50 Storm Duck blankets, sale price -	$14.50
16.50 Storm Duck blankets, sale price -	12.50

Have Your Harness Oiled Now

Now is the time to get that harness oiled and repaired for spring work.

Jones Harness Company

Phone 47 **Belmond, Iowa**

Lyric

GEORGE HAKE, Prop

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

"Young Mrs. Winthrop"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Ethel Clayton

It is an entertaining story of young married life, telling of the estrangement of a youthful husband and wife and their reconciliation under dramatic circumstances.

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

"Would You Forgive?"

Featuring

Vivian Rich

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JAN. 28

"Tiger's Cub"

A Fox picture featuring

Pearl White

Another receipe for preserving beauty and youthfulness has been given. It is the recipe of an actress noted for both qualities—Pearl White, the William Fox Star.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JAN. 29

"Mary's Ankle"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Douglas McLean and Doris May

He was a doctor without practice and a spender without funds. So he sent a "fake" wedding announcement to every one he knew and planned to live on the returns. Which made him a "husband" without a wife!

What has this to do with Mary's ankle? EVERYTHING

A picture made of laughs and trimmed with chuckles!

11c and 25c

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
JAN. 31 & FEB. 1

"Go and Get It"

A First National Production

No more appropriate title could be given a play dealing with the perils and excitement of a newspaper reporter's life than "go and get it." And this is just the one that Marshall Neilan has given his newest big photoplay.

When a mysterious crime has been committed and the entire city is on its toes for he solution—when riots and bloodshed are raging—when great strikes are pending—it is then that the reporter is called to the city edior's desk and told to "go and get it." And—the chances are one hundred to one—he'll get it. He may be the worse for wear upon his return but he'll have the story.

And such is the case in the new Neilan picture—Kirk Connelly is told of a series of most mysterious crimes and told to get the story. After a lot of the most fascinating and exciting adventures Connelly not only returns with the story, but he gets the beautiful mystery giirl as well. It's SOME picture!

15c and 30c

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

By Charles Sughroe
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Incidents at the Fair

KANAWHA

L. B. Miller, who has been assisting with the work at the Carlston & Skovlin clothing store at Belmond, returned home Saturday evening.

Dr. Stewart returned Friday from Ames where he went the first of the week to attend the veterinary short course.

Miss Viva Rourk of Belmond came home Friday and visited with home folks until Saturday.

Miss Gladys Peterson who has been visiting relatives and friends here for some time left Wednesday for Des Moines where she will be employed in a millinery house until spring.

Miss Edna Rourk left the first of this week for Clare, where she will visit her cousin, Miss Crilly.

Martin Amonson was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends at Eagle Grove.

Messrs. Wm. Deibler, Ben Zeigler and Heiko Veldhouse left Tuesday on business and pleasure trip to sunny Florida.

Mrs. Laurance Miller visited friends at Belmond on Saturday.

Ed. Soderberg and Ole T. Rikansrud returned Friday from Minneapolis were they were the first of the week at a lumberniens' convention.

Neil Hauson returned Tuesday from Chicago where he had been a couple of days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Glidden of Britt were visitors here Tuesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. V. Lawton.

Jefferson Yeakel of Ames came on Thursday night for a couple of days visit with relatives and friends.

O. E. Johnson was a Mason City business visitor Saturday.

Leo Gilligan left the first of the week for a visit with relatives and frends at Clare.

Henry Anderson of Belmond came up Friday morning to a'tend the stock holders meeting .

Messrs. James Shaw, Knute Larson and Ed. Heckerson left Tuesday morning for Eagle Grove to attend a meeting at the Lutheran church.

OLAF

Miss Alma Ericson went to Belmond on Thursday to sing at an entertainment at the Lutheran church.

Mrs. Henry Lein went to Mason City on Tuesday to get her father. He has been staying with his daughter Alma for the past three months. Mr. Toresdahl is quite feeble.

Mrs. Geo. Thompson spent Wednesday at the Geo. Baxter home helping care for the little neice.

Henry Anderson and wife and Hans Hanson and wife came out from Belmond on Thursday to attend the Shurson-Hanson wedding.

The stork visited the Geo. Baxter home Tuesday evening, and left an eight and a half pound girl. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor in Belmond.

Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen of Alexander spent Thursday and Friday in the Geo. Baxter home.

Holden Nelson and wife of Belmond are staying with Mrs. Clarence Scott while Clarence is at Rochester.

Mrs. Elmer Kessler is staying at the Geo. Baxter home helping care for the ill ones. She comes from Iowa Falls.

The M. E. Benson sale was well attended and things went for a good price.

Last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shurson, occurred the marriage of their daughter Jesse to Oscar Hanson, both of this community. Rev. Jensen officiated. Miss Julia Hanson, sister of the groom, and Melvin Charlson of Forest City acted as bridesmaid and best man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are of our very best. Mrs. Hanson being a graduate of Waldorf College and for the past three years has taught school.

Mr. Hanson was a graduate of Ames, when his country called during the late war. He enlisted, serving his time in the navy.

They were the recipients of many useful presents left by the 70 guests, who were at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson went to Minneapolis for a short honeymoon and after March 1 will reside on the John Shurson farm. We with many other friends extend our congratulations.

Astor Ellason came down from Forest City where he attends school and spent Sunday at home with the home folks. Astor walked from Corwith to his home, a distance of 17 miles, Saturday night.

ALEXANDER

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich visited at the J. F. Douglas home in Hampton on Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two children of Hampton are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and daughters Edna and Lena were among the Hampton callers last Saturday.

Arthur Winwood was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pals are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl who came to their home Sunday, January 23.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth of Belmond were visitors with friends at Alexander Friday.

Mrs. Mary Kausian of Ackley is visiting with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symers were busness callers at Hampton last week Thursday.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

Last Friday brought to a close our first semester and also the attendant examinations. The work accomplished has been very satisfactory to the teachers and pupils.

Rev. Mohr took several pictures of our various school activities last Friday. The pictures will be sent to Prof. Macy Campbell, chairman of the legislative committee of consolidated schools.

As a part of drawing work the fourth grade is making several sets of number cards to be used by the first grade.

Miss Alvina Johnson spent the week end at her home in Latimer, where she consulted the doctor on account of an attack of heart trouble.

Two new classes will be organized for the second semester. Civics in place of American history and arithmetic in place of Algebra.

The fourth grade teacher Miss Gartz, reports the following pupils being perfect in attendance during the first semester:

Grace Bergman, Esther Muhlenbruch, and August Freisleben.

As a reward for excellent work in spelling the following pupils of the fourth grade were excused from examinations:

Leona Sheirbon, Florence Bobst, Wilbur Latham, Joe Pals.

Miss Hendrickson's report of the first grade shows the following perfect in attendance:

Johnnie Bergman, Henry Bergman, Harold Kerch.

Miss Oranna Kinseth has been forced to abandon her high school work on account of a recent operation for appendicitis. She has returned to her home at Belmond.

Mrs. George Dunn, Mrs. W. P. Sheirbon and Mrs. C. R. Clark visited the fourth grade last Thursday.

Mrs. Tipton, eignt grade teacher of the Chapin schools, visited our school last Friday afternoon.

The following pupils of the sixth grade were neither absent nor tardy during the first semester:

Letha Bohlen, Bertha Freisleben and Elmer Kieslich.

Mrs. M. D. Latham visited the first grade last Thursday.

Master Else Pals name should appear among those who were neither absent nor tardy during the first semester. He is in the first grade.

The basket ball game between the town team and a team from Kanawha was held in the high school gym last Friday night. Score was 32 to 12 in favor of the local team.

The next number of our lyceum course will be the Metropolitan Trio on next Thursday evening.

Arrangements have been made so that there will be no conflict between the lyceum number and church service.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Mrs. Albright and children of Kanawha were visitors at the home of Mrs. Albright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Riekens, the past week.

Grace and Lydia Gartz of this vicinity and Fred Halfpop from near Meservey were Sunday visitors at the Roy Halfpop home near Goodell.

The attendance in the rural schools has been very irregular the past few weeks, due to sickness.

Some of the teachers attended the last study center of the season at Clarion last Saturday.

Mrs. H. Frohling had the misfortune of falling one day last week and breaking her leg above the ankle.

CORNELIA

R. S. Wlson was a Belmond caller Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Frank Lester spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of her parents in Clarion.

Hardy Lathrop was a passenger to Belmond on Thursday.

In spite of blown out tires and bad roads, Bill and Pete made their usual trip to Belmond Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson of Eagle Grove spent the week end at the home of their daughter, Mrs. K. Severson.

Geo. Coburn and Martin Skar were business callers at Carion on Thursday.

Mr. Didio lmet with a palnfu accident last week, breaking three ribs.

Miss Zula Suiter spent a few days last week with her sister Mrs. John Finnegar.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Michal of Clarion spent Friday and Saturday at the Lagge home.

Mrs. A. M. Axen and children were passengers to Belmond on Thursday.

G. A. iKramer departed for Illinois last week expecting to be gone ten days.

Lyman Huntly attended the dance in Clarion on Friday.

Bill Huntley and Pete Kastler went to Clarion Saturday evening and to Belmond on Sunday, making the trip by train this time.

Arthur Leonard shipped a car of hogs last Saturday.

The weather last week would not permit the ice men to work but they are at it this week with full force.

Mr. Lamb shipped a car of hogs Thursday.

Ed. Brooks and daughter visited in Rowan last week.

Mrs. L. L. Lathrop went to Belmond on Monday.

Mrs. Clair McDermott of Clarion visited here on Monday.

Myrtle Severson who is attending school at Eagle Grove spent Friday and Saturday with her parents here.

Miss Ruby Shahan attended the teachers meeting at Clarion last week Saturday.

A. M. Axen and family and Geo. Coburn and wife spent Sunday eve at the R. S. Wilson home.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP

(Too late for last week.)

Louis and Tom Kalvig and Ole Shaw visited with their brother and cousin, J. E. Kalvig, and family on Wednesday.

Quite a number from this neighborhood went to a sale near Kanawha last Wednesday.

Joe Larson sold part of his corn at Renwick, Wednesday, for 48 cents per bushel.

Mr. Shillington will finish corn husking about the 18th, providing the weather remains good.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbe visited with their son Henry and family on Wednesday.

Ardelle Espe started to work at the Rourk restaurant at Kanawha on Tuesday morning.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Bert Larson on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. George Nibe went to Clarion to meet her husband, Thursday. He has been visiting home folks at Story City the past few days.

The young folks from this neighborhood attended a surprise party at the Stenson home Thursday night. An enjoyable time is reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson are the proud parents of a fine 11 pound girl, born on Thursday.

A few of the grades in school No. 8 are busy now taking examinations.

With all the snow and the wind blowing from the northwest, did not stop some of the farmers from attending the Peterson sale on last Friday.

Joe Larson went to Renwick on a business trip Friday.

Bernice Sampson is attending the district number 8 school now, as the district 9 school has been unable to secure a teacher. There is a good opening there for a teacher.

The Misses Tillie and Louise Asbe went to Kanawha on Saturday to have some dental work done.

The Misses Allen and Beaulah Anfinson visited with Mrs. Hjalmer Jansen on Friday.

Miss Alma Wicks returned home from Eagle Grove on Friday, where she has been visiting with relatives and friends.

Joe Asbe called on his brother Tom and family on his return trip from Eagle Grove, Saturday. He has been visiting with his parents at Eagle Grove the past week.

Sunday he left for his brother Bert Asbe where he will help haul his father's share of grain to market, and will also help Bert cut down a few trees along the roadside, which will certainly be an improvement.

Harry Anfinson visited with his brother Charle on Sunday.

Mrs. Stole visited at the T. A. Asbe home on Sunday.

There was a farm bureau lecture at the E. J. Melland home on Monday afternoon.

Pete Enge and family visited at the Crist Berg home on Sunday.

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

They were slipping along over the pine needles, their eyes intent on the trail ahead. And then Lennox saw a curious thing. He beheld Dan suddenly stop in the trail and turn his eyes toward a heavy thicket that lay perhaps one hundred yards to their right. For an instant he looked almost like a wild creature himself. His head was lowered, as if he were listening. His muscles were set and ready.

Lennox had prided himself that he had retained all the powers of his five senses, and that few men in the mountains had keener ears than he. Yet it was truth that at first he only knew the silence, and the stir and pulse of his own blood. He assumed then that Dan was watching something that from his position, twenty feet behind, he could not see. He tried to probe the thickets with his eyes.

Then Dan whispered. Ever so soft a sound, but yet distinct in the si-

"There's Something Living in That Thicket."

lence. "There's something living in that thicket."

Then Lennox heard it, too. As they stood still, the sound became ever clearer and more pronounced. Some living creature was advancing toward them; and twigs were cracking beneath its feet. The sounds were rather subdued, and yet, as the animal approached, both of them instinctively knew that they were extremely loud for the usual footsteps of any of the wild creatures.

"What is it?" Dan asked quietly.

Lennox was so intrigued by the sounds that he was not even observant of the peculiar, subdued quality in Dan's voice. Otherwise, he would have wondered at it. "I'm free to confess I don't know," he said. "It's booming right toward us, like most animals don't care to do. Of course it may be a human being. You must watch out for that."

They waited. The sound ended. They stood straining for a long moment without speech.

"That was the dumdest thing!" Lennox went on. "Of course it might have been a bear—you never know what they're going to do. It might have got sight of us and turned off. But I can't believe that it was just a deer—"

But then his words chopped squarely off in his throat. The plodding advance commenced again. And the next instant a gray form revealed itself at the edge of the thicket.

It was Graycoat the coyote, half-blind with his madness, and desperate in his agony.

There was no more deadly thing in all the hills than he. Even the bite of a rattlesnake would have been welcomed beside his. He stood a long instant, and all his instincts and reflexes that would have ordinarily made him flee in abject terror were thwarted and twisted by the fever of his madness. He stared a moment at the two figures, and his red eyes could not interpret them. They were simply foes, for it was true that when this racking agony was upon him, even lifeless trees seemed foes sometimes. He seemed eerie and unreal as he gazed at them out of his burning eyes; and the white foam gathered at his fangs. And then, wholly without warning, he charged down at them.

He came with unbelievable speed. The elder Lennox cried once in warning and cursed himself for venturing forth on the ridge without a gun. He was fully twenty feet distant from Dan; yet he saw in an instant his only course. This was no time to trust their lives to the marksmanship of an amateur. He sprang toward Dan, intending to wrench the weapon from his hand.

But he didn't achieve his purpose. At the first step his foot caught in a projecting root, and he was shot to his face on the trail. But a long life in the wilderness had developed Lennox's reflexes to an abnormal degree; many crises had taught him muscle and nerve control; and only for a fraction of an instant, a period of time that few instruments are fine enough to measure, did he lie supinely upon the ground. He rolled on, into a position of defense. But he knew now he could not reach the younger man before the mad coyote would be upon them. The matter was out of his hands. Everything depended on the aim and self-control of the tenderfoot.

He looked up, and the whole weird picture was thrown upon the retina of his eyes. The coyote was still racing straight toward Dan, a gray demon that in his madness was more terrible than any charging bear or elk. For there is an element of horror about the insane, whether beasts or men, that cannot be denied. Both men felt it, with a chill that seemed to penetrate clear to their hearts. The eyes flamed, the white fangs of Graycoat caught the sunlight. And Dan stood erect in his path, his rifle half raised to his shoulder; and even in that first frenzied instant in which Lennox looked at him, he saw there was a strange impassiveness, a singular imperturbability on his face.

"Shoot, man!" Lennox shouted. "What are you waiting for?"

But Dan didn't shoot. His hand whipped to his face, and he snatched off his thick-lensed glasses. The eyes that were revealed were narrow and deeply intent. And by now, the frenzied coyote was not fifty feet distant.

All that had occurred since the animal charged had possibly taken five seconds. Sometimes five seconds is just a breath; but as Lennox waited for Dan to shoot, it seemed like a period wholly without limit. He wondered if the younger man had fallen into that strange paralysis that a great terror sometimes imbues. "Shoot!" he screamed again.

But it is doubtful if Dan even heard his shout. At that instant his gun slid into place, his head lowered, his eyes seemed to burn along the glittering barrel. His finger pressed back against the trigger, and the roar of the report rocked through the summer air.

The gun was of large caliber; and no living creature could stand against the furious, shocking power of the great bullet. The lead went straight home, full through the neck and slanting down through the breast, and the coyote recoiled as if an irresistible hand had smitten him. It is doubtful if there was even a muscular quiver after Graycoat struck the ground, not twenty feet from where Dan stood. And the rifle report echoed back to find only silence.

Lennox got up off the ground and moved over toward the dead coyote. He looked a long time at the gray body. And then he stepped back to where Dan waited on the trail.

"I take it all back," he said simply.

"You take what back?"

"What I thought about you—that the Failing line had gone to the dogs. I'll never call you a tenderfoot again. But tell me one thing. I saw the way you looked down the barrel. I could see how firm you held the rifle—the way you kept your head. And that is all like your grandfather. But why, when you had a repeating rifle, did you wait so long to shoot?"

"I just had one cartridge in my gun. I didn't think of it until the coyote charged."

Lennox's answer was the last thing in the world to be expected. He opened his straight mouth and uttered a great, boyish yell of joy. His eyes seemed to light. The eyes of the two men met, and Lennox shook him by the shoulder.

"You're not Dan Failing's grandson—you're Dan Failing himself!" he shouted. "No one but him would have had self-control to wait till the game was almost on top of him—no one but him would have kept his head in a time like this. You're Dan Failing himself, I tell you, come back to earth. Grandson nothing! You're a throwback, and now you've got those glasses off, I can see his eyes looking right out of yours. Step on 'em Dan. You'll never need 'em again. And give up that idea of dying in four months right now; I'm going to make you live. We'll fight that disease to a finish—and win!"

And that is the way that Dan Failing came into his heritage in the land of his own people, and in which a new spirit was born in him to fight—and win—and live.

BOOK TWO

The Debt.

CHAPTER I.

September was at its last days on the Umpqua divide—that far wilderness of endless, tree-clad ridges where Dan Failing had gone for his last days. Everywhere the forest people were preparing for the winter that would fall so quickly when these golden September days were done. The Under Plane of the forest—those smaller peoples that live in the dust and have beautiful, tropical forests in the ferns—found themselves digging holes and filling them with stores of food. Of course they had no idea on earth why they were doing it, except that a quiver at the end of their tails told them to do so; but the result was entirely the same. They would have a shelter for the winter.

But the most noticeable change of all, in these days of summer, was a distinct tone of sadness that sounded throughout the forest. Of course the wilderness note is always somewhat sad; but now, as the leaves fell and the grasses died, it seemed particularly pronounced. All the forest voices added to it—the wail of the geese, the sad fluttering of fallen leaves, and even the whisper of the north wind. Of course all the tones and voices of the wilderness sound clearest at night—for that is the time that the forest really comes to life—and Dan Failing, sitting in front of Lennox's house, watching the late September moon rise over Bald mountain, could hear them very plainly.

It was true that in the two months he had spent in the mountains he had learned to be very receptive to the voices of the wilderness. Lennox had not been mistaken in thinking him a natural woodsman. He had imagination and insight and sympathy; but most of all he had a heritage of woodlore from his frontiersmen ancestors. Two months before he had been a resident of cities. Now the wilderness had claimed him, body and soul.

These had been rare days. At first he had to limit his expeditions to a few miles each day, and even then he would come in at night staggering from weariness. He climbed hills that seemed to tear his diseased lungs to shreds. Lennox wouldn't have been afraid, in a crisis, to trust his marksmanship now. He had the natural cold nerve of a marksman, and one twilight he brought the body of a lynx tumbling through the branches of a pine at a distance of two hundred yards. He got so he could shatter a grouse out of the air in the half of a second or so in which its bronze wings glinted in the shrubbery; and when a man may do this a fair number of times out of ten he is on the straight road toward greatness.

Then there came a day when Dan caught his first steelhead in the North Fork. There is no more beautiful thing in the wilderness world than a steelhead trout in action. He simply seems to dance on the surface of the water, leaping again and again, and racing at an unheard-of speed down the ripples. He weighs only from three to fifteen pounds. But now and again amateur fishermen without souls have tried to pull him in with main strength, and are still somewhat dazed by the result. It might be done with a steel cable, but an ordinary line or leader breaks like a cobweb. When his majesty the steelhead takes the fly and decides to run, it can be learned after a time that the one thing that may be done is to let out all the line and with prayer and humbleness try to keep up with him.

Dan no longer wore his glasses. Every day his eyes had strengthened. He could see more clearly now, with his unaided eyes, than he had ever seen before with the help of the lens. And the moonlight came down through a rift in the trees and showed that his face had changed, too. It was no longer so white. The eyes were more intent. The lips were straighter.

"It's been two months," Silas Lennox told him, "half the four that you gave yourself after you arrived here. And you're twice as good now as when you came."

Dan nodded. "Twice! Ten times as good! I was a wreck when I came. Today I climbed halfway up Baldy—within a half mile of Snowbird's cabin—without stopping to rest."

Lennox looked thoughtful. More than once, of late, Dan had climbed up toward Snowbird's cabin. It was true that his guest and his daughter had become the best of companions in the two months; but on second thought, Lennox was not in the least afraid of complications. The love of the mountain women does not go out to physical inferiors. "Whoever gets her," he had said, "will have to tame her," and his words still held good. The mountain women rarely mistook a maternal tenderness for an appealing man for love. It wasn't that Dan was weak except from the ravages of his disease; but he was still a long way from Snowbird's ideal. Although Dan had courage and that same rigid self-control that was an old quality in his breed, he was still a long way from a physically strong man. It was still an even break whether he would ever wholly recover from his malady.

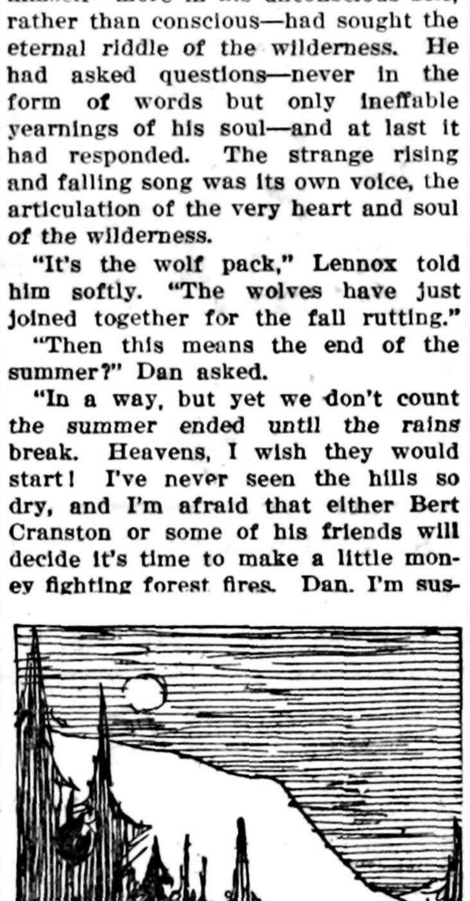
But Dan was not thinking about this now. All his perceptions had sharpened down to the finest focal point, and he was trying to catch the spirit of the endless forest that stretched in front of the house. His pipe had gone out, and for a long time Lennox hadn't spoken. He seemed to be straining too, with ineffective senses, trying to recognize and name the faint sounds that came so tingling and tremulous out of the darkness. As always, they heard the stir and rustle of the gnawing people; the chipmunks in the shrubbery, the gophers who, like blind misers, had ventured forth from their dark burrows; and perhaps even the scaly glide of those most-dreaded poison people that had lairs in the rock piles.

Dan felt that at last the wilderness itself was speaking to him. He had waited a long time to hear its voice. His thought went back to the wise men of the ancient world, waiting to hear the riddle of the universe from the lips of the Sphinx, and how he himself—more in his unconscious self, rather than conscious—had sought the eternal riddle of the wilderness. He had asked questions—never in the form of words but only ineffable yearnings of his soul—and at last it had responded. The strange rising and falling song was its own voice, the articulation of the very heart and soul of the wilderness.

"It's the wolf pack," Lennox told him softly. "The wolves have just joined together for the fall rutting."

"Then this means the end of the summer?" Dan asked.

"In a way, but yet we don't count the summer ended until the rains break. Heavens, I wish they would start! I've never seen the hills so dry, and I'm afraid that either Bert Cranston or some of his friends will decide it's time to make a little money fighting forest fires. Dan, I'm sus-



"Dan, I'm Suspicious of That Gang."

picious of that gang. I believe they've got a regular arson ring, maybe with unscrupulous stockmen behind them, and perhaps just a penny-winning deal of their own. I suppose you know about Landy Hildreth—how he's promised to turn state's evidence that will send about a dozen of these vipers to the penitentiary?"

"Snowbird told me something about it."

"He's got a cabin over toward the marshes, and it has come to me that he's going to start tomorrow, or maybe has already started today, down into the valley to give his evidence. Of course, that is deeply confidential between you and me. If the gang knew about it, he'd never get through the thickets alive."

But Dan was hardly listening. His attention was caught by the hushed, intermittent sounds that are always to be heard, if one listens keenly enough, in the wilderness at night. "I wish the pack would sound again," he said. "I suppose it was hunting."

"Of course. And there is no living thing in these woods that can stand against a wolf pack in its full strength."

"Except man, of course."

"A strong man, with an accurate rifle, of course, and except possibly in the starving times in winter he'd never have to fight them. All the beasts of prey are out tonight. You see, Dan, when the moon shines, the deer feed at night instead of in the twilights and the dawn. And of course the wolves and the cougars hunt the deer. It may be that they are running cattle, or even sheep."

But Dan's imagination was afire. He wasn't content yet. "They couldn't be—hunting man?" he asked.

"No. If it was midwinter and the pack was starving, we'd have to listen better. It always looked to me as if the wild creatures had a law against killing men, just as humans have. They've learned it doesn't pay—something the wolves and bears of Europe and Asia haven't found out. The naturalists say that the reason is rather simple—that the European peasant, his soul scared out of him by the government he lived under, has always fled from wild beasts. They were tillers of the soil, and they carried hoes instead of guns. They never put the fear of God into the animals and as a result there are quite a number of true stories about tigers and wolves that aren't pleasant to listen to. But our own frontiersmen were not men to stand any nonsense from wolves or cougars. They had guns, and they knew how to use them. And they were preceded by as brave and as warlike a race as ever lived on the earth—armed with bows and arrows. Any animal that hunted men was immediately killed, and the rest found out it didn't pay.

"Just as human beings have found out the same thing—that it doesn't pay to hunt their fellow men. The laws of life as well as the laws of nations are against it."

But the words sounded weak and dim under the weight of the throbbing darkness; and Dan couldn't get away from the idea that the codes of life by which most men lived were forgotten quickly in the shadows of the pines. Even as he spoke, man was hunting man on the distant ridge where Whisperfoot the cougar had howled.

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Bert Cranston, head of the arson ring that operated on the Umpqua divide, was not only beyond the pale in regard to the laws of the valleys, but he could have learned valuable lessons from the beasts in regard to keeping the laws of the hills. The moon looked down to find him waiting on a certain trail that wound down to the settlements, his rifle loaded and ready for another kind of game than deer or wolf. He was waiting for Landy Hildreth; and the greeting he had for him was to destroy all chances of the prosecuting attorney in the valley below learning certain names that he particularly wanted to know.

There was no breath of wind. The great pines, tall and dark past belief, stood absolutely motionless, like strange pillars of ebony. Bert Cranston knelt in a brush covert, his rifle loaded and ready in his lean, dark hands.

No wolf that ran the ridges, no cougar that waited on the deer trails knew a wilder passion, a more terrible blood-lust than he. It showed in his eyes, narrow and never resting from their watch of the trail; it was in his posture; and it revealed itself unmistakably in the curl of his lips. Something like hot steam was in his brain, blurring his sight and heating his blood.

The pine needles hung wholly motionless above his head; but yet the dead leaves on which he knelt crinkled and rustled under him. Only the keenest ear could have heard the sound; and possibly in his madness, Cranston himself was not aware of it. And one would have wondered a long time as to what caused it. It was simply that he was shivering all over with hate and fury.

A twig cracked, far on the ridge above him. He leaned forward, peering, and the moonlight showed his face in unsparing detail. It revealed the deep lines, the terrible, drawn lips, the ugly hair long over the dark ears. His strong hands tightened upon the breech of the rifle. His wiry figure grew tense.

Of course it wouldn't do to let his prey come too close. Landy Hildreth was a good shot too, young as Cranston, and of equal strength; and no sporting chance could be taken in this hunting. Cranston had no intention of giving his enemy even the slightest chance to defend himself. If Hildreth got down into the valley, his testimony would make short work of the arson ring. He had the goods; he had been a member of the disreputable crowd himself.

The man's steps were quite distinct by now. Cranston heard him fighting his way through the brush thickets, and once a flock of grouse, frightened from their perches by the approaching figure, flew down the trail in front. Cranston pressed back the hammer of his rifle. The click sounded loud in the silence. He had grown tense and still, and the leaves no longer rustled.

His eyes were intent on a little clearing, possibly one hundred yards up the trail. The trail itself went straight through it. And in an instant more, Hildreth pushed through the buckbrush and stood revealed in the moonlight.

If there is one quality that means success in the mountains it is constant, unceasing self-control. Cranston thought that he had it. But perhaps he had waited too long for Hildreth to come; and the strain had told on him. He had sworn to take no false steps; that every motion he made should be cool and sure. He didn't want to attract Hildreth's attention by any sudden movement. All must be cautious and stealthy. But in spite of all these good resolutions, Cranston's gun simply leaped to his shoulder in one convulsive motion at the first glimpse of his enemy as he emerged into the moonlight.

The end of the barrel struck a branch of the shrubbery as it went up. It was only a soft sound; but in the utter silence it traveled far. The gun barrel caught the moonlight as it leaped, and Hildreth saw its glint in the darkness.

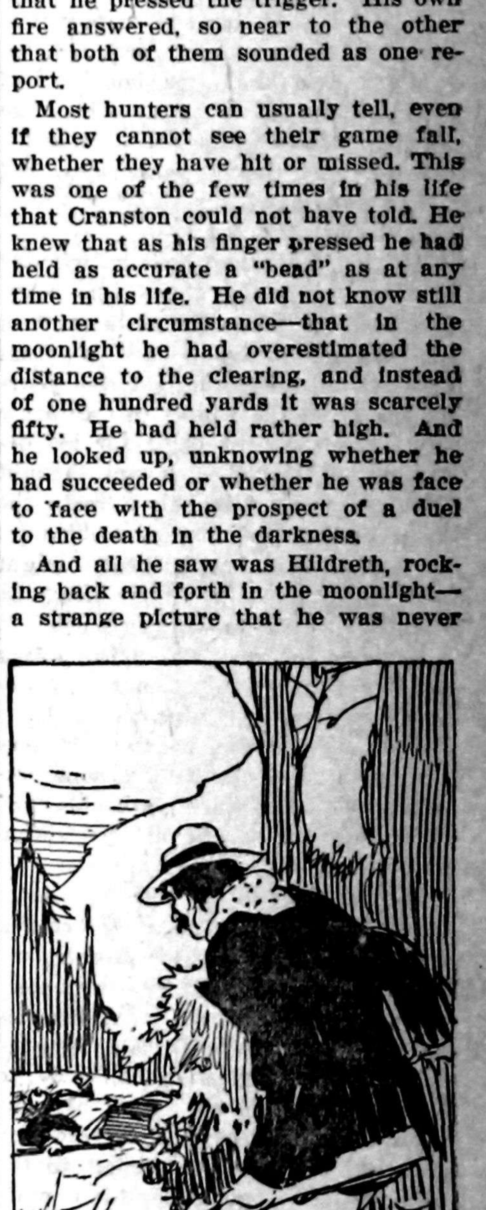
He was looking for trouble. He had dreaded this long walk to the settlements more than any experience of his life. He didn't know why the letter he had written, asking for an armed escort down to the courts, had not brought results. But it was wholly possible that Cranston would have answered this question for him. This same letter had fallen into a certain soiled, deadly pair of hands which was the last place in the world that Hildreth would have chosen, and it had been all the evidence that was needed, at the meeting of the ring the night before, to adjudge Hildreth a merciless and immediate end. Hildreth would have preferred to wait in the hills and possibly to write another letter, but a chill that kept growing at his finger tips forbade it. And all these things combined to stretch his nerves almost to the breaking point as he stole along the moonlit trail under the pines.

A moment before the rush and whir of the grouse flock had dried the roof of his mouth with terror. The tall trees appalled him, the shadows fell upon his spirit. And when he heard this final sound, when he saw the glint that might so easily have been a gun-barrel, his nerves and muscles reacted at once. Not even a fraction of a second intervened. His gun flashed up and a little, angry cylinder of flame darted, as a snake's head darts, from the muzzle.

Hildreth didn't take aim. There wasn't time. The report roared in the darkness; the bullet sang harmlessly and thudded into the earth; and both of them were the last things in the world that Cranston had expected. And they were not a moment too soon. Even at that instant, his finger was closing down upon the trigger, Hildreth standing clear and revealed through the sights. The nervous response that few men in the world would be self-disciplined enough to prevent occurred at the same instant that he pressed the trigger. His own fire answered, so near to the other that both of them sounded as one report.

Most hunters can usually tell, even if they cannot see their game fall, whether they have hit or missed. This was one of the few times in his life that Cranston could not have told. He knew that as his finger pressed he had held as accurate a "bead" as at any time in his life. He did not know still another circumstance—that in the moonlight he had overestimated the distance to the clearing, and instead of one hundred yards it was scarcely fifty. He had held rather high. And he looked up, unknowing whether he had succeeded or whether he was face to face with the prospect of a duel to the death in the darkness.

And all he saw was Hildreth, rocking back and forth in the moonlight—a strange picture that he was never



He Knew He Had Not Missed.

entirely to forget. It was a motion that no man could pretend. And he knew he had not missed.

He waited till he saw the form of his enemy rock down, face half-buried in the pine needles. It never even occurred to him to approach to see if he had made a clean kill. He had held on the breast and he had a world of confidence in his great, shocking, big-game rifle. Besides, the rifle fire might attract some hunter in the hills; and there would be time in the morning to return to the body and make certain little investigations that he had in mind. And running back down the trail, he missed the sight of Hildreth dragging his wounded body, like an injured hare, into the shelter of the thickets.

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Continued next week.

ROWAN

D. W. WHITTEN

Daniel Whitten was born at Clayton, Ont., Canada, Feb. 21, 1846, and died at Long Beach, California, on Jan. 11, 1921, at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 20 days. In 1866 he went to Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in lumbering and worked on the river, and then in 1875 he came to Wright county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Rowan.

He became engaged to Miss Mina Brandes whom he married on Jan. 27, 1875, and to this union were born eight children, H. J., D. W., and G. W., all of Rowan; Elsie Ramsey and Lula M. Brinkman, of Latimer, Iowa; Andrew who was killed in the late war; and John and Fred who died in infancy.

On Dec. 19, 1898 his wife died. He continued to operate his farm for a few years with his family, and then he was united in second marriage on April 4, 1900, to Hannah Baines of Dows. He remained on the farm until 1903 and then retired to Rowan where he resided until the time of his death. Until about three years ago he was strong and well, and then he contracted pneumonia, this hastened his death which was the result of heart disease.

Mr. Whitten is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Norman of Winnepeg, James of Bloomfield, Ont; George of Rowan, Elizabeth Klazer of Toronto, and Mary Mathers of Mt. Forest, Ont. These are the only members of a large family of twelve that are still living. He leaves also a wife, three sons, two daughters, one stepdaughter, Angie Baines, and little Laurel who has been with them since infancy.

Bro. Dan Whitten was converted about thirty years ago and five years later experienced the blessing of holiness. He was one of the pioneers of church work in Rowan and was connected with the two churches, Congregational and Methodist Episcopal. He served in the capacity of Sunday school superintendent and before he held that position he had a fine class of boys to whom he greatly endeared himself. It was his express wish many years ago that the members of his Sunday school class be his pall bearers.

Tho his death had been anticipated for some time by those who knew him best, yet when the news came of his passing away, it was a great shock to all. For the last five years he has spent the winter in California and when the time came for his departure in November, it was thought that he would not be able to make the journey; but he finally decided to go in the hope that his health might be improved. But his Heavenly Father saw fit to translate him to that haven of rest where the saints and the spirits of just men and women made perfect forever dwell.

His holy life, his consecrated service, his christian piety, his noble example will be to those with whom he came into contact be an inspiration and incentive.

The funeral services were held from the old home and the M. E. church and were conducted by he Rev. Harold Tomkinson. The town quartette comprised of Mrs. A. O. Pelly, Frances Farren, William Rietz and Howard Box rendered selections suitable to the ocassion. Every part of the church was full of friends who had gathered to pay their respect to the memory of a good christian man. Mr. Tomkinson paid touching tribute to the deceased, having been closely connected with him in church work. The address was based on the words: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course. I have kept the faith," which the pastor fitted most beautifully to the experience of Brother Daniel Whitten.

CARD OF THANKS

To the American Legion, the different church organizations, the business men of Rowan and the friends who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement and for the beautiful floral offerings and the choir for the comforting songs rendered, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks.

Mrs. Dan Whitten and family.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Leanard McCallum entertained at a two-course dinner Tuesday night in honor of her birthday and also the birthday of Mrs. O. F. Braden.

MISSION STUDY CLUB MEETS

The young peoples Mission Study Club met Monday night with Laura McCallum as hostess and leader. The new officers were elected for the year as follows: Gladys Whitten, pres; Mary Rowen, vice pres; Thelma Brooks, sec and treas. After the lesson and business meeting were over refreshments were served, which were enjoyed by all present.

Relatives here have received word of a new baby girl at the home of Archie McCallum at Thornton.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

The Wright and Franklin Counties Breeders Association held their annual business meeting Monday for the purpose of electing their new officers for the year, and for other business. The following officers were elected:

Board of Directors: Fred Brooks, Tom Ross, Jr., John Akers, Ed. Azeltine, Oscar Meyers, Frank Drury, Joe Patton, Jr. Fred Brooks was elected president and Tom Ross manager, Fred Sheldon treasurer, and Guy Toyne secretary.

LEGION PLANS BOX SOCIAL

The American Legion held their regular meeting Tuesday night. They are planning a box social for Feb. 4th so ladies be thinking about your boxes and come with one well filled and have a good time. A special program will be given before the sale of baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frank and daughter Mildred drove up from Des Moines on Sunday to visit at the F. B. Sheldon home and with other friends.

Mrs. Guy Sheldon went to Clarion Wednesday to spend the day.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph and Mrs. L. W. McCallum were Belmond shoppers on Wednesday.

J. F. Howell was a business caller at Clarion on Friday.

The town basket ball team played the town team of Dows Thursday night at Dows. The score stood 20 to 28 in favor of Dows.

Byron Bailey, wife and children of Colorado are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Riley. They are moving from Colorado to Oregon.

Carl Steffens, who is in the Presbyterian hospital at Chicago, expects to be operated on Monday. His parents received word last week that he had fallen and hurt his rib which

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church, will speak next Sunday morning on "Pigeons Among the Pots," and in the evening on "The Philosphy of Maggie." The relation of Maggie Jiggs to her husband are well known to us all, but you have little idea what the Methodist pastor will have to say on Maggie's disposition.

The Methodist church was comfortably filled last Sunday morning when the pastor spoke on "Humility and Life's tasks."

The body of Dan Whitten arrived from California last Thursday. The out of town guests at the funeral on Saturday were:

Will Baines, Montgomery, Iowa; J. T. Baines, Montgomery; J. A. Baines, Spirit Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Burrows and son, Dows; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baines, Dows; Mrs. G. C. Tutin, Arnott, S. D; Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey and family, Latimer; Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman, Latimer; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitten, Thornton; Ralph Whitten, Grinell; Mrs. Anton Hospasks, and daughter, Clarion; C. L. Hall, Clarion; and Mrs. Roy Fitz, Clarion.

Make your home news interesting. Telephone your news items to No. 62.

Fred Hackley, F. M. Meyers, Cecil Harris, Frank Snyder, Wayne Boyington, Harold Virden and Fred Brooks drove to Des Moines and back Tuesday. They say the roads were fine most of the way.

S. Altizer came Monday as supply agent at the Rock Island depot while Mr. Ballou is taking his vacation in sunny California.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown returned to their home at Marengo, Iowa, Monday, after a short visit with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler.

John Reiker returned last week from Missouri where he has been the past month.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson who has been ill at Dows since the holidays, was able to come home Monday.

Mrs. Inman of Dows transferred here Friday enroute to Fort Dodge where she was going to help care for her granddaughter, Carol Vennum, who was to have an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson went to Clarion on Friday to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer. Dan Harris is caring for their milk route during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond were Rowan callers Saturday night.

On Sunday, January 30, Rev. Ada Anderson will speak on "The Shepherd Psalm." The Junior talk will be on the "Lead Pencil." As this is Christian Endeavor day, the evening service will be in celebration of the forty years of the society. The sermon will be a C. E. anniversary address.

A. C. Retzi is on the sick list since Friday.

Saturday the high school basket ball teams from Hansell came to Rowan to play the high school teams of this place. As they had to come on the morning train the domestic science girls served dinner to them in the basement of the Congregational church. In the afternoon Mr. Williams put on a matinee which was thoroly enjoyed by the Hansell young people as they have no picture show in their town. At night the games were well attended. The Hansell teams won both games, the scores being, girls' game, 24-7, boys', 57-15. The Hansell teams show fine team work and our teams were outclassed by size and weight. This is Rowan's second game this year.

Miss Hazel Azeltine of Dows was visiting her friend, Miss Izetta Fletcher, Thursday and Friday.

Leslie Andrews and his mother, Mrs. Esther Andrews, went to Highmore, South Dakota, Friday where they were called by the sickness of Mrs. Andrews' daughter, Mrs. Jim Smith, formerly of this place.

Mrs. Bert Pierce of Thompson is sick with the measles at the home of her uncle, Sim Stout. She and her husband were there for a visit when she was taken sick. Mrs. Pierce will be remembered as Miss Zetta Stout.

Mrs. Fred Smith was over from Clarion on Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Snyder, who has not been enjoying very good health the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormal Gates entertained Friday night at dinner the following guests: Miss Mildred Frank, Mr. Guy Toyne and Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Edward Rietz, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rietz, is quite sick with broncial asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ballou were not ablt to go to California as they had expected.

Judge Wright excused LaVonne Ballou from jury duty so she could go to California with her parents.

Gilbert, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowen, has been very sick with a cold the past week, but is improving now.

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings entertained the following young people: Lester Smith, Dollie Riely, Cecil Harris, Lottie Williams, Marjorie Brooks, Edgar Mantle, Thelma Brooks, Chet Moellering, Laura McCallum and Jim Burt. After dainty refreshments they were visited by spooks.

Mrs. E. Bingham has been sick the past week with the lagrippe, but is reported better.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher has been visiting at her daughters' Mrs. Chet Conn.

Ed. Brooks and little daughter called on his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks between trains Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ballou went to Chicago on Thursday to spend the week end with Mrs. Ballou's brother E. J. Lynk.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsan of Belmond spent the week end at the Harris home.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright county

April Term, A. D. 1921.

H. A. Koefed, Plaintiff,

vs

Fred Staehle,

Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.

The Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc, Garnishee.

To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of sixty-six and eight-one-hundred dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1920, for fresh, salt, and smoked meats, together with other merchandise sold and delivered to you during the year of 1920, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family; that plaintiff has filed his bond asking that a writ of attachment issue against your goods, chattels, credits and property; that said bond has been approved; said writ granted; and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc., attached as garnishee.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Clarion on the fourth day of April A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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FOR SALE

One Rotary Water pump, capacity 14 gallons per minute. Catalog price $32.70. Will sell for $8.00. Guaranteed to give satisfaction.—Belmond Welding & Tank Co. 1tc

Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y. For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

Lost—Eversharp lead pencil. Finder return to this office. Reward.

PUBLIC SALE!

As I am moving away, I will sell at Public Auction on the old Ole Furuseth place, six miles west of Belmond, 2 1-2 miles south of the St. Olaf Church, and 7 1-2 miles north of Clarion, on

THURS., FEB. 3, '21

9 Head of Horses 9

1 Sorrel Mare, 8 yrs. old, wt. about 1,250
1 Driving Horse
1 Driving Mare, 9 yrs. old, wt. 1,050
1 Team of Gray Geldings, age 6 and 7 yrs., wt. 3,000
1 Team of Blacks, consisting 1 Mare and 1 Gelding, wt. 2,400, coming 4 and 5
2 Team of Bays, both mares, wt. 2,400, coming 4 and 6

19 Head of Cattle 19

5 1-yr. old Calves
5 2-yr. old Steers
6 milk cows, some fresh now, some fresh soon
3 2-yr old Heifer

Farm Implements

2 New Farm Wagons
1 new International Corn Planter.
1 new 10 ft. Janesville Disc
1 new Emerson Gang Plow
1 DeLaval Separator, almost new
1 Barrel Churn, new
4 sets of Harness, 2 new last spring
1 Pump Jack
1 new P. & O. Cultivator with Scraper Attachment
1 new International Cultivator
1 John Deere Sulky Plow
8 new Horse Collars
1 Single Harness
1 Saddle and Riding Bridle
Several Pitchforks and Scoops
1 4-Section Lever Drag and Cart
1 McCormick Binder
1 John Deere Cultivator
1 McCormick Mower
1 pair of Horse Blankets
1 Sandwich Elevator with Roof Extension
1 STACK OF WILD AND TAME HAY, MIXED
1 Surface Tower Cultivator
1 Buggy
1 Hog Waterer
1 Chicken Waterer
1 Endgate Hoosier Seeder
1 Hay Rack
1 Choreboy Gasoline Engine
1 STACK OF STRAW

Household Goods

1 new Majestic Cook Stove
1 new Favorite Hard Coal Stove
1 new Four Hole Laundry Stove
1 new Brooder Stove
1 Book Case with glass doors
1 new Red Star Oil Stove, 4 burners with high oven
1 Kitchen Cabinet
1 Kitchen Table, zinc top
1 Center Table
Milk Pails
Strainers
Milk Cans
Rocking Chairs
3 Iron Beds, Springs and Mattresses

Many Other Articles Too Numerous To Mention. Most All of My Goods Were New Last Spring.

115 Chickens 115

40 pure bred Buff Orpington Pullets
60 mixed Pullets
15 pure bred Buff Orpington Cockerals

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE---All Sums of $10 or less cash, over that amount 11 months time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

T. A. N. ALLAN Owner

Bank of Clarion, Clerk

Alvin Ericson, Auctioneer

Have You Noticed the Number of Short Locals in the Independent Each Week?

BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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BELMOND SHORT COURSE PROGRAM READY

Some Interesting Items of the Local Schools

Basket Ball Teams Winning And Losing; To Play Mason City And Dows in Near Future.

LAST LECTURE MONDAY NIGHT

The Home Declamatory Contest last Wednesday night was attended by a small, but interested audience. All were very much interested in the judges' decision as the winner of first place in each class will represent our school in the Wright County Declamatory Contest to be held here Februar 25th.

William Chase won first and William Vestweber second in the Oratorical class. Carol Tyrrell first and Nellie Murphy second in the Dramatic class, and Elaine Rierson first and Irving Madsen second in the humorous class.

Wilma Thompson had a severe case of tonsilitis and could not speak.

The judges agreed that it was a very close contest and difficult to decide.

On Friday afternoon just before dismissal the High School had a pep meeting before the Garner games. Olive Butts wrote a very clever little farce, in poetical form, telling of the efforts of Mr. Victory to choose a wife from among many fair candidates for the honor, Miss Clarion, Miss Garner, Miss Corwith, Miss Dows and Miss Rowan. All wanted Mr. Victory, but of course Miss Belmond won him.

Much credit is to be given to the author, to those who took part and Miss Dodd and Miss Sedman, who directed it. We have discovered that we have a great deal of original talent in our high school.

Faher Eardley was up to the pep meeting and gave a very interesting talk.

LAURANT COMPANY

The last and best number of the 1920-21 Lecture Course will be held in the High School Auditorium Monday night, February 7th. Laurant and Company come to us very highly recommended. He has been with the Redpath Bureau for sixteen years and has played many return dates. Laurant carries his own stage settings with him. Remember the date. Monday, February 7th, and come and see if "The Hand Is Quicker Than the Eye." Let's have a capacity house.

Friday night of this week the Boys and Girls Basket Ball teams will go to Garner to uphold Belmond's reputation.

The Garner floor is smaller and there are no out-of-bounds, nevertheless we expect to play the best game of the season and hope to be victorious.

Friday night, February 11th the Boys' basket ball team will play Mason City on the local floor. This promises to be a fast game, and if we don't win, Mason City will know that they have been thru a game. Our teams are improving every week and deserve your patronage. Why not get behind them?

The Girls' baske ball game last Friday night resulted in a defeat for the home players. It was the fastest game the local girls have played. Garner have a clever system of floor placement plays, which they worked most successfully. The score 19 to 4, in their favor, does not show the good playing the local girls did. The third ten minutes of playing gave Garner only one basket.

The Garner school requires every student to take physical training. They are reported to have five girls' teams, from which they choose their players. We go to Garner this Friday and expect a much closer score.

Belmond 15, Garner 8, tells the score of the fastest and cleanest game of basket ball our boys have played this season. Eight men played in the game, and, though but four scored points, it was the work of the rest of the team that made the baskets possible, not star playing on the part of these individuals. Wm. Vestweber though not fully recovered from his bout with the measles, added considerably to our strength in the first half. Everett Parsons, who substituted for Vestweber the second half, also played a good game.

On account of he basket ball teams leaving for Garner on Friday afternoon, the Literary Society will hold its meeting on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, in the auditorium. The first division will give the program which follows:

SCHOOL CALENDER

Feb. 1, Health Talk ---- Miss Liddle
Feb. 11, Mason City vs Belmond, here
Feb. 18, Dows vs Belmond, here.
Feb. 25, Clarion vs Belmond, girls, here.
Feb. 25, Wright County Declamatory Contest, here.

Sugar Company Makes Several Changes In Officers

Board Of Directors At Meeting On January 26th Makes Several Changes In Officials.

W. C. TYRRELL NOW PRESIDENT

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Valley Sugar company held January 26, 1921, W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., of Belmond was elected President of the company and H. J. Klemme of Belmond was elected a director and a member of the Executive Committee, consisting of W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., H. J. Klemme, A. L. Luick and C. T. Fenton. C. T. Fenton was elected vice president and general manager in charge of operations and A. L. Luick was elected secretary and treasurer.

Plans for financing and operating the factory this year were formulated at this meeting. Beet contracts will be made eminently fair to grower and company, price for beets based on price of sugar. Field agents will be put to work writing acreage within a few days and it is expected that a larger acreage than 1920 will be written and a maximum run for the factory provided. 8000 acres is needed for this.

The sugar factory operations have been a big asset to this part of Iowa and everyone is vitally interested in its success.

Obituary

MRS. ARTHUR O. NELSON

Merle Janette Brooks Nelson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brooks, was born October 3, 1899, at the family home near Belmond, and died at her home west of Belmond on Tuesday morning at 12:00 o'clock, January 25, 1921, aged twenty-one years, three months and twenty-two days.

She was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, having been baptised and confirmed in that faith. She attended school at Belmond and was a graduate of the class of 1916, after which she taught one year.

On the 25th of December in the year 1917, she was united in marriage to Arthur O. Nelson of Jewell, Iowa, by

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Two Of A Kind Bluff Out A Full House

A Late Dinner, A Wrathy Frow, A Full House, Hizzoner, All Figure In The Deal.

AND HIZZONER TAKES THE POT

Usually two of a kind are pretty small spuds in a poker game, but Sunday they proved to be some Murphies and bluffed out a full house.

It happened thus, according to reports:

Dinner was ready. It was more than ready, it was getting stale, and friend wife became peeved because hubby came not. Now she was not of the old fashioned kind who flop in a rocker and warbled "Where Is My Wandering Boy," instead she flopped into a rage and warbled to Hizzoner that an investigation must be conducted.

Accordingly, Marshal Hal Nourse and Nightwatchman Rierson, being two of a kind, were appointed a committee of two.

With stealthy steps they approached the forbidden door. With keen cunning Old Sleuth listened. The door was locked, and from the other side came sounds as of a family gathering, talk of antes, of raisin' the ante, of twins, triplets and of full houses.

Boldly Old Sleuth knocked upon the door. A sudden hush! Then sounds of subdued rustlings, of whispered mutterings and a scraping as of a body dragging on the floor. The door opened!

There was a full house present. That much has come to the public. The details no man knoweth but those who were there, and they sayth not. Suffice it to say, that a thoro investigation was made, the evidence confiscated, and everybody—in sight—rounded up and warned to appear before Hizzoner in the morning.

But they say that when the smoke of batlle had cleared away there came from under the bed a strange and weird sight, with clothes mussed, eyes bulging, hair tousled and dirt on his form from head to foot.

The boy stood on the burning deck
Whence all but him had fled,
Shook from his neck
Of dirt a peck,
And to the air he said:
"Never again!"

Monday, anon or oftener, there appeared before his Hizzoner visitors. Came the great and the small, the short and the tall, all classes, kinds, and conditions.

Some held a flush; some were straigt; some wanted a new deal; some tried to pull a bluff; but Hizzoner stood pat, called their hands and showed a pair against a full house—and took the pot.

One fellow's ante was fifty bucks; others in proportion, until by the fall of night eleven rabbits had been skinned. And they say that the end is not yet!

NEW LEGION OFFICERS

At a meeting of the local Post of the American Legion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Dr. Geo. Steele ---------- Post Com.
Floyd Bailey -------- Vice Post Com.
Adolph Skovlin -------------- Adj.
Geo. Heginger ------------ Fin Off.
Cato C. Griesy -------- Post Hist.
Jack Finn -------- Athletic Director.

The Legion has in its new set of officers men who are live wires and who will push the post to the position in public life which it deserves and should occupy.

The boys are planning on making things lively in the coming months, and have a hall under advisement where they can hold their meetings and where they can have their good times. It is understood that some dances, a home talent play, and several similar affairs are under consideration for the spring and summer.

It is to be hoped that they make an entire success of their plans, for the American Legion, while already occupying a prominent place in the life of the community, can be much greater and more influential for the betterment of the community and the community life.

LAVERNE JESSE NELSON

Laverne Jesse, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson, died Saturday, January 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson in this city. The child was born on July 18, 1919, and was one year, six months and eleven days old at the time of his death. The little one had scratched its thumb with a silver fork and had later had tonsilitis, blood poisoning setting in and the little one only lived a few days after being taken ill. They brought him to the home of Mrs. Nelson's brother, Hans Hanson, for treatment. Funeral services were held at the Hanson home and at the Lutheran church, Rev. Jensen officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have three children left, who wyith them mourn the loss of a baby brother.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson wish to thank all the friends and neighbors wyho wyere so kind to them during the illness and death of their little son, and also the many who sent beautiful floral offerings.

Fred C. Veeder, Old Settler, Dies Suddenly

One Of Belmond's Oldest Settlers Dies Suddenly At Home; Had Been Ill For Some Time.

WELL KNOWN IN THE COUNTY

Fred C. Veeder was born at Belmond, Iowa, June 11, 1872, and died at his home in Belmond, January 26, 1921, at the age of 48 years, 7 months, and 15 days.

Mr. Veeder's family moved with their family from Prairie DuChien, Wis., and located on the farm southeast of Belmond in 1860. They were the parents of 12 children, only two of whom are living. Mrs. Minnie Veeder of Saux Center, Minn., and Mrs. Cora Gray, of Rochester, Minn.

Fred was married to Matilda W. Foss on April 11, 1893. To this union five sons were born, Harry, Joseph, Roy, Glenn and Frederick. Mrs. Veeder died on October 1, 1919.

It fell to Fred's lot to become owner of the home place which he farmed until he moved to town about three years ago. While running the farm he engaged extensively in the cattle business buying and selling hundreds of head. This gave him a wide business acquaintance. His health began to fail about four years ago and after a year he gave up farming and moved to town. While able to be about most of the time he has not enjoyed good health. About a year ago he had a long spell of sickness from which it was thought for a time that he could not recover, but his strong constitution was able to fight death off for a season. This winter he has been able to be about most of the time and the day before his death he returned from a trip to Fort Dodge. On Wednesday he was not feeling very well and did not get up. No one thought the end was near, but at 5:30 the summons came and he departed out of this life.

His life from a boy was spent in this community. He was a true friend and had a big heart that was ever ready to help anyone in need. It was the writer's privilege to have known him since a boy, having been members of the same Sunday school class in the old Congregational church of Belmond.

The funeral services were held in

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SPLENDID TWO DAY PROGRAM NOW READY

Many Interesting Exhibits To Be On The List With Many Premiums Offered For The Best.

LADIES DIVISION IN LIBRARY

Prizes To Be Given For The Best Bread, Cake, Cookies, Needlework And Other Home Articles.

The Chamber of Cemmerce of the city of Belmond, in co-operation with the Farm Bureau will stage a two-day short course at Belmond on Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11.

Arrangements are being made by each of the five townships taking part to prepare a booth for the home exhibits in cooking, canning, and sewing by the ladies and all who wish to enter products for this exhibit are urged to notify their lady township chairman. A prize will be awarded the township having the best display of home products by the ladies. Five townships will be represented, and the competition will undoubtedly be quite keen.

Exhibits will also be held of corn, oats, potatoes, and sugar beets. Single ear and ten ear samples ot yellow and white corn, peck samples of early and late oats, peck samples of barley, peck samples of potatoes and single and ten beet samples will be displayed at the farm crops exhibit. The following classes in livestock (any breed) will be held:

Mares over three years old; mares under three years old; geldings over three years; geldings under three years; boars over one year old; boars under one year old; cows over two years and cows under two years old; bulls under two years and bulls over three years old; sows over one year old and sows under one year old; hens one year or over (pen of three.)

The lady chairman and the man chairman in each township represented in the short course is asked to be responsible for holding a township meeting to make arrangements for the exhibits in home products, farm crops and livestock from his or her respective township and to take subscriptions for the premiums.

The premium list for all exhibits will be published in next week's issue of the papers, and will be based upon the combined amounts of money contributed by the farmers of the five townships and the business men of Belmond.

The program as here shown will be followed in the main altho there may be a few additions which will be added in next week's issue of the county papers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 a. m.—Music by Meeker's Orchestra.
10:00 a. m.—Livestock Farming, at Opera House, by E. L. Quaife.
Woman's Work in Farm Bureau, at city library, by Miss Bertha Holden.
Music by orchestra.
Tractor School of Instruction (all day) by H. H. Sunderlin.
Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—Music by Orchestra.
1:30 p. m.—Livestock Judging, at the livery barn, by E. L. Quaife.
Judging Home Exhibits, at city library, by Miss Bertha Holden.
Music by Orchestra.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a. m.—Music by Orchestra.
10:00 a. m.—Animal Feeding, at the livery barn, by E. L. Quaife.
The Community and the Farm, at city library, by Miss Bertha Holden.
Tractor School of Instruction, at garage, by H. H. Sunderlin
Music by Orchestra.
Judging Farm Crops, at Opera House, by F. G. Churchill.
Wright County Soils, at Opera House, by H. W. Warner.
Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—Music by Orchestra.
1:30 p. m.—Address by Peder Pederson, lecturer from Cedar Falls.

Ladies Division of the Short Course

The housekeeper who says, "This is our fair and I must do my part toward making it a success," understands the real purpose of the exhibit. She knows that its success depends upon the generous co-operation, good fellowship and friendly spirit of contest that is shown by the housekeepers.

If the household exhibit in this shor t course is not larger and better than at any preceeding time, the only logical conclusion is that the housekeepers fail to look upon the exhibit as a means of education.

It is the chief purpose of all contests to create a greater desire for improvements, thru the recognition of defects, the recognition of higher ideals, the recognition of better meth ods.

The following rules must be observed in making entries:

1—All entries must be entered in the name of the maker.
2—Articles may not have been entered in any other exhibit.
3—Only one entry can be made in each class.
4—Name of owner may not be placed on any article.
5—Articles having no competition will not receive prize unless worthy.
6—The judge will not award prize to any article unless worthy.
7—All needlework will be judged with regard to beauty, degree of perfection, amount of work and suitability for the purpose for which it is intended.
8—All canned goods must be labeled.

Community Welfare Club Making Many Advances

Splendid Meeting Of Belmond's Most Progressive Club Much Enjoyed By Large Attendance.

MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS

The Community Club held a very interesting meeting last Friday. There was much business to attend to and Mrs. W. R. Ramsay acting as chairman, handled the many questions in a most efficient manner.

A bronze tablet in honor of the boys who died in the World War will be placed on a boulder on the city hall grounds. The tablet has arrived and is very beautiful. The names of the boys are engraved on the tablet.

The club has decided to purchase more play ground equipment. The lying rings were chosen.

Two concrete benches and one concrete table will be built in the park next spring. A few shrubs will be planted on the city hall grounds. The plan to plant shrubrey on the school grounds was placed on the table for further discussion.

Mrs. Rosecrans had charge of the program which was on Modern Philanthropists.

Mrs. C. O. Fitts sang "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," which was very appropriate. The program was enjoyed very much by everyone. And for once, considering he is now in Honolula, the name of Belmond's Philanthropist was spoken out loud.

Refreshments were served by the committee and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

WOMAN BUYS AUTO; FAILS TO RECORD IT; ARRESTED

Charged with violation of the state law governing licensing and regulation of motor vehicles, Mrs. Mabel Blessing, former Muscatine woman, was indicted by the grand jury of Scott county. Her bonds were fixed at $1,000.

Mrs. Blessing is the first woman in Iowa to be tried under this charge. The case is also the first one of this nature to rise in this part of Iowa.

The young woman was arrested for failing to record a transfer of ownership as provided by law, after purchasing a second hand automobile.

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Farm Bureau Notes

EVERGREEN SHORT COURSE IN EAGLE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Thursday, February 10.
10:00 a. m.—Wright county soils, by Harry W. Warner.
11:00 a. m.—Testing soils, by Harry W. Warner.
Dinner.
1:30 p. m.—Judgig farm crops, by F. G. Cihurchill.
7 30 p. m.—Grain farming, by F. G. Churchill.
Saturday February 12:
11:00 a. m.—"The whys of Judging" by Miss Bertha Holden.
Dinner.
1:30 p. m.—Livestock judging—by E. L. Quaife.
Judging home products—by Miss Bertha Holden.
7:30 p. m.—Address—Peter Pederson Farmer-lecturer of Cedar Falls.

SUGAR BEET GROWERS OF WRIGHT COUNTY TO MEET

All sugar beet growers of Wright county are urged to be at the sugar beet meeting which will be held at the court house in Clarion Saturday the 5th at 1:30. The purpose of the meeting is to organize a county association of beet growers and to elect officers for the same.

It will be remembered that the northwest Iowa district conference was held recently at Mason City for the puprose of perfecting a sugar beet growers association for northwest Iowa. It is hoped that all Wright county farmers who are interested in producing sugar beets will attend this meeting Saturday and assist in organizing an association in Wrght county in order that our home county may be in a position to cooperate with the other counties in the northwest Iowa association.

FARM MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE FEBRUARY 7 & 8

John C. Galloway, from the farm management section of the Extension Staff will conduct a short course in farm management thruout Wright county on February 7 and 8.

The purpose of these short courses will be to give the farmers instructions in keeping accurate records of all farm operations and for special instruction in method of transferring from the cash basis to the inventory basis of keeping records for income tax returns.

Farmers who make a practice of keeping accurate farm records in carrying on their work should plan to hear Mr. Galloway's talk and get his suggestions on keeping farm records. Those who heard Mr. Galloway last year realize the value of his suggestions along this line.

The schedule for holding these farm management short course meetings has been arranged as follows:
Feb. 7, Woolstock town hall, 2 p. m.
Feb. 7, Commercial Club rooms in Citizens State Bank of Eagle Grove 7:30 p. m.
Feb. 8, Pleasant township center school, 2 p. m.
Feb. 8, Vernon, center school, 7:30.

IOWA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

The second annual convention of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation was held at Des Moines on January 5 and 6. The total attendance exceeded 1200 farmers many bringing their wives They came from all parts of the state. It was really larger than was anticipated by those who had the arrangements in charge and this gave the officers great encouragement. Inasmuch as it caused them to feel that the Federation was filling a place at this time whiich is measuring up to the farmer's needs and expectations, and showed to them that he wanted to come and consult with those in charge in order that the activities of the Federation might be so conducted as to meet the present day situation

The delegates and visitors commenced reporting at the headquarters on Tuesday afternoon. A very pleasant evening was spent in registering them and in their visiting together. The committees that were appointed begun their sessions at once, particularly the resolutions committee, and also the committee to amend the Federation constitution.

The opening session was called to order at the auditorium Wednesday morning by President G. W. Hunt of Logan. The audience readily fell into line by the singing together of some community songs of a patriotic nature and some parodies pertaining to Farm Bureau organization work. Mr. Hunt in his opening address reviewed the work of the past year and brought out the plans for the future.

Secretary-Treasurer Cunningham had prepared a lengthy and complete report of his activities during the nine months that he was in charge. An astounding amount of work was brought to the attention of the delegates and members present. While the Federation has done a great many lines of work, perhaps the biggest thing was putting the cause of the farmers of the state in the proper light before the public and establishing its relationship with other associations and organizations. Mr. Cunnngham brought out the point that the great amount of good, inasmuch as it had tided us over a critical financial situation that might have been disastrous if a proper understanding had not been brought about.

The meeting Wednesday afternoon was one that those who attended will remember for some time to come. Mrs. C. W. Sewell of Otterbein, Indiana, brought out vividly in her talk "Keeping up with Father and the Boys," the part that the farm women must play in the Farm Bureau and in the sphere which they occupy. The pleasing and entertaining manner, together with the great amount of good sense which Mrs. Sewell's talk contained has brought unlimited requests for copies of her address from various parts of the state.

County agent leader McDonald gave a very complete report of the program of work which the county Farm Bureaus have conducted this past year.

President L. A. Andrews of the State Bankers' Association deplored the necessity of farmers marketing their crops in two or three months, and declared that properly stored, graded and insured the products could be made a sound basis of credit for short time investments.

The evening program of the first day was one that those who attended considered well worth their trip there. Ex-Congressman A. F. Lever of South Carolina spoke of rural credits, advancing the idea of farmers pooling warehouse receipts under government supervision and issuing short time bonds for sale. He told how the wheat growers of Idaho and Washington are selling a bond issue of this kind at eight percent quite freely.

C. E. Gunnels, assistant secretary of the A. F. B. F, spoke on the National organization and its relationship to the state organizations, and especially urged that Iowa keep its great good work going, as it was undoubtedly the pivotal state in the Federation.

The second day program during the morning begun with a report of C. L. Harlan who told of his investigations as an employee of the Federation and the Corn Belt Meat Producers in Chicago regarding the marketing of live stock. His conclusions were that farmers must be organized in order that they could bring about the correction of many abuses, cause improvements, and hope to succeed in legislative ways. The need of the individual making a sacrifice to the organization and settng aside his own desires and wishes was well brought out in this discussion.

COST OF PRODUCING A BUSHEL OF CORN 90c

The preliminary report on producing corn in three hundred thirty-seven farms in Iowa which were scattered about in seven different representative counties in the work conducted by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation co-operating with the farm management section of the Iowa Experiment Station has been received.

A very careful lot of work was done by men who were well qualified to do it with the result that the average was 93 cents a bushel. Some of our would-be economists who are sponsoring anything but the farmer's cause might say that this is due to the fact that we have put the land in a very high valuation, but if they will study the figures which we have in the Federation office they will find that the operating costs are over 56 cents per bushel. The land in the 337 farms used in this figuring was valued at $302.00 per acre on the average, and taking the interest rate at five and one-half percent makes the use of the land come to $18.03, which includes the taxes, the latter being considered a land charge. The present prices that are being offered makes it look like the farmer would be lucky to get the cost of the operating expenses, to say nothing about the rent or the use of the land.

TRACTOR SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Clarion and Eagle Grove will hold tractor schools of instruction Thursday and Friday, Feb. 3 and 4, for the purpose of instructing tractor owners and operators in the operation, upkeep and repairing of the different types of tractors.

Clarion tractor dealers have planned to hold the school of instruction at the O'Dea Motor company (Ford) garage, Thursday, Feb. 3, all day. All tractor owners and operators and those interested in tractors are cordially invited to attend this free school of instruction which will be conducted by H. H. Sunderlin, agricultural engineer expert, from the Extension Staff at Ames. All types of tractors which are sold in the vicinity of Clarion will be exhibited on the floor at the school and valuable points of information will be given out by the tractor expert.

Tractor dealers of Eagle Grove have planned to hold the one day school of instruction at the O'Dea Motor company (Ford) garage on Friday, Feb. 4, and farmers who are interested in having any types of tractors explained to them should attend this school and hear what the agricultural engineering expert, Mr. H. H. Sunderlin, has to say in connection with the tractor and its operation.

HOME EQUIPMENT LECTURES

Miss Bertha Holden, assistant state leader, home demonstration agents, will conduct a series of home equipment lectures in Wright county, Feb. 16 and 17.

Farm ladies who are interested in getting hints and suggestions along the line of home equipment should arrange to attend one of the meetings which Miss Holden will put on.

Miss Holden has been in Wright county before on a number of occasions and those who have had the opportunity of hearing her know that she has valuable suggestions on any subject which concerns the home.

The schedule for holding these lectures in the county will be as follows:
Wed. Feb. 16, center school, E. G. twp., 10:00 a. m.
Wed. Feb. 16, Troy church, Troy twp. 2:00 p. m.
Thurs. Feb. 17, center school, Grant twp. 2:00 p. m.

STATE FARM LOAN BANK PROPOSED

The following clipping from the Marshalltown Times-Republican of a recent date will be of interest to all farmers. The proposed bill was the product of A. O. Hauge, representative from Polk county. This is the same gentleman who is president of the First National Bank in Belmond and who is well known by many of the farmers in this viciniy.

The article says:

Representative A. O. Hauge of Polk count, has drafted a bill to be introduced in the house of the Iowa legislature soon which would provide for the creation of a statewide rural credits system to be adminstered by the state.

I would virtually create a state farm loan bank under the direction of a state rural credits bureau of four. The bank would have a capitalization of $650.000 and the state agricultural college endowment fund would be used for this purpose.

The plan, in fact, is much the same as that followed by the South Dakota farm bank, which in one year loaned more than thirty-one million dollars to farmers in South Dakota.

The governor would be president of the rural credits bureau board, the secretary of the state board of education its secretary and the treasurer of state would be its treasurer. The active manager of the board, however, would be a commissioner of rural credits, to be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and would receive a salary of $5,000 a year.

The board would have the right to issue bonds subject only to the maintainence of a $750.000 surplus above outstanding issues and the usual safeguards on public bond issues by the public.

First mortgages would be issued to secure the loans only after the rural credits commissioner had appraised the land on which the loan was to be placed. The amount of the mortgage could not exceed 50 percent of the value of the farm land as appraised plus 35 per cent of the value of the improvements.

Loans would be made to farmers exclusively and for the following purposes only: First, to buy farm land; second, to buy equipment fertilizer or livestock; third, to erect buildings and improvements; fourth, to liquidate other mortgages.

The bonds would be issued in blocks of $100,000, or more to run twenty years and the profits of the bank, arising from the difference between the bond and mortgage interest rates, would form a reserve fund. The surplus of this fund would go to the credit of the endowment fund of the agricultural college.

PORE OLD DAD

Ye kin sca'ce pick up a paper
An' at its "poets corner greet,
'Cept ye'll see er pirty poem
'Bout the mother, saintly, sweet;
But ye'll have a time, a-say—
Eyes will be er-achin' bad
Ere ye'll overtake er poem
At this time for pore old dad!

No, it isn't willful in 'em—
Them that write of mother dear—
That thar's never notice taken
Of her old man settin' near.
No, it's never meant to slight him,
But hit looks a little sad—
All the bouquets made for mother,
Not a bloom for pore old dad!

True, our mother watched above us
Till her gray old eyes would ache,
But old dad he humped to feed us
Till his back would nearly break.
Mother croonel above the cradle,
Gave devotion, all she had;
Still, that wasn't any circus
At this time for pore old dad!

Do not take one line from mother
When you write the soul's sweet song,
But if thar's a word for father
Now and then it won't be wrong.
Pore old soul! He's bent and wrinkled
An' I know 'twould make him glad
If, while you're praisin' mother,
Something's said for pore old dad!
—Selected.

A Judicious Inquiry

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cought it is unsurpassed.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.
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Owing to the extreme mild winter and the present money stringency, we are left with a large number of both wool and storm blankets, on which we are placing the following prices:

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$19.50 All Wool Blankets, sale price -	$14.50
16.50 Wool blankets, sale price -	12.50
12.00 Wool blankets, sale price -	8.00
10.00 Wool blankets, sale price - -	7.50

Storm Duck Blankets

$19.50 Storm Duck blankets, sale price -	$14.50
16.50 Storm Duck blankets, sale price -	12.50

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Rowan News

Help make your home news interesting. Phone your news items to phone 62.

J. A. Whitten was a business visitor at Belmond on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs entertained Mr. and Mnrs. F. B. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. George Frank and daughter Mildred of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and children, Bernice and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings at a six o'clock dinner on Thursday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ballou and daughter LaVonne and Mrs. Harriet Ballou left for Whittier, California Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Ballou and LaVonne will visit at San Diego and Mrs. Harriet Ballou will visit at Pacific Grove before they return.

May Hyde has been sick with the tonsilitis.

Marjorie Brooks has been out of school with a cold and sore throat.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Fred Brooks on Wednesday afternoon. About thirty were present. Mrs. Gladys Whitten was leader. The lesson was very interesting. Mrs. Minnie Pelly rendered a beautiful solo Two new members were added to the roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Riley and daughter Dollie and son Byron and family went to Belmond on Thursday.

Cecil Harris and Frank Snyder were business callers at Hardy on Tuesday.

Mrs. Esther Andrews and son Lesley returned from Highmore, South Dakota, Tuesday. They left Mrs. Jim Smith somewhat improved in health but Alberta Peters is sick with scarlet fever.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hansen is very sick with the pneumonia.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph and Mrs. R. L. Robinson went to Clarion Wednesday.

Miss Carol Hoke has moved from L. W. McCallum's to J. F. Howell's where she expects to stay the rest of the school year.

The American Legion called a special meeing Wednesday night to consider a lyceum course for next winter and to select delegates to the state meeting at Des Moines which will be held February 12, and some other business.

Don't forget the basket social which the Legion will have Friday night February 4. Every lady bring a basket and help make it a success.

The M. E. Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. F. B. Sheldon on Thursday February 3. All ladies are urged to remember the date and be present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frank and daughter Mildred returned to their home in Des Moines, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Ballou, who has been visiting at Buffalo, New York, and at Battle Creek, Michigan, returned to her home on Wednesday. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Barnes, of Buffalo.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten, little Laural, and Miss Angie Baines spent Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Whitten's sister, Mrs. Burrows, in Dows. They were visiting with another sister, Mrs. G. C. Tutin, before she left for her home at Arnott, S. D.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society met with Mrs. V. E. Munson on Thursday afternoon. They held their annual election of officers, and the following officers were chosen:

Pres. ---------- Mrs. H. J. Whitten
Vice pres. ---------- Mrs. Fred Brooks
Sec. & Treas. ------ Mrs. T. Strevler
Asst. Sec. & Treas. -- Mrs. C. Burger
Chairman of work committee
---------- Mrs. A. H. Emerson
Chairman of Social Committee ------
---------- Mrs. A. E. Emerson
Flower Committee Mrs. O. E. Ballou
Mrs. R. Virden, Mrs. J. S. Farren.

Mrs. Alvin Haupht came from Clarion on Thursday afternoon to attend the Congregational Ladies Aid society

The Congregational Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Fred Brooks on Thursday afternoon, February 3. All members are urged to be present as there will work for all.

Mrs. I. N. Howell of Forest City is visiting at the home of her son, J. F. Howell.

Mrs. M. A. Sullivan of Fort Dodge came Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher. She returned home Friday. Her mother accompanied her home.

Theo. Hansen was a Belmond caller on Friday.

The Woodman of Rowan had a smoker and business meeting at the Bingham Hall on Tuesday night. The officers elected for the ensuing year is as follows:

Council ---------- Chas. Burger
Advisor ---------- Joseph Patton, Jr
Banker ---------- F. B. Sheldon
Clerk ---------- C. H. Lindsey
Watchman ---------- R. L. Robinson
Sentry ---------- G. A. Whitten
Ex. Physician ---- Dr. W. N. Gordon
Manager ---------- O. E. Ballou
Past Council ---------- L. D. Yoeman
Escort ---------- Chet Bailey

The Epworth League had a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sellers on Friday night. A crowd of fifty was present. The evening was spent in playing games after which light refreshments were served. All report a fine time.

Joseph Patton, Jr., has finally succeeded in moving the barn which he bought, from the John Pritchett property in the east part of town to his new home in the north part of the city.

Mrs. L. W. McCallum and Mrs. R. L. Robinson were Clarion callers on Thursday.

The Juniors and Sophomores of the high school entertained themselves at a 5:30 o'clock dinner Friday night in the domestic science room at the school house.

The town basket ball team of Rowan played the town team of Kanawha, at Rowan, on Friday night. The score stood 25-35 in favor of Rowan.

Miss Wilda Whitten came home from her school duties for the week end.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph and Mrs. R. L. Robinson were at Clarion on Saturday.

E. Bingham went to Forest City to attend a Duroc Jersey hog sale last Friday. He reports a good sale and an average price per head of $50.

The dance Friday night at the Bingham Hall was well attended. There were several young people in attendance from Dows and Galt. The music was furnished by Thompson's orchestra from Dows. A good time is reported.

Duncan Farren went to Dows, Friday night, and joined the Masonic lodge.

The town basket ball team of Dows will play the town team of Rowan at Rowan, on Thursday night, Feb. 3, at the school house. Everybody come.

Cards have been received announcing the arrival of a new baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wahlin, of Jefferson, Iowa. Mrs. Wahlin will be remembered as Miss Hope Huffman.

Miss Anna Pennings, of Ackley, was married to W. Schlampt on Jan. 16, 1921. They have the honor be being married in the 'Little Brown Church in the Vale" at Nashua. Mrs. Schlampt spent her childhood at this place.

Little Billie Virginia Whitten, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten, has been sick with a cold but is much better now.

W. A. Hoke, who is at Forest City this winter, came to Rowan on Saturday to attend to business and spent Sunday visiting with his children. He returned to Forest City Monday.

Clifford Snow, from Trear, spent the week end at the Will Whitten home.

Mrs. Perle LaGue and daughter were Belmond shoppers on Saturday.

Frank Snyder was a B business caller on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed. Miller, Mrs. H. J. Whitten, Mrs. Sim Stout, Mrs. T. Strevler and Mrs. Fred Brooks went to Belmond, Saturday, as delegates to a meeting of the ladies division of the Farm Bureau to arrange for the shor course, the program and list of prizes of which you will find in another place in this paper. Be sure to look for it and read it carefully, and do your share toward boosting this good organization.

The Misses Ethel and Eileen Gordon were dental callers at Belmond on Saturday.

Mrs Bert Pierce, nee Zetta Stout, was a Belmond caller on Saturday.

The Rowan high school basket ball teams played a double header game at Hansel Saturday. The scores stood, girl'sgame, 19-11, the boys', 60-2. Hansel won both games.

Mrs. Clanchrode and little daughter went to Belmond on Saturday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Parsons. Mrs. Clanchrode is a daughter of Mrs. Joe Patton, Jr.

Carl Steffens, who is at the Presbeterian hospital at Chicago, had his operation Monday of last week. His friends will be glad to learn that his operation was a success and that he is getting along nicely.

Sunday morning, February 6, at the Congregational church, Rev. Ada Anderson will speak on the theme, Saved for Service. An opportunity will be given at the service, for uniting with the church. The Junior talk will be about "Making Faces." All the young people are urged to be present at the CC. E. meeting at 6:30. We hear a good deal about self denial of the Christian life. Mrs. Anderson invites you to attend the evening service and hear the other side of the question. Her subject will be "What It Costs Not to be a Christian."

Mr. and Mrs. John Norris and daughter, Vivian, of Galt, spent Sunday at the home of J. F. Howell. They came to visit with Fletcher's mother, Mrs. I. N. Howell, of Forest City. Mr. Norris is Mrs. Howell's nephew.

The Congregational church was well filled at the service Sunday morning and the people had a wonderful opportunity and privilege in listening to the sermon preached from the 23rd Psalm. At night the scripture lesson was composed of memory gems from the Bible given by the audience. The choir furnished special music which was appropriate for each service. At the evening services Mrs. Anderson gave the history of the Christian Endeavor, it being the 40th anniversary of that society. The attendance at Sunday school was exceptionally good.

Miss Nellie Hackley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hackley, of near Dows, who has been in the hospital at Iowa City since fall, has just had an operation for appendicitis. She had just gotten over the small pox a short time before. Reports are that she is doing well.

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SOLE SURVIVOR OF SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE DIES

Mrs. Abbie Gardner Sharp, sole survivor of the famous Spirit Lake massacre of 1857, died Friday evening at the Colfax sanitarium, at Colfax, Iowa. She was 77 years old. Mrs. Sharp had been a patient at the Colfax institution for the past six months, and had been confined to her bed during the past two months, following a stroke of paralysis which was directly responsible for her death.

Before entering the sanitarium, Mrs. Sharp resided at Arnold's Park, Iowa, where she lived in the original log cabin in which her parents were massacred by the Indians. Thousands of Iowa people have visited the cabin which was kept open to visitors by Mrs. Sharp during the summer months.

Several years ago Mrs. Sharp wrote a book, 'The History of the Spirit Lake Massacre," in which she described the early days of Iowa, the hardships of pioneer life and the Indian wars.

Mrs. Abbie Sharp was born in New York in 1843, and was fourteen years old at the time of the famous Iowa massacre in 1857.

Her father, Rowland Gardner, had migrated west in 1856, building his log cabin finally at what is now Pillsbury's Point, West Okoboji lake. It was at this cabin, which is still standing, that one of the grewsome episodes of the 1857 massacre took place.

There was constant trouble between the Sioux and the Winnebagoes. A neutral zone running north ad south in Iowa had been established to keep he Sioux and their enemies, the Sacs and Foxes, apart. Winnebagoes had been put in possession of this neutral zone.

In March, 1857, a band of fourteen Sioux under Inkpaduta raided the settlers' cabins in the Dickinson county lake region, massacring one family after another. They started their raid at Smithland, but reached the climax at the lakes. Their procedure at the Gardner cabin was typical. Here they entered under pretense of friendliness, but after eating and squabbling awhile they murdered Mr. Gardner and all the others except Abbie. The women were beaten and mangled. Three children, one a baby, were torn from little Abbie and butchered also.

Twenty settlers were killed on the first day at the lakes, March 6, and others later. Four young women, three wives of white settlers and Abbie Gardner, were taken off as captives. They were painted like the reds, forced to braid their hair, given heavy packs to carry, and were treated as slaves.

Voluntary military companies and regulars from Fort Ridgley pursued, and once were almost in touch with Inkpaduta's fleeing band, but no battle occurred.

The flight was west and northwest. Mrs. Thatcher was brutally killed in the Big Sioux river. A brave pushed her into the stream. As she approached first one shore and then the other in her frenzied efforts to escape, she was beaten away with sticks and stones. Finally she was shot. Mrs. Marble was traded to another band of Sioux and eventually found her way back to freedom.

Finally Abbie and Mrs. Noble were sold to a Yankton Sioux, but the remained with Inkpaduta's band and took them along. Mrs. Noble was beaten to death, despite her owner's objections, by Roaring Cloud, a son of Inkpaduta, because she rebelled his overtures.

After Abbie, the only remaining captive, had been taken into a great Yankton village, she was ransomed by friendly Indians who represented the government of Minnesota. Mrs. Marble's escape had led to this successful effort on Abbie's behalf.

STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

Wright county is one of only fifteen in the state that has not been definitely organized in the drive to save the lives of starving children in central Europe, and we are taking this method of presenting to the people of this county the needs of all these children whose story has been told during the past few weeks in your county, state and national papers.

Iowa has been asked for one million dollars. Of this, something over one-third has already been pledged, or subscribed and paid.

America has in its warehouses and granaries food for eighteen months. These children are in lands with a five to a seven months' supply on hand, of such food as they have, but lacking the starches and fats necessary to sustain child life.

We appeal to you thru your churches, your schools, your organizations of every kind, co-operating with these newspaper men who are devoting all their space to this cause, to see that your county does her part. If you have no money but have hogs, put one on the market and turn in its return to this cause. A load of grain can be readily turned into cash to save a few babies lives.

Do what you can NOW for the emergencies on us.

Credit is given your county for all money sent no matter thru what channel.

Lafayette Young, Sr., Chairman
for Iowa European Relief Council.

TEN DOLLARS SAVES A HUMAN LIFE

The European Relief Council is an emergency organization and when the present need is past will automatically go out of business. The eight organizations, namely the American Friends Service Committee, American Red Cross, American Relief Adminstration, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Knights of Columbus, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, were all engaged in relief work in various central European countries—some in relief of students in the colleges as the Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A. and Knights of Columbus, some in hospital work as the Red Cross, some in food relief work as the American Food Adminstration, and others as the Jewish Joint Committee and Freinds Society in general work in particular countries. These organizations were confronted as were all who were engaged in charitable work there with the catastrophe threatening Europe because of the danger to its childhood. With an idea of saving these children all individually and bending every energy toward averting the disaster theatening, they formed the European Relief Council and underwrote the expense of making the appeal to the American people so that every dollar that is raised goes toward saving the life of some starving child. This is the organization that under the chairmanship of Mr. Hoover with the kind of program that administered millions of dollars worth of relief at a cost of three eights of one per cent that is asking you to make possible the saving of lives in central Europe.

HANCOCK COUNTY LETS 10-MILE PAVING CONTRACT

Garner Signal: Hancock county is to have over 10 miles of paved road this season. The contract was let last Friday for the construction of the paving of the road from the county line this side of Ventura to Garner and from the corporation limits of Britt to the town of Hutchins. This is less han half of the amount that was up for letting but Hancock county has already made the most forward step along this line of any county in the state except Cerro Gordo, and it is hoped that at a future letting the balance of the primary road from the east to the west line of the county will be contracted for. The bids were asked for by sections.

We are informed that the board of supervisors will call another letting as soon as they can be assured that bond payments will get as good bids as cash payments. So that it is possible that the other 13 or 14 miles of the North Iowa Pike may yet be contracted for this season.

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Successful poultrymen everywhere appreciate the necessity for green feed during the winter to maintain the health, vigor and productivity of poultry.

In this climate sprouted oats are equal to the green field crops used in milder climates and are very economical and nutritious. This method of feeding helps to dispose of a greater quantity of a cheap grain which poultry little care for as usually fed.

At present prices of oats the green feed can be produced for less han $8 per ton, a figure that forces out of competition everything but roots, which have, however, only half the food value of the oat sprouts.

A homemade frome with seven racks each about 18 inches square will furnish a continuous supply of green feed for a flock of 300 hens.

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Office Over State Bank of Belmond
Phone 86

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IOWA PRESS ASSOCIATION

HARK! A SOUND!

The American Railway Express company appear to have heard a little sound, and are coming to town to see what makes it. At least, that is what they say.

Recently J. S. White, agent for the company at this place, sent them a package by express—we presume—containing the red hot opinions of the Chamber of Commerce, the sugar com pany, several citizens, and the majority of business men from Belmond, on the matter of better service to Belmond via the C. G. W. The company, it is understood, acknowledges receipt of the present, and says that their man will be here sometime and look the field over.

Just as a little reminder, to let the man know Belmond means business, the average business of the American Railway Express company in Belmond in one month comes around two thousand dollars. In 12 months that is close to $25.000 business. Not half bad, for a little town.

And almost deserving of a little service in return.

The logical thing to do with the express business in Belmond is to consolidate the three offices into one, cutting down on the overhead, giving better service, saving money, and in he long run doing a bigger business. This paper is informed that Floyd Dibble will furnish a team, wagon and man for delivery anywhere in the triangle of railroads for $125 a month, which is cheaper than the express company could do it and furnish everything themselves.

At Mason City, when the offices at company cut down on the overhead that place were consolidated, the of the offices about one-third, the work was done by fewer employees and the people got better service.

Belmond is simply plumb tired of the way things are being run here, and if the American Railway Express company wants to maintain and increase their business in this town they have got to give something for the money. Otherwise, there is going to be a greater percentage of goods sent by parcels post and freight from this town.

HE'S A—?

Fellow said to us the other day:

"You go up one street on one side and down on the other, and you ask the men you meet what kind of a guy so-and-so is, and half will tell you is a whale of a fellow and the other half will say he is a blankety-blank mutt."

What do you think about it?

SPECIAL SALE

For this Week

Peaches, per can	40c
Pineapple, per can	39c
Pears, per can	40c
Peas, per can	10c
Corn, per can	10c
Tomatoes, per can	10c
Sauer Kraut, per can	10c
Beans, per can	10c
Pitted Cherries, per can	35c
Milk, large can,	2 for 25c
Chocolate Cream Coffee, 6 lb. pail	$2.75
Puffed Rice, per package	15c
Shredded Wheat, per package	15c
Grapenuts, per package	16c
Lard, per lb.	20c
Bacon, per lb.	33c
Onions, per lb.	5c
Maple Syrup, small	45c
Cherries (for pie), per gallon	$1.25
Apples (for pie), per gallon	75c
Navy Beans, 3 lbs.	25c
Rice, 3 lbs.	25c
Pinto Beans, per lb.	10c
Crystal Soap, 4 bars for	25c
Yellow Laundry Soap, 5 bars for	25c
Golden Rod Washing Powder, per package	20c
Jam	25c

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CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Dr. G. H. Meyer of the Board of Foreign Missions, who has made a world trip in the interests of the work of the church abroad, will give an address at the church Thursday, Feb. 3, at 8:00 p. m. There will be no admission charges, offering or subscription taken. Dr. Meyer has recently lectured at a number of cities in Iowa and he is reported to be a speaker of great ability and has a message worth while and timely. Hear him Thursday night!

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Two new scholars enrolled last Sunday. Many more ought to enroll and become regular attendants. Start next Sunday.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League devotonial meeting at 6:30 p. m.

A welcome awaits you at any or all of the services of the church. We believe that if this community needs churches that every man, woman and child in the community ought to be affiliated with the church and its work in some way.

The W. F. M. S. will hold their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Edge, Thursday afternoon. An interesting lesson on India and Burma will be coducted by Mrs. Russell. You are welcome whether a member of the society or not.

M. E. Sunday School

In spite of bad weather and slippery sidewalks the attendance of Sunday school was very good. The attendance for Sunday school Sunday, January 30, was 131. A year ago the attendance was only 74. The average attendance for the month of January 1920 was 104 while the average for January this year was 118. We are very pleased to give a report like this, and it is the earnest desire of the officers to have a report like this every Sunday. Right now we are hampered some by the shortage of teachers, but by next Sunday we trust this can be made up. Remember there are classes for both old and young, men, women, and children. See that your kiddies come out, and better yet, come with the kiddies. You will find a cordial welcome in any of the classes.

S. E. Cretary.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

We had the largest attendance at Sunday school last Sunday that we have had so far this year. Next Sunday we want to go over the top and we ask that every member of the Sunday school be present with someone else who is not now in Sunday school. There are quite a number of boys and girls who should be enjoying the benefits of our Sunday school who are not now. Let us get them.

We take this means of assuring our city officials that we are behind them in every move that they make for law enforcement. Let the good work go until every den is depopulated and every still destroyed and ever law of the state and ordinance of the town respected.

The services for next Sunday are as follows: Sabbath school at 10:00 o'clock; Morning Worship at 11:00; and the evening services at 7:30. Next Sunday is China Relief Day in all the churches of the United States and at the close of the service in the morning an opportunity witll be given for anyone who desires to contribute to help the starving of China.

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and

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Belmond Local News

Mrs. Mary Wade, of Seattle, Wash., has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Chamberlain, and Mrs. Claussen.

—I—

Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell returned from Beaumont, Texas, last week, Wednesday. W. C. stayed over in Chicago a day to transact business.

—I—

J. D. Baker will have his closing out sale on the 23rd of February, so watch for the bills and ad. Remember the date.

—I—

Mrs. Herman Cunningham and little son, Lloyd, were in town Saturday from Goodell. Mrs. Cunningham was going to her home in Boone for a few days visit and will then return to Goodell to stay on the farm while her husband's mother goes to Rochester for an operation.

—I—

For Sale—Two cylinder Coven row boat motor, with or without 16-foot boat. Terms right to sell quick.—J. C. Pierce, Belmond, Iowa. tfc

—I—

Special sale on Shoes at Hollmans.

—I—

Wanted—A man in this community to sell silos and corn cribs.—Farmers' Sales Company, Clear Lake, Iowa. 13*

—I—

Misses Hannah and Agnes Rikensrud and Messrs. Harold and Elmer Rikensrud, of Kanawha, were in town Sunday to attend the funeral of the Ralph Nelson baby.

—I—

Lost—United States cord tire, 30 x 3 1-2, between Vincent and Belmond. $5 reward. Leave at Independent office or notify C. H. McNamara, Belmond, Iowa. 11*

—I—

Mrs. Ed. Baker visited over the week end in Manly, with friends, returning Sunday night.

Clyde Cunningham, of Goodell, was in town Wednesday night to be initiated into the Masonic lodge here. After the initiation the Masons served supper to all in attendance.

—I—

Libbys' tall milk, 10 cans $1.35, at Hollmans.

—I—

C. J. Papousek, of the Electric Store attended the Electrical and Contractors convention in Davenport last Tuesday, returning home Friday.

—I—

Five Bottles Catsup, 50c; 3 pound can tomatoes 20c, at Hollmans.

—I—

J. E. Calkins, of Britt, was a business visitor in Belmond on Saturday.

—I—

Louis and Robert Kastler, of Clarion, were transacting business in the city Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. LaGue and daughter, of Rowan, were shopping in town Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Fred Brooks, of Rowan, was among those present at a meeting of the ladies of the Farm Bureau on Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Sim Stout, of Rowan, was in Belmond on Saturday in the interests of the Farm Bureau.

—I—

Mrs. Bert Pierce, of Bricelyn, Minnesota, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home on Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. M. S. Baker, and Mrs. Archie Ames, of Kanawha, were guests of relatives and friends here last week Wednesday.

ROUTE ONE NEWS

Mike Halfwasen, the Pleasant township assessor, is again on the job after being confined to the house for several days with a severe attack of lumbago.

Miss Nell Delaney spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christenson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Heginger spent Sunday with the Ralph Jenison family.

Orlo Anderson, the smallest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Anderson, is having a siege of the measles this week.

The August Rabe family were Sunday guests at the Geitz home in Belmond.

The door plates for the standardized schools have arrived. They are neat in appearance, being made of bronze with the inscription, "Iowa Standardized School," in raised letters. We hope to see one on every schoolhouse in Pleasant township in the near future.

Several of the farmers in this vicinity shipped stock last Saturday. Tom Quinlin, Frank Barry and Ira Studebaker each one car of cattle; and many others shipped hogs thru the shipping association.

It seems that pork never gets cheap enough to suit some people to buy it, as someone stole a fat hog from the August Rabe feed lot just recently.

Miss Cloe Jenison spent the week end with her cousin, Vida Jenison.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright county
April Term, A. D. 1921.

H. A. Koefed, Plaintiff,
vs
Fred Staehle,
Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.
The Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc, Garnishee.

To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of sixty-six and eight-one-hundred dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1920, for fresh, salt, and smoked meats, together with other merchandise sold and delivered to you during the year of 1920, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family; that plaintiff has filed his bond asking that a writ of attachment issue against your goods, chattels, credits and property; that said bond has been approved; said writ granted; and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc., attached as garnishee.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Clarion on the fourth day of April A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Of any community is the Telephone office. The nerves reach out to every part and carry messages of business, of profit and of loss; messages of gladness and pleasure; messages of sadness and woe.

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See the new designs in dark Brown and Black.

You will be surprised at this season's prices.

W. W. GOETZ

Belmond, Iowa

Belmond Local News

John Cantwell went to Ackley on Tuesday of last week, to be present at the funeral of a neice who died at that city the first of the week.

—I—

S. D. Luick, who for the past year or so has been living near Clear Lake, has moved back to the old home town to make his future residence. "Vet" is looking just the same as ever, as spry and clipper as of old.

—I—

L. L. Putnam returned last week Tuesday from a two-week's trip in the east where he was looking after personal business affairs.

—I—

The Belmond Savings Bank has been named as the local depository in Belmond for the China Famine Fund, and is authorized to accept and forward to headquarters all voluntary contributions which may be made to that fund.

—I—

Attorney W. E. Bullard left last week Thursday morning for Des Moines where he spent a day or two attending to some legal matters.

—I—

Louis Tokman was a business caller last week Thursday at Thornton.

—I—

George Thompson was a caller at Mason City one last week Thursday.

—I—

Hay for sale. Phone 1204.—W. A. Legge. 113*

—I—

R. E. Lee Aldrich of Rowan was a visitor here on last week Thursday, coming to attend a meeting of the Farm Bureau in Belmond township.

—I—

Mrs. Lee Stacy went to Heampton the latter part of last week to look after some business matters.

—I—

Mrs. Henry Saatoff is here from Minnesota, visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gartin.

—I—

Edna Rourk and Leo Galligan of Kanawha were visitors in this city on last week Wednesday.

—I—

Miss Agnes Reed was a visitor with friends at Meservey last week, returning on Friday with her sister, Miss Grace, who is teaching at that place.

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Nissen are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of a fine new baby daughter, born last week Wednesday, January 26.

—I—

Two corner lots on hill, four rods from paving. Inquire at this office. 114*

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

Farm Wanted—Wanted, to hear from owner of farm or good land for sale, worth the price asked.—L. Jones, Box 551, Olney, Ill. 11*

—I—

A. C. Carpenter of Goodell was a caller here on last week Thursday, looking after some business matters.

—I—

Pete Larson of Kanawha was a visitor in this city on last week Wednesday.

—I—

Mous Skouge of Kanawha was a caller in this city one day last week on business.

—I—

Mrs. E. G. Evans of Clarion was a guest of friends in this city on last week Tuesday.

—I—

John Shurson of Kanawha was a business caller here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Miyrtle Peck of Clarion was a visitor with friends here on last Tuesday.

—I—

Mrs. Lau of Klemme was in the city last week Tuesday, visiting with friends.

—I—

Theodore Hansen of Rowan was in town last week Friday, getting some page bills printed at the Independent, for his annual clearance sale.

—I—

C. M. Morse was a passenger to Mason City on last week Friday, on business affairs.

—I—

The new proprietor of the Belmond Bakery, P. Barban, is making a fine success of the business and has a number of improvements which he plans to install regarding the service of the bakery.

—I—

Rudolph Saatoff of Birt, was in the city last week meeting old friends and visiting with relatives. He is a former resident of this place.

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

Bert Trumbell came down from his new home at Klemme on last week Friday to attend to some business matters. He was accompanied by a cousin from that place.

—I—

A. B. Abels of near Clarion was in the city last Wednesday attending to some business affairs.

—I—

Mr. Dempsey and family moved into the Roe Pierce house last week, which was vacated by the Nihoof family.

—I—

Henry Foss and family, of Meserve, attended the Veedor funeral here Saturda.

—I—

Mrs. Chris Sorenson and Mrs. Greenwood visited Mrs. Chris Christenson at Goodell Thursday.

—I—

Mrs. Paul Doctor, of Clarion, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sling Friday.

—I—

For Sale—Home grown, re-cleaned Timothy Seed from new meadow. Am taking orders now for March delivery. Phone 3217, A. D. Jenison. tfc

—I—

The W. F. M. S. will meet this week Thursday at the M. E. parsonage, with Mrs. Edge. A very interesting program, with Miss Russell as leader, will be given.

—I—

Mrs. Clyde Jennings, accompanied by Mr. Jennings' mother, went to Mason City last week, where Mrs. Jennings, Sr., will remain a few days visiting with friends.

—I—

Mrs. Zook returned Monday from her Colorado trip to take care of her aged mother, Mrs. Bohning, who is ver ill.

—I—

Mrs. Chapler visited friends in Belmond Monday and Tuesday of this week. Rev. Chapler was pastor of the Belmond Methodist Church for six years. He now has aa pastorate at Fort Worth Texas.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton and family spent the week end visiting friends at Manley, Iowa.

—I—

Dr. G. H. Meyer, of New York, who has made a tour of the world recently, will give a lecture this week on Thursday evening in the M. E. Church.

—I—

Mrs. Matt Sullivan entertains the Kensington Club Wednesday of this week.

—I—

Miss Blank, Mrs. Quandt's sister, who has been seriously ill at the Dr. Steele Hospital, resulting from a fall, was taken to Rochester Monday.

—I—

Mrs. Jones, mother of Mrs. Putnam, is a guest at the Putnam home in this city.

—I—

Mrs. Snyder made a business trip to Klemme last Saturday.

—I—

Friends in Belmond have received word of the death of Mrs. Al. Birmingham, who died at her home in Des Moines, January 15th, 1921. Mr. Birmingham was at one time a business man in Belmond.

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Light, per gallon 85c
Dark, per gallon 80c
Light, 5 lbs............ 45c
Dark, 5 lbs 40c

—WHY PAY ANY MORE?—

'It Pays to Trade at ROBINSON'S

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pletch visited in Manson, Iowa, last week, at the home of Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Pletch's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Pryn, of Sanborn, have been visiting relatives in Belmond the past week.

—I—

Miss Blanche Tegland, formerly of Belmond, was united in marriage to S. M. Lewis, of Hector, Minn., Tuesda in Lohe township at the home of her parents. Rev. Jensen, of Belmond officiating.

—I—

Miss Hazel Jackson returned to Minnesota last Thursday after a week's visit with relatives. She is employed in a doctor's office in that city.

—I—

John Greenlander attended he Lumberman's Convention in Minneapolis last week.

—I—

The directors of the Belmond Telephone Company have met and reelected all the retiring officers for another year.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Robbit went to Des Moines Thursday night to visit her people, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, who reside there.

—I—

Miss Frances Sutherland, of Hampton, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Brady, of this place.

—I—

Emil Bock attended the Lumbermen's Convention in Minneapolis last week.

—I—

Ernest Cameron came up from Cedar Rapids last week, called by the death of his father.

—I—

The family of Arthur Nelson were released from quarantine the first of this week and Mrs. Tom Brooks, who had been helping them during the illness and death of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson, was able to return home.

$ DAY $

A Mammoth One-Day Sale in Every Store in Fort Dodge

Thursday, Feb. 10th

The value of your DOLLAR is multiplied once, twice, thrice and sometimes, many more times in this greatest of all community sale.

It is the long planned, long waited for event that comes but once every six months—but when it does come, brings such wonderful values and saving opportunities hat no one can afford to miss it.

Every Fort Dodge merchant, without exception enters into this DOLLAR DAY sale with the best bargains he is capable of giving. Such a wide selection of the whole town of Fort Dodge with sales at every turn cannot be ignored.

Come to Fort Dodge--Enjoy the trip and Save more than your Expenses at this Dollar Sale

Thursday, February 10th

Lyric

GEORGE HAKE, Prop

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

"The Six Best Cellars"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Bryant Washburn

She was a leading light in the W. C. T. U. She shouted against booze from the housetops and wept for joy when Prohibition was passed. Yet down in her cellar were ten cases of the rarest wine in existance. Hypocrite? Nope. Just didn't know the secret that her late lamented half-brother had been hiding from her. So she sent for Henry Carpenter, her nephew, and— It's a screamingly funny picture about Prohibition and society.

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

"The Deadline"

A Fox picture featuring

George Walsh

A good picture that will be remembered.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, FEB. 4

Booking not received. Watch for a good one.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, FEB. 5

"John Petticoats"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

William S. Hart

When you mention the name Hart, you think at once of the Golden West of former days. He is the foremost delineator of western character parts on the screen today. Reared in North Dakota, Mr. Hart is thoroly familiar with the roles he enacts, and one of the features of his work is his absolute sincerity and true-to-lifeness. He earned considerable reputation on the stage before entering motion pictures and came to the screen a finished actor.

11c and 25c

MONDAY & TUESDAY FEB. 7 & 8

"The Idol Dancer"

A First National Picture, the one which almost cost D. W. Griffith and company their lives in the making. A wonderful story of the south seas, a puritan youth, a reckless beachcomber and their love for the mysterious dancing beauty. Ah, how she can dance!

11c and 30c

KANAWHA

Miss Naomi Magor left Friday for a week's visit with friends in Minneapolis.

Miss Edna Rourk returned home Wednesday from Clare, where she has been the past few days, going to attend the wedding of her cousin.

Ole Shaw of Belmond was a visitor with relatives and friends here a few days last week.

Miss Cecil Benzler was an over Sunday visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benzler, of Britt.

Ole Fosen left Wednesday for Gardner, Illinois, to attend the funeral of his wife's father Knute Lundy.

Ruth Shaw of Belmond is assisting with the work at the Leader Cafe.

Vivian Benzler of Britt, was a visitor here Saturday.

Leo Gilligan returned home Wednesday from a week's visit at Perry and Fort Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lewis and little daughter, Maxine, were Fort Dodge visitors this week.

Mrs. M. S. Baker and Mrs. Archie Ames were visitors at Belmond on Wednesday.

Melvin Severson returned home on Wednesday from Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he visited friends and relatives for a short time.

Wm. Duncan has purchased the Geo. Cook home in west Kanawha, now occupied by the M. B. Quire family. Mr. Duncan and family expect to move to town the first week in Mar.

Nels Thorson returned home Tuesday from Helmar, Illinois, where he went to attend the funeral of his cousin, Carl Fatland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harriman left Wednesday for Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where they will visit at the home of Mr. Harriman's brother, Will and family.

The directors of the Kanawha Creamery company met at the creamery office Monday and hired a Mr. Albrecht of West Bend to act as buttermaker and manager, his duties to begin March 1. Mr. Swanson, who has been charge of the work for the past year has purchased a farm in Wisconsin and will move there in the spring.

Mrs. Robert Lucas, Jr., of Montana, who has been taking treatmens at Rochester, Minnesota, joined her husfamily here Tuesday and expects to visit about a month with relatives here.

Rep. Spanger was a Clarion caller Thursday.

Louis Preftakes was an over Sunday visitor with friends here. Mr. Preftakes, who recently sold his pool hall here, reports he has purchased a pool hall and bowling alley at Bancroft, Iowa.

L. J. Kalvig went to Ossian, Iowa, the first of the week on a business and pleasure trip.

Miss Alpha Bamford, who is attending school at Mason City, was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends here.

Thos. Kalvig of Belmond came up Saturday for a short visit with relatives and friends here.

OLAF

The community was saddened Saturday to learn of the death of little Luverne Nelson, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson, tonsilitis being the cause of its death. We, with many others extend our sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

An experienced blacksmith, Mr. Hess, has bought the blacksmith ools of Alfred Lundberg, and will begin work at once. Mr. Hess comes recommended as to good work. Give him a chance if you have any work in his line to be done.

Anna Groh is helping Mrs. George Baxter with her house work.

George Baxter and Olaf Eliason attended the Grain Convention at Ft. Dodge last week.

The stork seems to be kept busy nowadays. Saturday it visited the Carlton Johnson home, and left a nine pound girl. All are doing nicely.

Miss Nora Nelson, of Belmond, spent part of last week visiting at the Henry Linn and E. N. Ericson homes.

S. O. Windecker filled his ice house last week. Emil Peterson hauled the ice from the west lakes. The ice is from twelve to fifteen inches thick and of an excellent quality.

Elmer Kessler came up from Iowa Falls, Wednesday, and spent the week-end at the George Baxter home.

Mrs. Henry Linn and Miss Nora Neson spent Thursday at Kanawha.

Clarence Scott returned from Rochester last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Morse were over Sunday visitors with their daughter, Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

Halver Thompson went to Illinois Friday to attend the funeral of his uncle.

Grandpa Griffin who took suddenly sick and it was found necessary to operate for appendicitis is doing nicely. He is eighty-one years old.

ALEXANDER

Fred L. Greenfield was a business caller at Hampton between trains last Saturday.

George S. Yaw of Iowa Falls, was calling on relatives and friends in town last week.

Misses Bertha Gartz and Hazel Hendrickson spent the week-end at Belmond where they visited at the former's home.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Benson, of Belmond, visited at the Will Foughty home the last of the week.

Miss Addie Larsen was having dental work done at Belmond last Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Dunn and baby were callers at Hampton between trains last Friday.

Melvin Croft has been on the sick list.

Mr. Baxter had the sad misfortune of getting his arm broken in the fly wheel at the creamery while working Tuesday morning.

Miss Alma Greenfield, of Belmond visited with relatives at this place last week.

Miss Hettie Prince, our fifth grade teacher of schools, has been confined to her home the past week on account of sickness. Miss Jessie Bell has been supplying for her.

Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen was a visitor at Belmond, Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Veeder visited with her sisters, Mrs. Harry Hardy and Mrs. Vernon Finkle at Hampton last week.

James Butler, of Wall Lake, Mrs. Maud Collins, of Ames and Mrs. Ruth Schmebley, of Beaman and Mrs. Albert Butler, of Trenton, Missouri were called here last week on account of the serious illness and death of their father, William Butler.

Raynold Kinseth, of Belmond, was a caller in town last Tuesday.

Purl Sheirbon, who has been attending school at Kansas City, Missouri, returned home last Saturday.

George Bonte, of Ackley, spent several days last week with relatives here.

Charley Scott, of Latimer, was a business caller in town one day last week.

Mrs. C. F. Klinefelter was a Hampton caller between trains last Friday.

WILLIAM ELLIS BUTLER

Willis Butler was born at North Bayum Privince of Ontario, Canada, July 5, 1850, and passed away on Wednesday noon, January 26, at Alexander, Iowa. When about eight years old he moved with his parents to the United States, making their home near Waldon, Illinois, and later on a farm near Chebanse, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage to Sarah M. Porter, of Chebanse, Illinois on December 25, 1877 and lived on a farm between Milford and Sheldon, Illinois until the spring of 1902, when they moved to Alexander. In the fall of 1906 he purchased the Alexander House where he has since made his home. Mr. Butler was a member of the Congregational church, of the Modern Woodmen and Masonic lodges. He served four years as mayor of Alexander. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss his wife, four sons and two daughters, E. E. Butler, of Hampton, A. M. Butler, of Alexander, J. R. Butler, of Wall Lake, Iowa, A. P. Butler, of Trenton, Missouri, Mrs. Ruth Schnebley, of Beaman, Iowa and Mrs. Maud Collins, of Ames, Iowa.

Funeral services were held Saturday forenoon at the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. McDonald, of Kanawha, and interment was made in the Hampton cemetery.

SNARL STREET

Mrs. Claud Jennings has been entertaining a very bad cold this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sellers entertained the Epworth League Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings entertained Friday evening, Lottie Williams, Cecil Harris, Dollie Riley, Lester Smith, Marjorie Brooks, Edgar Matle, Thelma Brooks, Chester Moellering, Laura McCallum, and Jimmie Burt.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Aldrich entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Studebaker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Moon and daughter, Lillian, Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Patton assisted Mrs. Jake Aldinger in cooking for corn shellers, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Franks and daughter, Mildred, of Des Moines last Saturday, to dinner.

Maude and Neva Aldrich stayed over night, Wednesday, with Violet Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates visited at the J. E. Miller home Monday evening.

A number on the street attended the dance at the Alex Smith home Friday evening.

Albin Anderson delivered hogs to Rowan, Friday.

Garnette and Bernard Stumph visited over the week-end at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Lee Aldrich was a Belmond caller Thursday to the Farm Bureau meeting.

Lester Andrews returned from Highmore, South Dakota, Tuesday. His sister, Mrs. Jim Smith, is much improved.

Harod Gates delivered hogs to Rowan, Thursday.

Gerald Jennings is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings ate dinner at the Nels Olson home, Sunday.

Jacob Aldinger shelled corn, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Harod Gates and J. E. Miller were Rowan callers, Wednesday.

Avard Hansen has been very sick the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller ate dinner at the Jacob Aldinger home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings ate dinner at the C. W. Jennings home, Monday.

Word has been received that Carl Steffens has had his operation, and is getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings ate dinner at the G. R. Stumph home i Rowan, Tuesday.

Chamberlain's Tablets For Indigestion and Constipation.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS SALE

We expect to leave Belmond soon and must vacate our home by March 1st., so we are offering our furniture at private sale at reasonable prices. Call anytime at home fter Feb. 1.—Joseph Bohning. 103c

—I—

Thomas Kalvig spent the week-end visiting with friends and relatives at Kanawha.

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For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy.

—I—

Roy Walsh, of Hampton, was a caller here on last week Friday, attending to some business matters.

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Mrs. Mark Baker and Mrs. Archie Ames, of Kanawha, were Belmond visitors on last week Wednesday, with friends and relatives.

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Feed your calves Lamrey's Calf Meal. Saves many times its cost in cream saved.—Schultz Drug Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans went to Garner the latter part of last week for a few days visit at the home of their daugther, Mrs. Clarence Barnes, and family.

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Feed your calves Lamprey's Calf Meal. Saves many times its cost in cream saved.—Schultz Drug Co.

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E. S. Barker, of Alexander, was a business visitor in this city on last week Friday.

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For Sale—A few ton of good prarie hay. Phone 2004.—C. C. Landon.

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Miss Francis McNamara was the guest over the week-end of her sister at Clarion.

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Roy Trowbridge left for Minneapolis recently, where he is employed.

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C. P. Dent of Clarion was among the business callers here last week.

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Work Wanted—By married man. On farm. Write Box 461, Belmond, Iowa. 103c

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Ed. Quackenbush of Onawa, was a visitor here on last week Thursday, looking after some business affairs.

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Mrs. Geo. Cutler, of Clarion, was the guest of relatives in Bemond on last Saturday.

Hog Sale

E. G. Reed & Son and George Thompson will sell 45 head, top Duroc Jersey Sows and Gilts

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at 1 p. m., at Belmond, Iowa, sale will be held in town. This offering consists of daughters of Cherry King, Perfection, Select Aviator, Jr., Aviation and other good Boars, and are all bred to our great herd boars, Grand Model Sensation, King Wonder I Am and Sensation Chief. If you like them long and tall and heavy boned, then come to this sale and get a Sow or two bred to these great boars. Write for Catalogue.

E. G. Reed & Son and George Thompson

G. A. Eddy, of Swaedale, was a visitor here on last week Friday.

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A. G. Kallestad of Thornton, was a business visitor in this city on Friday of last week.

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Mrs. Kate McAlpine and Miss Bessie Quigley were among the shoppers from this city at Fort Dodge on last Saturday.

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Mrs. P. Shove, of Meservey, was a visitor with friends in this city on Thursday of last week.

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M. M. Coe of Hampton transacted busines affairs in Belmond on Thursday of last week.

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Marion L. Tucker of Ames, was calling on friends here last week one day.

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Miss Greenfield was a visitor with relatives at Alexander last week Wednesday.

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Miss Gertrude Johnson, of Kanawha, was a visitor with friends in this place last Wednesday.

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Miss Myrtle Gunderson of Hampton, was a guest of friends here on last week Wednesday.

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Miss Louise Linebarger, the nurse who has been caring for the Klemme children during their quarantine with the scarlet fever, returned to her home at Clarion on Saturday.

For Sale—Two or three one and a half horse power gasolene engines. All in first class condition. Can be seen running at any time. Will sell cheap, or will trade for pigs or chickens. Phone 351, or address Box 417. Bemond. 102*

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C. W. Scott of Eagle Grove, was in town last Wednesday transacting business.

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Mrs. C. W. Lamer, of Goodell, was shopping in town Thursday.

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H. G. Telger, of Eagle Grove, was a business visitor in Belmond on last week Thursday.

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Miss Effie Olson, of Rowan, was among the out of town shoppers in town last week.

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Mrs. S. M. Wassam, of Eagle Grove was the guest of old friends in this city last Friday.

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Mrs. B. T. West, of Clarion, was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Claude Thayer, on last week Saturday.

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Axel Anderson of Garner, transacted business here on Saturday, going from this place to Eagle Grove to visit friends.

—I—

Joe Anderson and son Perry came over from Kanawha last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Arthur Nelson.

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

Whisperfoot, that great coward, came out of his brush-covert when the moon rose. It was not his usual rising time. Ordinarily he found his best hunting in the eerie light of the twilight hour; but for certain reasons, his knowledge of which would be extremely difficult to explain, he let this time go by in slumber. Whisperfoot had slept almost since dawn. It is a significant quality in the felines that they simply cannot keep in condition without hours and hours of sleep. In this matter of sleeping, they are in a direct contrast to the wolves, who seemingly never sleep at all, unless it is with one eye open, and in still greater contrast to the king of all beasts, the elephant, who is said to slumber less per night than that great electrical wizard whom all men know and praise.

The great cat came out yawning, as graceful a thing as treads upon the earth. He was almost nine feet long from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail, and he weighed as much as many a full-grown man. He stood and yawned insolently, for all the forest world to see. He rather hoped that the chipmunk, staring with beady eyes from his doorway, did see him. He would just as soon that Woof's little son, the bear cub, should see him too. But he wasn't so particular about Woof himself, or the wolf pack whose song had just wakened him. And above all things, he wanted to keep out of the sight of men.

For when all things are said and done, there were few bigger cowards in the whole wilderness world than Whisperfoot. A good many people think that Graycoat the coyote could take lessons from him in this respect. But others, knowing how a hunter is brought in occasionally with almost all human resemblance gone from him because a cougar charged in his death agony, think this is unfair to the larger animal. And it is true that a full-grown cougar will sometimes attack horned cattle, something that no American animal cares to do unless he wants a good fight on his paws and of which the very thought would throw Graycoat into a spasm; and there have been even stranger stories, if one could quite believe them. A certain measure of respect must be extended to any animal that will hunt the great bull elk, for to miss the stroke and get caught beneath the churning, lashing, slashing, razor-edged front hoofs is simply death, painful and without delay. But the difficulty lies in the fact that these things are not done in the ordinary, rational blood of hunting. What an animal does in its death agony, or to protect its young, what great game it follows in the starving times of winter, can be put to neither its debit nor its credit. A coyote will charge when mad. A raccoon will put up a wicked fight when cornered. A hen will peck at the hand that robs her nest. When hunting was fairly good, Whisperfoot avoided the elk and steer almost as punctiliously as he avoided men, which is saying very much indeed; and any kind of terrier could usually drive him straight up a tree.

But he did like to pretend to be very great and terrible among the smaller forest creatures. And he was Fear itself to the deer. A human hunter who would kill two deer a week for fifty-two weeks would be called a much uglier name than poacher; but yet this had been Whisperfoot's record, on and off, ever since his second year. Many a great buck wore the scar of the full stroke—after which Whisperfoot had lost his hold. Many a fawn had crouched panting with terror in the thickets at just a tawny light on the gnarled limb of a pine. Many a doe would grow great-eyed and terrified at just his strange, pungent smell on the wind.

He yawned again, and his fangs looked white and abnormally large in the moonlight. His great, green eyes were still clouded and languorous from sleep. Then he began to steal up the ridge toward his hunting grounds. It was a curious thing that he walked straight in the face of the soft wind that came down from the snow fields, and yet there wasn't a weathercock to be seen anywhere. And neither had the chipmunk seen him wet a paw and hold it up, after the approved fashion of holding up a finger. He had a better way of knowing—a chill at the end of his whiskers.

The little, breathless night sounds in the brush around him seemed to madden him. They made a song to him, a strange, wild melody that even such frontiersmen as Dan and Lennox could not experience. A thousand smells brushed down to him on the wind, more potent than any wine or lust. He began to tremble all over with rapture and excitement. But unlike Cranston's trembling, no wilderness ear was keen enough to hear the leaves rustling beneath him.

CHAPTER II.

Shortly after nine o'clock, Whisperfoot encountered his first herd of deer. But they caught his scent and scattered before he could get up to them. He met Woof, grunting through the underbrush, and he punctiliously, but with wretched spirit, left the trail. A fight with Woof the bear was one of the most unpleasant experiences that could be imagined. He had a pair of strong arms of which one embrace of a cougar's body meant death in one long shriek of pain. Of course they didn't fight often. They had entirely opposite interests. The bear was a berry-eater and a honey-grubber, and the cougar cared too much for his own life and beauty to tackle Woof in a hunting way.

A fawn leaped from the thicket in front of him, startled by his sound in the thicket. The truth was, Whisperfoot had made a wholly unjustified misstep on a dry twig, just at the crucial moment. Perhaps it was the fault of Woof, whose presence had driven Whisperfoot from the trail, and perhaps because old age and stiffness was coming upon him. But neither of these facts appeased his anger. He could scarcely suppress a snarl of fury and disappointment.

He continued along the ridge, still stealing, still alert, but his anger increasing with every moment. The fact that he had to leave the trail again to permit still another animal to pass, and a particularly insignificant one too, didn't make him feel any better. This animal had a number of curious stripes along his back, and usually did nothing more desperate than steal eggs and eat bird fledglings. Whisperfoot could have crushed him with one bite, but this was one thing that the great cat, as long as he lived, would never try to do. He got out of the way politely when Stripe-back was still a quarter of a mile away; which was quite a compliment to the little animal's ability to introduce himself. Stripe-back was familiarly known as a skunk.

Shortly after ten, the mountain lion had a remarkably fine chance at a buck. The direction of the wind, the trees, the thickets and the light were all in his favor. It was old Blacktail, wallowing in the salt lick; and Whisperfoot's heart bounded when he detected him. No human hunter could have laid his plans with greater care. He had to cut up the side of the ridge, mindful of the wind. Then there was a long dense thicket in which he might approach within fifty feet of the lick, still with the wind in his face. Just beside the lick was another deep thicket, from which he could make his leap.

His body lowered. The tail lashed back and forth, and now it had begun to have a slight vertical motion that frontiersmen have learned to watch for. He placed every paw with consummate grace, and few sets of human nerves have sufficient control over leg muscles to move with such astonishing patience. He scarcely seemed to move at all.

But when scarcely ten feet remained to stalk, a sudden sound pricked through the darkness. It came from afar, but it was no less terrible. It was really two sounds, so close together that they sounded as one. Neither Blacktail nor Whisperfoot had any delusions about them. They recognized them at once, in strange ways under the skin that no man may describe, as the far-off reports of a rifle. Just today Blacktail had seen his doe fall bleeding when this same sound, only louder, spoke from a covert from which Bert Cranston had poached her—and he left the lick in one bound.

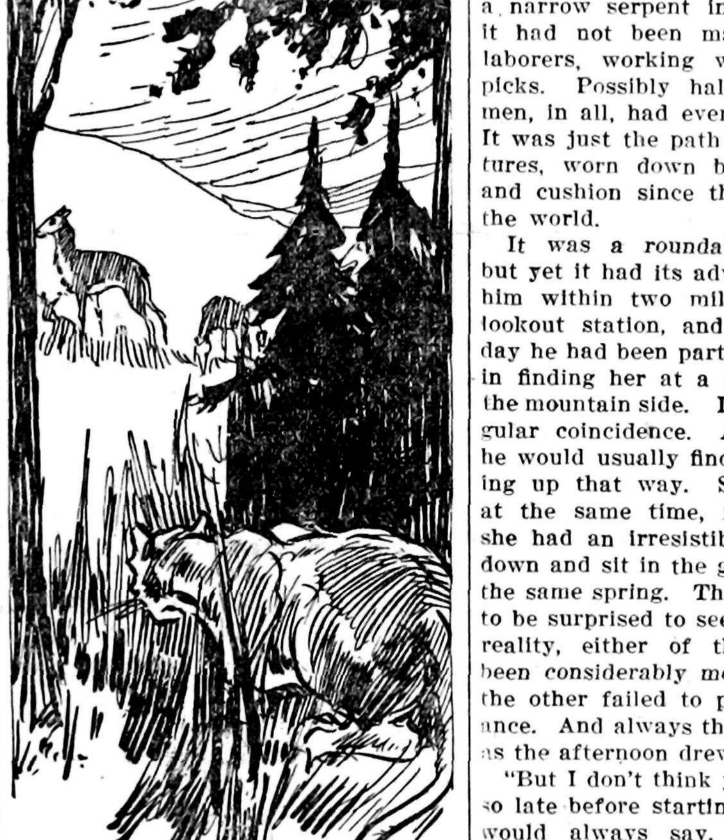
Terrified though he was by the rifle shot, still Whisperfoot sprang. But the distance was too far. His outstretched paw hummed down four feet behind Blacktail's flank. Then forgetting everything but his anger and disappointment, the great cougar opened his mouth and howled.

The long night was almost done when he got sight of further game. Once a flock of grouse exploded with a roar of wings from a thicket; but they had been wakened by the first whisper of dawn in the wind, and he really had no chance at them. Soon after this, the moon set.

The larger creatures of the forest are almost as helpless in absolute darkness as human beings. It is very well to talk of seeing in the dark, but from the nature of things, even vertical pupils may only respond to light. No owl or bat can see in absolute darkness. It became increasingly likely that Whisperfoot would have to retire to his lair without any meal whatever.

But still he remained, hoping against hope. After a futile fifteen minutes of watching a trail, he heard a doe feeding on a hillside. Its footfall was not so heavy as the sturdy tramp of a buck, and besides, the bucks would be higher on the ridges this time of morning. He began a cautious advance toward it.

For the first fifty yards the hunt was in his favor. He came up wind,


A Full Twenty Yards Farther.

and the brush made a perfect cover. But the doe unfortunately was standing a full twenty yards farther, in an open glade. Under ordinary circumstances, Whisperfoot would not have made an attack. A cougar can run swiftly, but a deer is light itself. The big cat would have preferred to linger, a motionless thing in the thickets, hoping some other member of the deer herd to which the doe must have belonged would come into his ambush. But the hunt was late, and Whisperfoot was very, very angry. Too many times this night he had missed his kill. In desperation, he leaped from the thicket and charged the deer.

In spite of the preponderant odds against him, the charge was almost a success. He went fully half the distance between them before the deer perceived him. Then she leaped. There seemed to be no interlude of time between the instant that she beheld the dim, tawny figure in the air and that in which her long legs pushed out in a spring. But she didn't leap straight ahead. She knew enough of the cougars to know that the great cat would certainly aim for her head and neck in the same way that a duck-hunter leads a fast-flying duck—hoping to intercept her leap. Even as her feet left the ground she seemed to whirl in the air, and the deadly talons whipped down in vain. Then, cutting back in front, she raced down wind.

It is usually the most unmitigated folly for a cougar to chase a deer against which he has missed his stroke; and it is also quite fatal to his dignity. And whoever doubts for a minute that the larger creatures have no dignity, and that it is not very dear to them, simply knows nothing about the ways of animals. They cling to it to the death. But tonight one disappointment after another had crumbled, as the rains crumble leaves, the last vestige of Whisperfoot's self-control. Snarling in fury, he bounded after the doe.

She was lost to sight at once in the darkness, but for fully thirty yards he raced in her pursuit. If he had stopped to think, it would have been one of the really great surprises of his life to hear the sudden, unmistakable stir and movement of a large, living creature not fifteen feet distant in the thicket.

He didn't stop to think at all. He didn't puzzle on the extreme unlikelihood of a doe halting in her flight from a cougar. It is doubtful whether, in the thickets, he had any perceptions of the creature other than its movements. He was running down wind, so it is certain that he didn't smell it. If he saw it at all, it was just as a shadow, sufficiently large to be that of a deer. It was moving, crawling as Woof the bear sometimes crawled, seemingly to get out of his path. And Whisperfoot leaped straight at it.

It was a perfect shot. He landed high on its shoulders. His head lashed down, and the white teeth closed. All the long life of his race he had known that pungent essence that flowed forth. His senses perceived it, a message shot along his nerves to his brain. And then he opened his mouth in a high, far-carrying squeal of utter, abject terror.

He sprang a full fifteen feet back into the thickets; then crouched. The hair stood still at his shoulders, his claws were bared; he was prepared to fight to the death. He didn't understand. He only knew the worst single terror of his life. It was not a doe that he had attacked in the darkness. It was not Urson the porcupine, or even Woof. It was that imperial master of all things, man himself. Unknowing, he had attacked Landy Hildreth, lying wounded from Cranston's bullet beside the trail. Word of the arson ring would never reach the settlements, after all.

And as for Whisperfoot—the terror that choked his heart with blood began to wear off in a little while. The man lay so still in the thickets. Besides, there was a strange, wild smell in the air. Whisperfoot's stroke had gone home so true there had not even been a fight. The darkness began to lift around him, and a strange exultation, a rapture unknown before in all his hunting, began to creep into his wild blood. Then, as a shadow steals, he went creeping back to his dead.

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Dan Failing had been studying nature on the high ridges; and he went home by a back trail that led to old Bald mountain. The trail was just a narrow serpent in the brush; and it had not been made by gangs of laborers, working with shovels and picks. Possibly half a dozen white men, in all, had ever walked along it. It was just the path of the wild creatures, worn down by hoof and paw and cushion since the young days of the world.

It was a roundabout trail home, but yet it had its advantages. It took him within two miles of Snowbird's lookout station, and at this hour of day he had been particularly fortunate in finding her at a certain spring on the mountain side. It was rather a singular coincidence. Along about four he would usually find himself wandering up that way. Strangely enough, at the same time, it was true that she had an irresistible impulse to go down and sit in the green ferns beside the same spring. They always seemed to be surprised to see one another. In reality, either of them would have been considerably more surprised had the other failed to put in an appearance. And always they had long talks as the afternoon drew to twilight.

"But I don't think you ought to wait so late before starting home," the girl would always say. "You're not a human hawk, and it is easier to get lost than you think."

And this solicitude, Dan rightly figured, was a good sign. There was only one objection to it. It resulted in an unmistakable inference that she considered him unable to take care of himself—and that was the last thing on earth that he wanted her to think. He understood her well enough to know that her standards were the standards of the mountains, valuing strength and self-reliance above all things. He didn't stop to question why, every day, he trod so many weary miles to be with her.

She was as natural as a fawn; and many times she had quite taken away his breath. And once she did it literally. He didn't think that so long as death spared him he would ever be able to forget that experience. It was her birthday, and knowing of it in time he had arranged for the delivery of a certain package, dear to a girlish heart, at her father's house. In the trysting hour he had come trudging over the hills with it, and few experiences in his life had ever yielded such unmitigated pleasure as the sight of her, glowing white and red, as she took off its wrapping paper. It was a jolly old gift, he recollected—and when she had seen it, she fairly leaped at him. Her warm, round arms around his neck, and the softest, loveliest lips in the world pressed his. But in those days he didn't have the strength that he had now. He felt he could endure the same experience again with no embarrassment whatever. His first impression then, besides abounding, incredible astonishment, was that she had quite knocked out his breath. But let it be said for him that he recovered with notable promptness. His own arms had gone up and closed around her, and the girl had wriggled free.

"But you mustn't do that!" she told him.

"But, good Lord, girl! You did it to me! Is there no justice in women?"

"But I did it to thank you for this lovely gift. For remembering me—for being so good—and considerate. You haven't any cause to thank me."

He had many serious difficulties in thinking it out. And only one conclusion was obtainable—that Snowbird kissed as naturally as she did anything else, and the kiss meant exactly what she said it did and no more. But the fact remained that he would have walked a good many miles farther if he thought there was any possibility of a repeat.

But all at once his fantasies were suddenly and rudely dispelled by the intrusion of realities. Dan had been walking silently himself in the pine needles. As Lennox had wondered at long ago, he knew how by instinct; and instinctively he practiced this attainment as soon as he got out into the wild. The creature he had heard was fully one hundred yards distant, yet Dan could hear him with entire plainness. And for a while he couldn't even guess what manner of thing it might be.

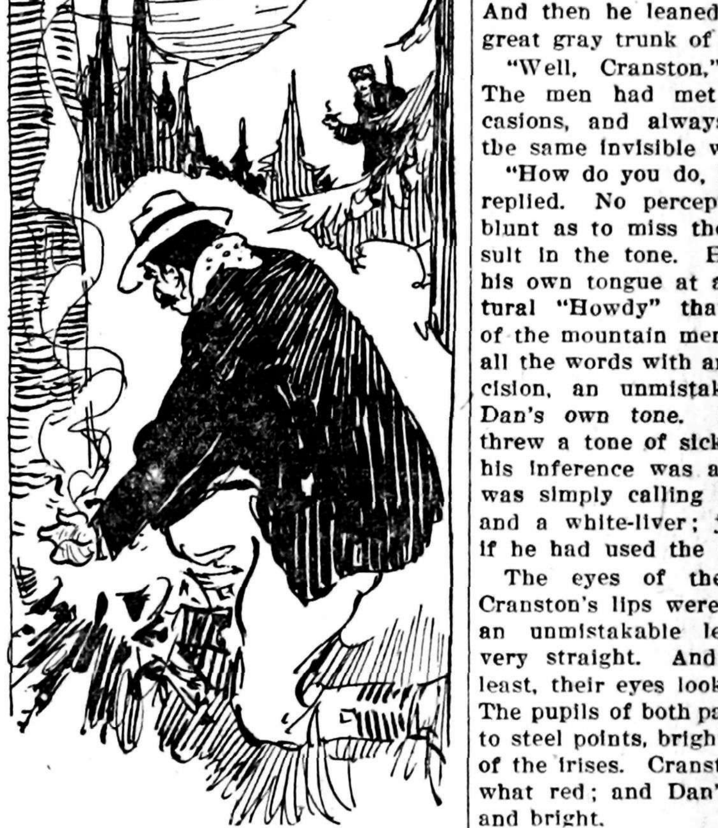
A cougar that made so much noise would be immediately expelled from the union. A wolf pack, running by sight, might crack brush as freely; but a wolf pack would also bay to wake the dead. Of course it might be an elk or a steer, and still more likely, a bear. He stood still and listened. The sound grew nearer.

Soon it became evident that the creature was either walking with two legs, or else was a four-footed animal putting two feet down at the same instant. Dan had learned to wait. He stood perfectly still. And gradually he came to the conclusion that he was listening to the footfall of another man.

But it was rather hard to imagine what a man might be doing on this lonely hill. Of course it might be a deer hunter; but few were the valley sportsmen who had penetrated to this far land. The footfall was much too heavy for Snowbird. The steps were evidently on another trail that intersected his own trail one hundred yards farther up the hill. He had only to stand still, and in an instant the man would come in sight.

He took one step into the thickets, prepared to conceal himself if it became necessary. Then he waited. Soon the man stepped out on the trail.

Even at the distance of one hundred yards, Dan had no difficulty whatever in recognizing him. He could not mistake this tall, dark form, the soiled, slouchy clothes, the rough hair, the intent, dark features. It was a man about his own age, his own height,


Dan Saw His Purpose

but weighing fully twenty pounds more, and the dark, narrow eyes could belong to no one but Bert Cranston. He carried his rifle loosely in his arms.

He stopped at the forks in the trail and looked carefully in all directions.

Dan had every reason to think that Cranston would see him at first glance. Only one clump of thicket sheltered him. But because Dan had learned the lesson of standing still, because his olive-drab sporting clothes blended softly with the colored leaves, Cranston did not detect him. He turned and strode on down the trail.

He didn't move quite like a man with innocent purposes. There was something stealthy, something sinister in his stride, and the way he kept such a sharp lookout in all directions. Yet he never glanced to the trail for deer tracks, as he would have done had he been hunting. Without even waiting to meditate on the matter, Dan started to shadow him.

Before one hundred yards had been traversed, he could better understand the joy the cougar takes in his hunting. It was the same process—a cautious, silent advance in the trail of prey. He had to walk with the same caution, he had to take advantage of the thickets. He began to feel a curious excitement.

Cranston seemed to be moving more carefully now, examining the brush along the trail. Now and then he glanced up at the tree tops. And all at once he stopped and knelt in the dry shrubbery.

At first all that Dan could see was the glitter of a knife blade. Cranston seemed to be whittling a piece of dead pine into fine shavings. Now he was gathering pine needles and small twigs, making a little pile of them. And then, just as Cranston drew his match, Dan saw his purpose.

Cranston was at his old trade—setting a forest fire.

For two very good reasons, Dan didn't call to him at once. The two reasons were that Cranston had a rifle and that Dan was unarmed. It might be extremely likely that Cranston would choose the most plausible and effective means of preventing an interruption of his crime, and by the same token, prevent word of the crime ever reaching the authorities. The rifle contained five cartridges, and only one was needed.

But the idea of backing out, unseen, never even occurred to Dan. The fire would have a tremendous headway before he could summon help. Although it was near the lookout station, every condition pointed to a disastrous fire. The brush was dry as tinder, not so heavy as to choke the wind, but yet tall enough to carry the flame into the tree tops. The stiff breeze up the ridge would certainly carry the flame for miles through the parched Divide before help could come. In the meantime stock and lives and homes would be endangered, besides the irreparable loss of timber. There were many things that Dan might do, but giving up was not one of them.

After all, he did the wisest thing of all. He simply came out in plain sight and unconcernedly walked down the trail toward Cranston. At the same instant, the latter struck his match.

As Dan was no longer stalking, Cranston immediately heard his step. He whirled, recognized Dan, and for one long instant in which the world seemed to have time in plenty to make a complete revolution, he stood perfectly motionless. The match flared in his dark fingers, his eyes—full of singular conjecturing—rested on Dan's face. No instant of the latter's life had ever been fraught with greater peril. He understood perfectly what was going on in Cranston's mind. The fire-fiend was calmly deciding whether to shoot or whether to bluff it out. One required no more moral courage than the other. It really didn't make a great deal of difference to Cranston. But he decided that the killing was not worth the cartridge. The other course was too easy. He did not even dream that Dan had been shadowing him and had seen his intention. He would have laughed at the idea that a "tenderfoot" could thus walk behind him, unheard. Without concern, he scattered with his foot the little heap of kindling, and slipping his pipe into his mouth, he touched the flaring match to it. It was a wholly admirable little piece of acting, and would have deceived any one who had not seen his previous preparations. Then he walked on down the trail toward Dan.

Dan stopped and lighted his own pipe. It was a curious little truce. And then he leaned back against the great gray trunk of a fallen tree.

"Well, Cranston," he said civilly. The men had met on previous occasions, and always there had been the same invisible war between them.

"How do you do, Failing," Cranston replied. No perceptions could be so blunt as to miss the premeditated insult in the tone. He didn't speak in his own tongue at all, the short, guttural "Howdy" that is the greeting of the mountain men. He pronounced all the words with an exaggerated precision, an unmistakable mockery of Dan's own tone. In his accent he threw a tone of sickly sweetness, and his inference was all too plain. He was simply calling Failing a milksop and a white-liver; just as plainly as if he had used the words.

The eyes of the two men met. Cranston's lips were slightly curled in an unmistakable leer. Dan's were very straight. And in one thing at least, their eyes looked just the same. The pupils of both pairs had contracted to steel points, bright in the dark gray of the irises. Cranston's looked somewhat red; and Dan's were only hard and bright.

Dan felt himself straighten; and the color mounted somewhat higher in his brown cheeks. But he did not try to avenge the insult—yet. Cranston was still fifteen feet distant, and that was too far. A man may swing a rifle within fifteen feet. The fact that they were in no way physical equals did not even occur to him. When the insult is great enough, such considerations cannot possibly matter. Cranston was hard as steel, one hundred and seventy pounds in weight. Dan did not touch one hundred and fifty, and a deadly disease had not yet entirely relinquished its hold upon him.

"I do very well, Cranston," Dan answered in the same tone. "Wouldn't you like another match? I believe your pipe has gone out."

Very little can be said for the wisdom of this remark. It was simply human—that age-old creed to answer blow for blow and insult for insult. Of course the inference was obvious—that Dan was accusing him, by innuendo, of his late attempt at arson. Cranston glanced up quickly, and it might be true that his fingers itched and tingled about the barrel of his rifle. He knew what Dan meant. He understood perfectly that Dan had guessed his purpose on the mountain side. And the curl at his lips became more pronounced.

"What a smart little boy," he scorned. "Going to be a Sherlock Holmes when he grows up." Then he half turned and the light in his eyes blazed up. He was not leering now. The mountain men are too intense to play at insult very long. Their inherent savagery comes to the surface, and they want the warmth of blood upon their fingers. His voice became guttural. "Maybe you're a spy?" he asked. "Maybe you're one of those city rats—to come and watch us, and then run and tell the forest service. There's two things, Failing, that I want you to know."

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Woodruff's Big Shoe Sale Now On

Every Shoe in this Stock is now going at the Biggest Reductions we have ever made.

1000 Pairs of Women's High Heeled Pumps and Oxfords at Only

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Court House News

Monitor

The Belmond Construction Co. secured the contract for completing the unfinished portion of Franklin-Wright drain No. 4-118, at 98 cents per cubic yard. The contract was awarded Tuesday.

Marriage licenses for the week: Elmer Pohlman and Etta Armour; Ralph Bellows and Emma J. Berkland.

John M. Sellen and Bertha Newman The latter mentioned groomis a traveling salesman and his bride gave Plainfield, Texas, as her home.

Last week the board of supervisors sold $62,000 worth of funding bonds to Bechtel & Co of Davenport, at six per cent interest. However, the premium paid for same reduced the interest rate to 5 1-2 per cent. This money will be used to pay road warrants. The same company were lowest and best bidders for $161,648 in drainage bonds at six per cent.

An assignment was filed by Johnson & Knutson, who have conducted Whiteside's Cafe for the past year, in favor of D. H. Eyler, who is now in charge. Mr. Eyler served dinner which was practically ready when he took position. After the meal was served Mr. Eyler locked the door preparatory to invoicing the stock on hand. Fourteen creditors are named in the petition, four being Clarion firms and the remainder wholesale houses. The liabilities are estimated at $1,500 or more.

Miss Blanche Agard of Goldfield, formerly deputy county superintendent, began a term of school this week in the Maland district, Norway township.

L. E. Goslin of Clarion has filed action for divorce from his wife Bunah Goslin, formerly Mrs. R. L. Ross, a statutory charge is being alleged.

Sheriff Fisher has been on the sick list for the past week, but is now on the mend.

Clipper.

Daisy M. Edwin, as administratrix, of the estate ofAlbert Edwin, has filed suit in Wright county district court to collect damages alleged to be $7.500 for the accidental death of her husband, who was killed when a C. G. W. train crashed into a motor truck which deceased was driving in the yards at Austin, Minn.

The petition recites that the accident occurred on or about January 5, 1920, She alleges that the city ordinances of Austin require all trains to be operated within the city limits at no greater speed than six miles per hour, but at the time her husband was killed, the train was exceeding this speed at least fourteen miles per hour. Mr. Edwin was earning $26.50 at the time of his death and was the sole support of the plaintiff and their two children, thirteen and fifteen years of age.

John Barton Payne, agent of the C. G. W. and J. Castleman, engineer of the fatal train, are made defendants with the C. G. W.

The Cement Products Co. of Mason City is suing Berkland & Littell of Eagle Grove collect $1555.16 alleged to be due for merchandise sold defendant.

The Jackson Furniture Co. is suing Oscar Bjeruson to recover $51.30 alleged to be due for merchandise sold defendant.

The Avalon Farms Co. of Chicago is suing G. H. Lee to collect $212.85 alleged to be due for stock food and tonics sold to defendant.

The Portor Auto. Co. of Eagle Grove is suing F. C. Wells to recover $137.25 alleged to be due for merchandise and labor delivered.

Thos. Smith is suing H. G. Hoyer to recover $65.80 alleged to be due labor on a residence the defendant erected in Boone township. He asks for a mechanic's lein on the property to protect his claim.

The First National Bank of Fairfield, Iowa, is suing W. J. Pech to recover on a note for $240 together with interest since March 29, 1919, and costs.

B. B. Silvey is suing R. C. Richards H. J. Holt and George Beard, partners, to recover $325.20, alleged to be due for labor performed last year in cultivating and hauling beets. He alleges he was told by Mr. Beard that the money due him had been paid into the State Bank of Belmond, to his order when beets had been delivered, but when he went to claim it, after delivering beets, he learned it was not there.

The Nordschow Motor Co. of Belmond is suing Hal Smith to recover $553.31, alleged to be due for commissions on the sale of a car owned by Mr. Smith, on the sale of auto accessories which defendant refused to accept, and for minor items.

MRS. ARTHUR O. NELSON

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the Rev. Omer Brenne of the United Lutheran church. To this union was born a little girl, who died in infancy.

Merle was taken suddenly ill last Friday, January 21, with that dreaded disease, scarlet fever. Everything that loving hands, medical skill and tender nursing could do was done, and it was thought on Monday that she had passed the danger point, but a change took place on Monday night and Merle knew then that her stay with loved ones was short and she talked to her husband and mother, whom she so dearly loved, and who were so constantly at her bedside, and when she knew that death was so near she clasped her husband's hands and asked him to live so that he could meet her in heaven. To her mother, she said:

"I want to kiss my good mamma goodbye. And my dear papa, tell him goodbye for me. And tell Sherley and Eloise goodbye and Oralee, how I love her."

She had a message of love for each one of the family and all her friends, "O, I love so many!"

Her parting words to all were, that they live so that they would meet her in heaven and her last words were:

"I see Jesus; I am going to heaven to be with Jesus."

Then she smiled and her face shone with a heavenly light as she passed on to meet her reward.

As she lived, so she died, quietly, cheerfully.

We never miss the sunshine until the
  shadows fall.
We ne'er regret the bitter words, 'till,
  passed beyond recall.
We never miss the laughter until
  the eyes are wet,
We never miss the happiness 'till
  love's bright sun has set.
We never miss the singing until the
  birds have flown,
We never miss the blossoms until the
  spring has gone.
We never miss our joyousness 'till
  sorrow bids us wake,
We never know we have a heart 'till
  it begins to break.
Dear Love, bring back the sunshine,
  My bitter words forget,
Bring back the old time happiness,
  my eyes with tears are wet.
Bring back the birds soft singing:
  Dear love, why should we part?
Bid spring time blossoms bloom again
  In the garden of my heart.

Merle was an exceptionally bright and lovable girl, and her loving and sweet disposition made all who knew her love her. She was always kind and thoughtful of others and during her illness she would often urge those about her to go and rest, that she was all right. She was always thankful for every little favor done for her.

Merle was a great lover of music, flowers, and of all the beauties of nature. Her home was the pride of her heart and the haven of her husband. She was never happier than when her home was filled with her many friends of whom she loved so dearly.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. J. M. Jensen. Mr. Varland sang "Face to Face" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," which were most beautifully rendered. The beautiful floral tributes are evidence of the high esteem in which Merle was held by her friends and the community in which she had made her home.

Interment was made in the Franklin Grove cemetery by the side of her little girl.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our warmest thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted and comforted us during the illness and death of our loved one and to those who sent flowers and other expressions of love and sympathy.

Arthur O. Nelson.
Mr. and Mrs Thos Brooks and family.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Nelson and family.

FRED C. VEEDER, OLD SETTLER, DIES SUDDENLY

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the Congregational church on Saturday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. U. Leinbach.

Those from away who attended the funeral were:

Mr. Howard Veeder and Mr. H. Tlford of Mason City; Mrs. Geo. Telford and two daughters and Mr. A. H. Smith of Clarion; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lord and family, and Mr. and Mrs. David Lord and family of Galt; Ed. Foss and family and Henry Foss and family of Meservey, and the two sisters. ***

M. & ST. L. TO RUN GRAVEL TRAINS THIS SUMMER?

Hampton Chronicle: C. E. Hill, local agent for the M. & St. L. railroad, was in Minneapolis last Friday consulting with the general manager and heads of departments in regard to the company's business at this station. Mr. Hill states that through trains for the northwest, for transfer at Corwith, will be routed through Hampton again as soon as the branch line is put in shape to handle the traffic. It is expected that gravel trains will soon be put to work on the Hampton-Algona branch again. The gravel crews were laid off last fall when the railroad company began to feel the pinch of decreased business.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sym pathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach, invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the boweus. When you have any trouble with your stomach, give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

Belmond Local News

Fruit Trees, Vines, Shrubs, pruned and sprayed by Carl Koop, Belmond, Iowa. Drop a postal. 11*

—I—

Sam D. Wheeler, of Clarion, was a business visitor in Belmond on Monday.

—I—

Mrs. J. E. Miller, of Rowan, was a Saturday caller in this city.

—I—

Mrs. Martin Hill, of Clarion, was a shopper in town last Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. H. J. Whitten, of Rowan, was calling on friends here Saturday.

—I—

C. T. Fenton and family have moved to their former home in Minnesota.

—I—

Attorney Bullard returned Saturday from a business trip to Des Moines.

—I—

Cyrus Brooks, of Clear Lake, spent Sunday with friends here.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Riley and children, of Rowan, were visiting with friends here on Thursday.

—I—

Misses Ethel and Eileen Gordon, of Rowan, were Saturday callers in this city.

—I—

Courtney Lee left on Sunday night for Des Moines where he will attend the government school.

—I—

Howard Veeder, and H. Tilford, of Mason City, were in attendance at the Fred Veeder funeral here on last Saturday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheriff returned Saturday from Grundy Center, where they had been visiting relatives for the past week.

—I—

Mrs. Abe Hnaikns and two sons and Mrs. James Hankins and son, of Britt, came Saturday for an over Sunday visit at the Henry Steinlicht home.

—I—

Mrs. Cecil Jones entertained the Priscilla Club this week, Wednesday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jensen are visiting in Mason City and Hanlontown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacson are visiting friends in Minnesota.

—I—

Miss Eloise Brooks was called home last week from college by the death of her sister.

—I—

Rev. Edge is assisting the Alexander pastor in his special meetings.

BEET GROWERS CONFERENCE

County Agent Edwards and A. W. R. Schultz, of Clarion, attended the beet growers conference at Mason City Wednesday. Preliminary steps have already been taken for an organization of growers in the counties of Wright, Humboldt, Webster, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Winnebago, and Kossuth County directors will elect district officers soon, and work will be taken up in earnest. A set of resolutions was adopted at the meeting Wednesday, touching mainly on labor problems. The growers feel that the co-operation of the sugar men was not all it should have been last year, labor not being regulated and supplied at the right time,and the returns falling below expectations as a result. The price for the sugar beet for 1921 has not been fixed as yet, but the growers expect favorable contracts. County Agent Edwards was on the resolution committee.

FARM SALES GOING GOOD

The farm sales being held in this part of the county are all going at good prices. Stock seems to be selling at much higher prices than was anticipated in the fall, and machinery sells for fair prices. At the Kallestad, Benson and Abels sales very good prices were received on most of the machinery and stock, and in instances the grain sold at market or higher prices. The sales listed for the immediate future are Bonte, a mile east and two north of Belmond; Allan, six miles west of town; Barkema near Alexander, all on the third of the month, and Shurson, near Olaf on the second. E. G. Reed & Son and Geo. Thompson will hold their blooded hog sale in a tent at the Rock Island on the 18th. of this month.

Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Miss Laura Brooks and Bert Trumbell, a grandson of Mrs. Brooks, moved to Klemme last week from Belmond and are living in rooms in the old Schaffer building formerly occupied by the Dr. Thomas family. Mrs. Brooks is the mother of Mrs. Millie Smith of this city and the other Miss Brooks is her sister. We welcome the family to Klemme.—Times.

HOLDING UP THE PUBLIC

(Oelwein Iowan.)

When a city wants a certain piece of land for a school house, park or other purpose, the owners of the same often get enlarged ideas of its value. They feel that the community will pay a high price rather than take some other property, and that the additional cost will be so divided up that the tax payers will never notice.

Other persons when such a proposition comes up, are so anxious to help on the cause of civic improvement, that they will gladly turn over any private property that is wanted, for what it cost them.

When it comes to getting up any public enterprise, some people will charge a handsome profit on supplies or a big price for services. Others will freely give their time, and work twice as hard as they would for their own business.

In a town where individuals are eager to make money at the expense of the community, public improvements cost high. It becomes less possible to get things done, because a constant burden of taxation has to be borne for betterments of the past. Public spirit is chilled by the spectacle of citizens whose first thought is personal enrichment.

In a community where people are willing to sink immediate advantage to help on public causes, a greater rate of progress is possible. A fine example of public spirit has been set, and new improvements are constantly being added. This creates civic enthusiasm and people emulate each other in co-operation. With this feeling dominant, mountains of difficulty roll away, and things that would seem impossible elsewhere prove perfecty within reach. Much of this spirit of civic co-operation has in the past been manifested in Oelwein and in so far as it can be developed the town will go ahead.

M. & ST. L. TO HAVE NEW EQUIPMENT

Hampton Recorder: Wonders will never cease. It is authoritively announced that the M. & St. L. railroad has purchased fifteen Mikado freight engines and five Pacific type passenger locomotives, and the same are to be delivered to the road the first of the new year, and are to be distributed along the eastern division which runs through Hampton It is also announced that the road has just received 250 freight gondolas and is about to contract for 100 refrigerator cars.

The Mikado type engine is the largest freight locomotive in use on the M. & St. L. They each weigh 260,000 pounds and the maximum hauling capacity is approximately 4,000 tons of about eighty cars with average loads of 40,000 pounds to a car.

We believe that this new rolling stock is the first that the company has purchased in fifteen or twenty years.

Nature

Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Saturday, February 19th

In the heated Rowan Sale Pavillion, Rowan, Iowa. Commencing promptly at 2:30. These Sows and Gilts are from some of the most famous blood lines on record. Consigned by

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BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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SHORT COURSE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Some Interesting Items Of The Local Schools

Senior Class To Put Annual This Year And Are Now Busy With Work On It.

TWO BASKET BALL GAMES

Why not make use of the gymnasium on Community Night? A few are enjoying the privilege and there is no reason why others should not.

Community night is open to the men of the community and high school graduates. Students in school and those of school age that have quit school of their own accord will not be granted the use of the gym. on Tuesday night.

Volley ball, indoor baseball, boxing, horizontal bars, and basket ball are some of the sports which may be enjoyed. Should enough interest be shown it might be possible to secure a wrestling mat. If you don't want to get into the games, come up and watch the fun from the balcony.

Friday night, Feb. 11, he high school boys play the Mason City team on the local floor. Come out Friday night and see a real game of basket ball and boost for B. H. S.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 10, Belmond will play Swaledale Consolidated school on the local floor. Swaledale is reported to have a fast team for a small school.

The boys and girls teams went to Garner, Friday, and met the Garner teams on their home floor. The boys' game was an especially good game and altho the score was 16 to 6 in Garner's favor, that does not mean the Belmond boys did not play a good game. It was a hard fought game from start to finish, and our boys had the ball two-thirds of the time, but could not seem to hit a basket.

The girls' team were defeated. The score was 35 to 16 in their favor. Our girls put up a good clean game, altho the score spells defeat for Belmond, the local girls played the best game to the contesting teams, as well as the best they have played this season.

After the games at Garner, the players and coaches were served refreshments by the home economics department of the Garner high school. Belmond appreciates the courteous treatment received at Garner.

It is the hope of the local committee that we may have a lecture course in Belmond next year. We can if each citizen does his part and orders his season ticket now. We have selected four good numbers for next year, which will cost $400. Adult season tickets will be sold for $1.50 each.

We must have at least 200 season tickets signed for before March 1, to hold the course ordered. Be a booster for something worth while.

This year the Wright County Declamatory Contest is to be held in Belmond, on Feb. 25. All high schools of the county will have their contestants here. The school that wins will be given the loving cup that is now being displayed in the window of the Belmond Savings Bank. Belmond will be represented by William Chase, Carol Tyrrell, and Elaine Rierson. Let everyone attend the contest and support the home school. WE WANT THE CUP!

Miss Kate Liddle, County Nurse, showed a set of very interesting slides at the school last Tuesday night. The slides were some sent out from Iowa University, showing proper methods of lighting, heating and ventilations, correct and incorrect positions in sitting, standing, writing and sleeping and some simple ways of folding paper to make a drinking cup, and the dangers of the common drinking cups and pail. The meeting was well attended and appreciated by those who were present.

Last Thursday afternoon the first division of the High School Literary Society presented a splendid program. The farce, "Hans Von Smash," was excellently given. The pupils had

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Over Three Hundred Dollars To Be Given Away In Premiums For The Best Exhibits

At this writing, there is an estimated total of about $310 that will be offered in premiums for the best exhibits at the Short Course.

The tractor demonstrations will be held at the Motor Inn. At 3:00 p. m. Thursday, there will be a tractor lecture and agricultural film at the Lyric theatre.

Exhibits should be listed with the following :

Ladies Dept. —Mrs. A. E. Martin, city library.

Live Stock—C. P. Luick, G .G. Dipple, Livery barn.

Grain and Poultry—Geo. P. Hardwick, A. Meinders, Opera House.

For general information—Cato C. Griesy.

If there is only one entry in a class, only one prize will be awarded.

No admission will be charged to any exhibit or lecture. Everything is absolutely free.

All due care will be taken for entries in exhibits, but the committees will not assume responsibility for any damage or injury.

BREAD

Should be baked in individual pans, about 4x5 inches in size

White bread	$1.00	75	
Nut bread	$1.00	75	
Steamed brown bread	$1.00	75	
CAKES			
Angel food, unfrosted	$1.00	75	
Devils food, frosted	$1.00	75	
White loaf, boiled frosting	$1.00	75	
White layor, any filling	$1.00	75	

COOKIES

One dozen sugar cookies	50	35	
One dozen crisp ginger cookies	50	35	
One dozen oat meal drop cookies	50	35	
DOUGH NUTS			
One dozen, baking powder or soda	50	35	
One dozen, yeast	50	25	

PIES

Apple	75	50	
Mince	75	50	
Pumpkin	75	50	

CANNED FRUITS

To insure proper entry, label all canned goods

Strawberries	75	50	
Cherries	75	50	
Plums	75	50	
Apples	75	50	
Red raspberries	75	50	25
Rhubarb	75	50	25

PRESERVES

Strawberries	$1.00	75	
Red Raspberries	$1.00	75	
Tomatoes	$1.00	75	
Plums	$1.00	75	

JELLY

Plum	50	35	
Apple	50	35	
Currant	50	35	
Grape	50	35	

CANNED VEGETABLES

Beans	50	35	
Peas	50	35	
Beets	50	35	
Corn	50	35	
Carrots	50	35	
Tomatoes	50	35	

CANNED MEATS

Chicken	$1.00	75	
Beef	$1.00	75	
Pork	$1.00	75	

SOUR PICKLES

Mixed mustard	50	35	
Cucumber, plain	50	35	
Beet	50	35	

SWEET PICKLES

Watermelon	50	35	
Apple	50	35	
Cucumber	50	35	

NEEDLEWORK

CROCHETING

Doily	50	35	
Center piece	75	35	
Guest towel	50	35	
Dresser scarf	50	35	
Set of sheet and pillow slips	1.00	35	
Collar	50	35	

WHITE EMBROIDERY

Lunch cloth	$1.00	75	
Night dress	75	50	
Chemise	75	50	
Baby dress	75	50	

TATTING

Yoke for undergarment	75	50	
Handkerchief	50	35	
One yard of tatting	50	35	
Collar	50	35	

QUILTS

Cotton pieced	$1.00	75	
Cotton applique	$1.00	75	
Silk	$1.00	75	
Wool	$1.00	75	

MACHINE WORK

Best rompers	75	50	
Best darning	50	35	
Best bound button holes	50	35	
Best set in pocket	50	35	
Best coverall apron	50	35	

MISCELLANEOUS

Apron made from unbleached muslin	75	50	
Luncheon set, same	$1.00	75	
Garmets made from flour sacks	75	50	
Best made-over garment	$1.00	75	
Best exhibit, as a whole, from any	75	50	
of the competing townships	$6.00	$4.00	

All articles for exhibit must be at the hall (library basement) Thursday afternoon, at the latest.

All bakery food will be sold, the proceeds of sale to help defray the expenses.

Canned goods will be returned to the owner.

Miss Holden will judge all articles in the exhibits.

HORSES

Horses three years old and over	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
Horses under three years of age	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
Beef bull, any breed	$7.50	$4.00	$3.00
Beef cattle, any breed	$7.50	$4.00	$3.00
Dairy bull, any breed	$7.50	$4.00	$3.00
Dairy cow, any breed	$7.50	$4.00	$3.00
Red sow, one year or over	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
Red boar under one year	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
Black sow, one year or over	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
Black boar, under one year	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
White sow, one year or over	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
White boar, under one year	$5.00	$3.00	$2.00
Sow over all, any breed	$7.50		
Boar over all, any breed	$7.50		

PEN OF TWO HENS AND ONE ROOSTER

Rocks in barred, white or buff	$2.00	$1.2[illegible]	75
Rhode Island Reds in red or white	$2.00	$1.25	75
Leghorns in white or brown	$2.00	$1.25	75
Wyadottes, white or silver laced	$2.00	$1.25	75
Black Minorca	$2.00	$1.25	75

CORN

One ear mixed corn	75	50	25
Ten ears mixed corn	$1.00	75	50
One ear white corn	75	50	25
Ten ears white corn	$1.00	75	50
One ear yellow corn			
Ten ears yellow corn	$1.00	75	50
One ear, any grade, over all	$2.50		
Ten ears pop corn	$1.00	75	50
Ten ears sweet corn	$1.00	75	50
One peck late oats	$1.00	75	50
One peck early oats	$1.00	75	
One peck barley	$1.00	75	
One peck timothy	75	50	
One peck clover	75	50	
One peck mixed grass seed	75	50	
One sugar beet	75	50	25
Ten sugar beets	$1.00	75	
One peck early potatoes	$1.50	$1.00	
One peck late potatoes	$1.50	$1.00	

EWES	$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Court House News

Marriage licenses for the past week Glen F. Boyington and Mina May Harris, Irwin E. Stark and Dorothy Esther Moncel, Kenneth Toon and Ruby I. Warren, Oscar J. Hansen and Jessie Shurson, Selmer Lewis and Blanche Tegland, Harry Trumbell and Nettie O. Johnson, Thomas F. Moore and Ernest Shurtz.

L. C. Kesterson vs. Percy C. Newcomb of Eagle Grove; plaintiff asks judgement for $1403.44 for note given on motor truck.

G. W. Hansen, a Galt merchant, brings suit against Albert Babst for an account of $36.82.

K. J. Wilson is suing John T. Johnson and T. Jacobson for $677.32, balance due on labor while employed on defendant's farm near Blearsburg this summer. The labor consisted of tiling and of $1077.32 the agreed value of the labor, only $400 has been paid.

F. J. Wenck vs. George Gruis; judgement is asked for $140.40 for 108 bushels of corn at $1.30 per bushel, sold and delivered a year ago by John C. Mull, who has since assigned the debt to the plaintiff.

Suit has been brought against Rufus C. Bjelland by Ole and Amos Nervig for $229.20, due on a land lease. The petition recites that according to the contract 41.6 acres of land in sec. 30-92-24, hay and paspure land, was leased for $12 an acre from March 1, 1920 to March of this year. $200 has been paid on the cash rental of $499.20. In January of this year Mr. Bjelland abandoned the premises and moved to Minnesota where he now resides.

The Solberg Farmers Elevator Co. is suing Al Abels for $285.85, for goods sold and delivered; and O. R. Meyers has assigned to the company a bill against defendant for $33.00 for threshing 1,100 bushels of oats at three cents a bushel.

L. E. Goslin of Clarion asks a divorce from his wife Bunah Irene Goslin. They were married April 20, 1920, at Rockport, Mo., following Mrs. Goslin's divorce from her first husband Roy Ross. Adultery is the grounds for divorce. Mrs. Goslin is now working, or has been working, at Allison, Ia., as telephone operator.

Another case brought for wages due is that of Lawrence Dorr vs. Joseph Patton, Jr. During the year 1917 and 1918 plaintiff worked for Patton as a farm laborer, and under an oral agreement was to receive $400 a year. At the time the contract terminated, plaintiff had a balance of $149.14 coming to him, for which he asks judgment and interest from August 1, 1919.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the local post of the American Legion at the city hall, on Thursday night, at 8:00 o'clock. Every member is especially urged to be present, as there will be important business to transact.

Post Commander.

Authorities Shut Down On The Cigarette Selling

Mayor Gives Warning That No Selling To Minors Will Be Tolerated And Throws Big Scare.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST THO?

Mayor Barry served notice on the various dealers in town handling the coffin nail last week, that there would be no further toleration of the sale of the cigarette.

As a result things are closed up tight, for the present. A good sized scare was thrown into some of them, and every "pill" disappeared from the show cases, or from sight.

Several complaints had been made lately about young boys smoking the weeds, and some people were getting up on their ear about the matter. A few of the school boys of tender years were relieved of cigarette recently and the school authorities had also complained.

AN EARLY SCHOOL HOUSE

H. H. Barker came over from Rowan the other day on one of his periodical business trips and during a short conversation with him our reporter gleaned an interesting item of news to the older inhabitants. It concerns the little one room log school house located northeast of Belmond sixty odd years ago. The seats or benches were made by splitting a log in two and after smoothing off the top with an adz, four wooden legs were driven into holes in the underside. The pupil's books were placed on the floor for safe keeping. It was here that Mr. Barker learned his A. B. C.'s sixty years ago. A remarkable fact is that his first teacher, now Mrs. Frances Thatcher, is enjoying fairly good health and resides at Chelsa, Michigan.—Monitor.

Obituary

GUY DEFORREST REESE

Guy Deforrest Reese was born in Belmond, April 22, 1900, and died at Waterloo, February 5, 1921, death being caused by sleeping sickness.

The young man would have been 21 years old the 22d of next April, and his untimely demise, from the unusual and deadly disease, was a great shock to his family and his may friends. He suffered from the sleeping sickness but a short time, and altho everything possible was done for him, he could not rally from the disease.

Deceased was a son of Mrs. Sadie Reese, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baldridge of this place. He was an ex-service man, having served with the 2nd field artillery, in which outfit he saw two and one-half months' service overseas. Since his return from the army he had been employed as night baggage man in the union station at Waterloo, making his home at 617 West Wellington, that city.

Funeral services were held at the home in Waterloo on Sunday, and at the Methodist church here on Monday of this week, the American Legion having charge of the services. Full military honors were accorded the young man, burial being in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his mother, four sisters, grandparents, and many other relatives, besides a host of friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the American Legion, the choir and the many friends for their kindly help and sympathy in he loss of our beloved one, and for the beautiful floral tributes.

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We promptly responded with great jubilation,
And with never a thought as to compensation;
Bought Liberty bonds, to say naught of donations
To Red Cross funds and associations.
Now we've grain enough to feed all creation
And pork and beef beyond expectation
But what has happened to market quotation?
We realize now that we need relaxation.
The wool market sure is an aggravation,
The cotton growers are facing starvation,
Producers now question the justification
Of all this talk about food conservation.
Vast fortunes were made in ammunition
And on our grain thru speculation.
The federal reserve administration
Gave U. S. currency great inflation.
The law was changed income taxation
Till it worries the farmer beyond endurance.
We cannot tolerate such a condition,
To get relief is our greatest ambition.
With markets in such demorilzation,
We farmers must voice a strong protestation.
And make our demands without cessation
Until we secure just representation.
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There surely will come a great reaction,
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A sprinkling of men from the country who have usually hired during the busy season say they are going to hit the ball a little harder this spring and do all the work themselves.

Floyd Arnold, a farmer in Hahaska county, Iowa, who keeps help the year around, expects to pay $60 a month this spring for a married man.

"This is the figure I have been paying since corn skucking, and I really do not want to ask a man to work for less. If this farming business reaches a basis that a man can not pay his help what they ought to have he had better change occupations."

"Well, I hire single men and I do not expect to pay over $40 this spring The way stock and grain are selling I believe that is pretty good wages." This is the belief of Ray Lloyd, a young farmer aso from Mahaska county.

"The farmer who pays more than $35 a month for a hired man this spring is just like the fellow who paid $400 an acre for land a few months ago—he is paying too much," declared James Cudhy, a big farmer and feeder of Greene county, Iowa.

On the other hand, F. W. Roberts, who farms, feeds and daries in Kenosha county, Wis., is of the opinion that there will be practically no reduction in the monthly stipends alowed to farm hands this spring, especially in his section. He has three men, and he expects to pay them their present wages—$85. He says he will not run the risk of disgruntling his hired men by cutting their wages and probably driving them to a town job when business improves there.

Clay Rowen, Bert Templeton and R. N. Knott, all farmers and feeders in Hardin county, Iowa, believe that $45 will be the outside figure for married men on the farms this spring, with the single help getting $10 or less. They refer to their own district.

Ora Rice, down in Knox county, Ill., gave his married help $75 last year, but he says that $50 is all he is going to pay this spring. Then if farm commodity prices improve he will make up a part of the cut to his men in the way of a bonus at the end of the season. Thomas Butler, from the same section, agrees with these figures. Both farmers place single men's wages this spring at $40.

Down in Pike county, Mo., J. H. Caldwell owns two big farms, as well as land in Canada. He has tenants on his Missouri hoding and they tell him they prefer letting some of the land lie idle rather than pay high prices for labor. The farm hand, Mr. Caldwell believes, must take a substantial reduction this spring.—Chicago Drovers Journal.

FARM CONDITIONS BETTERING

That we have reached the bottom of the period of depression which has taken Iowa farmers in the slide and that we will have better times from now on is the opinion expressed by R. A. Pearson, president of Iowa State College in an address to farmers at the Short Course.

"We have reached the bottom in the period we have just gone thru and we are bound to start up grade soon." The horizon for agriculture is brighter than ever before and the new year promises to bring good things for the farmers.

"The farmer has been accused of increasing production in Iowa without bothering about the markets and this has caused some of the trouble," continued Dr. Pearson. "This is all wrong. What we are trying to do is to increase the production per acre and to reduce the minor costs of production so that in the long run the farmers will be benefited.

CORN SILAGE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO DAIRYMAN

For dairy purposes corn silage is second to none, and its value as a dairy feed is no longer an experiment with successful dairymen, it is an absolute necessity, suggests Thomas M. Olson, instructor in dairy husbandry at the state college of South Dakota.

No silo which was properly built and filled with corn at the right stage of maturity he says, has ever been discarded. Neither is there any farmer who had a silo on his farm and used its succulent, nutritious feed that is willing to do without one.

In addition to being nutritious, succulent feed, corn silage is one of the cheapest feeds for dairy cows. According to the best authorities corn silage made from corn ensiled at the proper stage of maturity contains 22 pounds of digestible crude protein and 354 pounds of total digestible carbohydrate equivalent, per ton. A farm in the average state of fertility will produce from 6 to 8 tons of silage per acre. Many farmers produce 12 to 14 tons per acre on good soil.

Corn should be ensiled at the proper stage of maturity to get the best results. If it is allowed to get too ripe it will be too dry and difficult to pack.

JOTTINGS BY THE OFFICE BOY

When you have arrived at the conklusion that you cannot make advertising pay, you have lost your grip.

A customer will come into your store today and buy a georgette waiste for the simple reason that she saw a pair of shoes avedrtised by you last week. So don't get discouraged when you run a shoe ad that it doesn't bring sufficient direct results.

Always put your best foot forward in advertising and then follow it up with the other foot.

If you are in buziness you should either advertise or quit.

Advertising is the short straight line between you and the customer.

We all have to eat to live. Advertising is the food for the business.

People will judge your store by the kind of advertising you do. They will judge it still more by the amount of advertising you do regularly.

The man who succeeds must have the nerve to take a chance.

It is not the store that makes good, it is the individual behind it.

For every man that fails on account of too much advertising, ninety-nine fail on account of too little advertising.

If you want pleasant visitors in your emporium, see to it that they have a pleasant visit with you.

If all our troubles really happened to us, we should not be here to tell about it.

The merchant who is so busy that he forgets to advertise or feels that he hasn't time to advertise will probably have plenty of time some of these days to entertain a special salesman at a closing out sale.

The merchant who knows nothing about advertising and doesn't want to know any more, sees just as much of the world's possibilities as does the man in jail.

Great things always follow in the trail of small things well done.

You can make advertising pay if you have a store that is worth trading at twice. Otherwise you cannot make advertising pay.

If the public can see your merchandise at a profit to you, your foolish to keep it. Advertising is the connecting line between you and the public. When you stop advertising the connection is broken.

If you refuse to keep your stock up because you are waiting for the prices to go down, you're making it all the easier for your competitor to get the order.

The more a business man depends upon advertising, the more certain he is of getting along. Of course, you are the best buyer in town, we all know that. What of it? In the end it's selling the goods that counts.

If you want the customer to come back and not as a complainer, always tell the customer the truth.

The best business year for yourself must also be by a natural law the best year for your customers, your clerks and your printers.

Men in business do not stand still. They either make things better or worse. If you are simply satisfied to make a living for yourself, you are a hindrance to the town and a drain on your community.

Throw away your blue goggles and most everything will look funny to you. Things that formerly irritated you will now only amuse you.

It is a fine thing to climb upward—if you can be sure to hold on.

You can't learn to swim by keeping out of the water.—Dry Goods Reporter.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright county April Term, A. D. 1921.

H. A. Koefed, Plaintiff,

vs

Fred Staehle,
Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.
The Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc, Garnishee.

To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of sixty-six and eight-one-hundred dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1920, for fresh, salt, and smoked meats, together with other merchandise sold and delivered to you during the year of 1920, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family; that plaintiff has filed his bond asking that a writ of attachment issue against your goods, chattels, credits and property; that said bond has been approved; said writ granted; and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc., attached as garnishee.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Clarion on the fourth day of April A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Nature

Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

USE CARE WITH ELECTRICITY

Simple Precautions Will Prevent Many Accidents With Appliances

People who have electrical appliances and electricity on the farm need not be afraid of it. No damage can come if a few simple precautions are taken. E. C. Kurtz of the electrical engineering department of Iowa State College offers a few suggestions for the beginners

In the household where washers are used be careful not to get the wires wet. That will short circuit the motor.

Do not take hold of switches with wet hands. Water is among the best conductors.

Do not pour water over the motor. A few drops are likely to put it out of commission.

When insulation on any wire becomes worn or broken, get a new cord, It's cheaper than burning out fuses.

Remember that 110 or 220 volts do not kill if the person has a strong heart but it does not pay to fool with the current because no one is sure of the intensity of the current. High tension wires often are dropped on other wires.

If appliances or wiring need repairing, get an electrician. Do not try to rearrange wiring on appliances unless you are sure of what you are going to do, then do it with the current turned off.

Do not go away and leave electrical toasters, flat irons and other simple applances turned on. The children like to investigate and a knife poked in on toaster coils will give bad results.

Read the directions that come with appliances and remember the man that put them there is an expert on those things.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sympathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach, invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the boweus. When you have any trouble with your stomach, give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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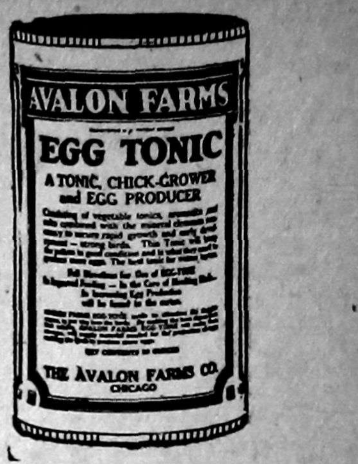
A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cought it is unsurpassed.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.



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Woodruff's Stock
Reducing Shoe Sale

A Special Bargain for this week---about 1000 pairs of Women's High Shoes in black, brown, grey field mouse and white kid and calf leathers, special this week

$5.85

These are all Shoes out of our regular stock and were good values at the former prices. Don't put it off until tomorrow---come today.

Woodruff Shoe Co.
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BELMOND INDEPENDENT
Phone 115 Belmond, Iowa

Dispersion Sale
Of Pure Bred Duroc Jersey Sows and Gilts

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Saturday, February 19th

In the heated Rowan Sale Pavillion, Rowan, Iowa. Commencing promptly at 2:30. These Sows and Gilts are from some of the most famous blood lines on record. Consigned by

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Unless the reduction is accepted many declare they will either curtail their acreage or farm the same amount the best way they can without help.

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A sprinkling of men from the country who have usually hired during the busy season say they are going to hit the ball a little harder this spring and do all the work themselves.

Floyd Arnold, a farmer in Hahaska county, Iowa, who keeps help the year around, expects to pay $60 a month this spring for a married man.

"This is the figure I have been paying since corn skucking, and I really do not want to ask a man to work for less. If this farming business reaches a basis that a man can not pay his help what they ought to have he had better change occupations."

"Well, I hire single men and I do not expect to pay over $40 this spring The way stock and grain are selling I believe that is pretty good wages." This is the belief of Ray Lloyd, a ycung farmer aso from Mahaska county.

"The farmer who pays more than $35 a month for a hired man this spring is just like the fellow who paid $400 an acre for land a few months ago—he is paying too much," declared James Cudhy, a big farmer and feeder of Greene county, Iowa.

On the other hand, F. W. Roberts, who farms, feeds and daries in Kenosha county, Wis., is of the opinion that there will be practically no reduction in the monthly stipends alowed to farm hands this spring, especially in his section. He has three men, and he expects to pay them their present wages—$85. He says he will not run the risk of disgruntling his hired men by cutting their wages and probably driving them to a town job when business improves there.

Clay Rowen, Bert Templeton and R. N. Knott, all farmers and feeders in Hardin caunty, Iowa, believe that $45 will be the outside figure for married men on the farms this spring, with the single help getting $10 or less. They refer to their own district.

Ora Rice, down in Knox county, Ill., gave his married help $75 last year, but he says that $50 is all he is going to pay this spring. Then if farm commodity prices improve he will make up a part of the cut to his men in the way of a bonus at the end of the season. Thomas Butler, from the same section, agrees with these figures. Both farmers place single men's wages this spring at $40.

Down in Pike county, Mo.. J. H. Caldwell owns two big farms, as well as land in Canada. He has tenants on his Missouri hoding and they tell him they prefer letting some of the land lie idle rather than pay high prices for labor. The farm hand, Mr. Caldwell believes, must take a substantial reduction this spring.—Chicago Drovers Journal.

FARM CONDITIONS BETTERING

That we have reached the bottom of the period of depression which has taken Iowa farmers in the slide and that we will have better times from now on is the opinion expressed by R. A. Pearson, president of Iowa State College in an address to farmers at the Short Course.

"We have reached the bottom in the period we have just gone thru and we are bound to start up grade soon." The horizon for agriculture is brighter than ever before and the new year promises to bring good things for the farmers.

"The farmer has been accused of increasing production in Iowa without bothering about the markets and this has caused some of the trouble," continued Dr. Pearson. "This is all wrong. What we are trying to do is to increase the production per acre and to reduce the minor costs of production so that in the long run the farmers will be benefited.

CORN SILAGE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO DAIRYMAN

For dairy purposes corn silage is second to none, and its value as a dairy feed is no longer an experiment with successful dairymen, it is an absolute necessity, suggests Thomas M. Olson, instructor in dairy husbandry at the state college of South Dakota.

No silo which was properly built and filled with corn at the right stage of maturity he says, has ever been discarded. Neither is there any farmer who had a silo on his farm and used its succulent, nutritious feed that is willing to do without one.

In addition to being nutritious, succulent feed, corn silage is one of the cheapest feeds for dairy cows. According to the best authorities corn silage made from corn ensiled at the proper stage of maturity contains 22 pounds of digestible crude protein and 354 pounds of total digestible carbohydrate equivalent, per ton. A farm in the average state of fertility will produce from 6 to8 tons of silage per acre. Many farmers produce 12 to 14 tons per acre on good soil.

Corn should be ensiled at the proper stage of maturity to get the best results. If it is allowed to get too ripe it will be too dry and difficult to pack.

JOTTINGS BY THE OFFICE BOY

When you have arrived at the conklusion that you cannot make advertising pay, you have lost your grip.

A customer will come into your store today and buy a georgette waiste for the simple reason that she saw a pair of shoes avedrtised by you last week. So don't get discouraged when you run a shoe ad that it doesn't bring sufficient direct results.

Always put your best foot forward in advertising and then follow it up with the other foot.

If you are in buziness you should either advertise or quit.

Advertising is the short straight line between you and the customer.

We all have to eat to live. Advertising is the food for the business.

People will judge your store by the kind of advertising you do. They will judge it still more by the amount of advertising you do regularly.

The man who succeeds must have the nerve to take a chance.

It is not the store that makes good, it is the individual behind it.

For every man that fails on account of too much advertising, ninety-nine fail on account of too little advertising.

If you want pleasant visitors in your emporium, see to it that they have a pleasant visit with you.

If all our troubles really happened to us, we should not be here to tell about it.

The merchant who is so busy that he forgets to advertise or feels that he hasn't time to advertise will probably have plenty of time some of these days to entertain a special salesman at a closing out sale.

The merchant who knows nothing about advertising and doesn't want to know any more, sees just as much of the world's possibilities as does the man in jail.

Great things always follow in the trail of small things well done.

You can make advertising pay it you have a store that is worth trading at twice. Otherwise you cannot make advertising pay.

If the public can see your merchandise at a profit to you, your foolish to keep it. Advertising is the connecting line between you and the public. When you stop advertising the connection is broken.

If you refuse to keep your stock up because you are waiting for the prices to go down, you're making it all the easier for your competitor to get the order.

The more a business man depends upon advertising, the more certain he is of getting along. Of course, you are the best buyer in town, we all know that. What of it? In the end it's selling the goods that counts.

If you want the customer to come back and not as a complainer, always tell the customer the truth.

The best business year for yourself must also be by a natural law the best year for your customers, your clerks and your printers.

Men in business do not stand still. They either make things better or worse. If you are simply satisfied to make a living for yourself, you are a hindrance to the town and a drain on your community.

Throw away your blue goggles and most everything will look funny to you. Things that formerly irritated you will now only amuse you.

It is a fine thing to climb upward --if you can be sure to hold on.

You can't learn to swim by keeping out of the water.—Dry Goods Reporter.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright county April Term, A. D. 1921.

H. A. Koefed, Plaintiff,
vs
Fred Staehle,
Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants.
The Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc, Garnishee.

To Fred Staehle and Mrs. Fred Staehle, Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming of you the sum of sixty-six and eight-one-hundred dollars, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at six per cent from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1920, for fresh, salt, and smoked meats, together with other merchandise sold and delivered to you during the year of 1920, at your special instance and request, and for the joint use and benefit of your family; that plaintiff has filed his bond asking that a writ of attachment issue against your goods, chattels, credits and property; that said bond has been approved; said writ granted; and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, Inc., attached as garnishee.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Clarion on the fourth day of April A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you and judgement and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

W. E. Bullard, Attorney for Plaintiff.
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Nature

Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

USE CARE WITH ELECTRICITY

Simple Precautions Will Prevent Many Accidents With Appliances

People who have electrical appliances and electricity on the farm need not be afraid of it. No damage can come if a few simple precautions are taken. E. C. Kurtz of the electrical engineering department of Iowa State College offers a few suggestions for the beginners

In the household where washers are used be careful not to get the wires wet. That will short circuit the motor.

Do not take hold of switches with wet hands. Water is among the best conductors.

Do not pour water over the motor. A few drops are likely to put it out of commission.

When insulation on any wire becomes worn or broken, get a new cord. It's cheaper than burning out fuses,

Remember that 110 or 220 volts do not kill if the person has a strong heart but it does not pay to fool with the current because no one is sure of the intensity of the current. High tension wires often are dropped on other wires.

If appliances or wiring need repairing, get an electrician. Do not try to rearrange wiring on appliances unless you are sure of what you are going to do, then do it with the current turned off.

Do not go away and leave electrical toasters, flat irons and other simple applances turned on. The children like to investigate and a knife poked in on toaster coils will give bad results.

Read the directions that come with appliances and remember the man that put them there is an expert on those things.

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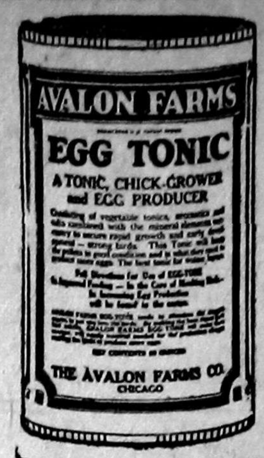

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to 'Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

Dan puffed at his pipe, and his eyes looked curiously bright through the film of smoke. "I'm not interested in hearing them," he said.

"It might pay you," Cranston went on. "One of 'em is that one man's word is good as another's in a court—and it wouldn't do you any good to run down and tell tales. A man can light his pipe on the mountain side without the courts being interested. The second thing is—just that I don't think you'd find it a healthy thing to do."

"I suppose, then, that is a threat?"

"It ain't just a threat." Cranston laughed harshly—a single, grim syllable that was the most terrible sound he had yet uttered. "It's a fact. Just try it, Failing. Just make one little step in that direction. You couldn't hide behind a girl's skirts, then. Why, you city sissy, I'd break you to pieces in my hands!"

Few men can make a threat without a muscular accompaniment. Its very utterance releases pent-up emotions, part of which can only pour forth in muscular expression. And anger is a primitive thing, going down to the most mysterious depths of a man's nature. As Cranston spoke, his lip curled, his dark fingers clenched on his thick palm, and he half leaned forward.

Dan knocked out his pipe on the log. It was the only sound in that whole mountain realm; all the lesser sounds were stilled. The two men stood face to face, Dan tranquil, Cranston shaken by passion.

"I give you," said Dan with entire coldness, "an opportunity to take that back. Just about four seconds."

He stood very straight as he spoke, and his eyes did not waver in the least. It would not be the truth to say that his heart was not leaping like a wild thing in his breast. A dark mist was spreading like madness over his brain; but yet he was striving to keep his thoughts clear. Stealthily, without seeming to do so, he was setting his muscles for a spring.

The only answer to his words was a laugh—a roaring laugh of scorn from Cranston's dark lips. In his laughter, his intent, catlike vigilance relaxed. Dan saw a chance; feeble though it was, it was the only chance he had. And his long body leaped like a serpent through the air.

The Battles of the Mountains were Battles to the Death.

Physical superior though he was Cranston would have repelled the attack with his rifle if he had had a chance. His blood was already at the murder heat—a point always quickly reached in Cranston—and the dark, hot fumes in his brain were simply nothing more nor less than the most poisonous, bitter hatred. No other word exists. If his class of degenerate mountain men had no other accomplishment, they could hate. All their lives they practiced the emotion: hatred of their neighbors, hatred of law, hatred of civilization in all its forms. Besides, this kind of hillman habitually fought his duels with rifles. Hands were not deadly enough.

But Dan was past his guard before he had time to raise his gun. The whole attack ws one of the most astounding surprises of Cranston's life. Dan's body struck his, his fists flailed, and to protect himself, Cranston was obliged to drop the rifle. They staggered, as if in some weird dance, on the trail; and their arms clasped in a clinch.

For a long instant they stood straining, seemingly motionless. Cranston's powerful body had stood up well under the shock of Dan's leap. It was a hand-to-hand battle now. The rifle had slid on down the hillside, to be caught in a clump of brush twenty feet below. Dan called on every ounce of his strength, because he knew what mercy he might expect if Cranston mastered him. The battles of the mountains were battles to the death.

They flung back and forth, wrenching shoulders, lashing fists, teeth and feet and fingers. There were no Marquis of Queensberry rules in this battle. Again and again Dan sent home his blows; but they all seemed ineffective. By now, Cranston had completely overcome the moment's advantage the other had obtained by the power of his leap. He hurled Dan from the clinch and lashed at him with hard fists.

It is a very common thing to hear of a silent fight. But it is really a more rare occurrence than most people believe. It is true that serpents will often fight in the strangest, most eerie silence; but human beings are not serpents. They partake more of the qualities of the meat-eaters—the wolves and felines. After the first instant, the noise of the fight aroused the whole hillside. The sound of blows was in itself notable, and besides, both of the men were howling the primordial battle cries of hatred and vengeance.

For two long minutes Dan fought with the strength of desperation, summoning at last all that mysterious reserve force with which all men are born. But he was playing a losing game. The malady with which he had suffered had taken too much of his vigor. Even as he struggled, it seemed to him that the vista about him, the dark pines, the colored leaves of the perennial shrubbery, the yellow path were all obscured in a strange, white mist. A great wind roared in his ears—and his heart was evidently about to shiver to pieces.

But still he fought on, not daring to yield. He could no longer parry Cranston's blows. The latter's arms went around him in one of those deadly holds that wrestlers know; and Dan struggled in vain to free himself. Cranston's face itself seemed hideous and unreal in the mist that was creeping over him. He did not recognize the curious thumping sound as Cranston's fists on his flesh. And now Cranston had hurled him off his feet.

Nothing mattered further. He had fought the best he could. This cruel beast could pounce on him at will and hammer away his life. But still he struggled. Except for the constant play of his muscles, his almost unconscious effort to free himself that kept one of Cranston's arms busy holding him down, that fight on the mountain path might have come to a sudden end. Human bodies can stand a terrific punishment; but Dan's was weakened from the ravages of his disease. Besides, Cranston would soon have both hands and both feet free for the work, and when these four terrible weapons are used at once, the issue—soon or late—can never be in doubt.

But even now, consciousness still lingered. Dan could hear his enemy's curses—and far up the trail, he heard another, stranger sound. It sounded like some one running.

And then he dimly knew that Cranston was climbing from his body. Voices were speaking—quick, commanding voices just over him. Above Cranston's savage curses another voice rang clear, and to Dan's ears, glorious beyond all human utterance.

He opened his tortured eyes. The mists lifted from in front of them, and the whole drama was revealed. It had not been sudden mercy that had driven Cranston from his body, just when his victim's failing unconsciousness would have put him completely in his power. Rather it was something black and ominous that even now was pointed squarely at Cranston's breast.

None too soon, a ranger of the hill had heard the sounds of the struggle, and had left the trysting place at the spring to come to Dan's aid. It was Snowbird, very pale but wholly self-sufficient and determined and intent. Her pistol was cocked and ready.

CHAPTER III

Dan Failing was really not badly hurt. The quick, lashing blows had not done more than severely bruise the flesh of his face; and the mists of unconsciousness that had been falling over him were more nearly the result of his own tremendous physical exertion. Now these mists were rising.

"Go—go away," the girl was commanding. "I think you've killed him."

Dan opened his eyes to find her kneeling close beside him, but still covering Cranston with her pistol. Her hand was resting on his bruised cheek. He couldn't have believed that a human face could be as white, while life still remained, as hers was then. All the lovely tints that had been such a delight to him, the play of soft reds and browns, had faded as an afterglow fades on the snow.

Dan's glance moved with hers to Cranston. He was standing easily at a distance of a dozen feet; and except for the faintest tremble all over his body, a muscular reaction from the violence of his passion, he had entirely regained his self-composure. This was quite characteristic of the mountain men. They share with the beasts a passion of living that is wholly unknown on the plains; but yet they have a certain quality of imperturbability known nowhere else. Nor is it limited to the native-born mountaineers. No man who intimately knows a member of that curious, keen-eyed little army of naturalists and big-game hunters who go to the north woods every fall, as regularly and seemingly as inexorably as the waterfowl go in spring, can doubt this fact. They seem to have acquired from the silence and the snows an impregnation of that eternal calm and imperturbability that is the wilderness itself. Cranston wasn't in the least afraid. Fear is usually a matter of uncertainty, and he knew exactly where he stood.

It is extremely doubtful if a plainsman would have possessed this knowledge. But a plainsman has not the knowledge of life itself that the mountaineer has, simply because he does not see it in the raw. And he has not half the intimate knowledge of death, an absolute requisite of self-composure. The mountaineer knows life in its simple phases with little tradition or convention to blur the vision. Death is a very intimate acquaintance that may be met in any snowdrift, on any rocky trail; and these conditions are very deadly to any delusions that he has in regard to himself. He acquires an ability to see just where he stands, and of course that means self-possession. This quality had something to do with the remarkable record that the mountain men, such as that magnificent warrior from Tennessee, made in the late war.

Cranston knew exactly what Snowbird would do. Although of a higher order, she was a mountain creature, even as himself. She meant exactly what she said. If he hadn't climbed from Dan's prone body, she would have shot quickly and very straight. If he tried to attack either of them now, her finger would press back before he could blink an eye, and she wouldn't weep any hysterical tears over his dead body. If he kept his distance, she wouldn't shoot at all. He meant to keep his distance. But he did know that he could insult her without danger to himself. And by now his lips had acquired their old curl of scorn.

"I'll go, Snowbird," he said. "I'll leave you with your sissy. But I guess you saw what I did to him—in two minutes."

"I saw. But you must remember he's sick. Now go."

"If he's sick, let him stay in bed—and have a wet nurse. Maybe you can be that."

The lids drooped halfway over her gray eyes, and the slim finger curled more tightly about the trigger. "Oh, I wish I could shoot you, Bert!" she said. She didn't whisper it, or hiss it, or hurl it, or do any of the things most people are supposed to do in moments of violent emotion. She simply said it, and her meaning was all the clearer.

"But you can't. And I'll pound that milk-sop of yours to a jelly every time I see him. I'd think, Snowbird, that you'd want a man."

He started up the trail; and then she did a strange thing. "He's more of a man than you are, right now, Bert," she told him. "He'll prove it some day." Then her arm went about Dan's neck and lifted his head upon her breast; and in Cranston's plain sight, she bent and kissed him, softly, on the lips.

Cranston's answer was an oath. It dripped from his lips, more poisonous, more malicious than the venom of a snake. His features seemed to tighten, the dark lips drew away from his teeth. No words could have made him such an effective answer as this little action of hers. And as he turned up the trail, he called down to her a name—that most dreadful epithet that foul tongues have always used to women held in greatest scorn.

Dan struggled in her arms. The kiss on his lips, the instant before, had not called him out of his half-consciousness. It had scarcely seemed real, rather just an incident in a blissful dream. But the word called down the trail shot out clear and vivid from the silence, just as a physician's face will often leap from the darkness after the anesthesia. Something infinitely warm and tender was holding him, pressing him back against a holy place that throbbed and gave him life and strength; but he knew that this word had to be answered. And only actions, not other words, could be its payment. All the voices of his body called to him to lie still, but the voices of the spirit, those higher, nobler promptings from which no man, to the glory of the breed from which he sprung, can ever quite escape, were stronger yet. He tugged upward, straining. But he didn't even have the strength to break the hold that the soft arm had about his neck.

"Oh, if I could only pull the trigger!" she was crying. "If I could only kill him—"

"Let me," he pleaded. "Give me the pistol. I'll kill him—"

And he would. There was no flinching in the gray eyes that looked up to her. She leaned forward, as if to put the weapon in his hands, but at once drew it back. And then a single sob caught at her throat. An instant later they heard Cranston's laughter as he vanished around the turn of the trail.

For long minutes the two of them were still. The girl still held the man's head upon her breast. The pistol had fallen in the pine needles, and her nervous hand plucked strangely at the leaves of a mountain flower. To Dan's eyes, there was something trancelike, a hint of paralysis and insensibility about her posture. He had never seen her eyes like this. The light that he had always beheld in them had vanished. Their utter darkness startled him.

He sat up straight, and her arm that had been about his neck felt at her side. He took her hand firmly in his, and their eyes met.

"We must go home, Snowbird," he told her simply. "I'm not so badly hurt but that I can make it."

She nodded; but otherwise scarcely seemed to hear. Her eyes still flowed with darkness. And then, before his own eyes, their dark pupils began to contract. The hand he held filled and throbbed with life, and the fingers closed around his. She leaned toward him.

"Listen, Dan," she said quickly. "You heard—didn't you—the last thing that he said?"

"I couldn't help but hear, Snowbird."

Her other hand sought for his. "Then if you heard—payment must be made. You see what I mean, Dan. Maybe you can't see, knowing the girls that live on the plains. You were the cause of his saying it, and you must answer—"

It seemer to Dan that some stern code of the hills, unwritten except in the hearts of their children, inexorable as night, was speaking through her lips. This was no personal thing. In some dim, half-understood way, it went back to the basic code of life.

"People must fight their own fights, up here," she told him. "The laws of the courts that the plains people can appeal to are all too far away. There's no one that can do it, except you. Not my father. My father can't fight your battles here, if your honor is going to stand. It's up to you, Dan. You can't pretend that you didn't hear him. Such as you are, weak and sick to be beaten to a pulp in two minutes, you alone will have to make him answer for it. I came to your aid—and now you must come to mine."

Her fingers no longer clasped his. Strength had come back to him, and his fingers closed down until the blood went out of hers, but she was wholly unconscious of the pain. In reality, she was conscious of nothing except the growing flame in his face. It held her eyes in passionate fascination. His pupils were contracting to little bright dots in the gray irises. The jaw was setting, as she had never seen it before.

"Do you think, Snowbird, that you'd even have to ask me?" he demanded. "Don't you think I understand? And it won't be in your defense—only my own duty."

"But he is so strong—and you are so weak—"

"I won't be so weak forever. I never really cared much about living before. I'll try now, and you'll see—oh, Snowbird, wait and trust me: I understand everything. It's my own fight—when you kissed me, and he cried down that word in anger and jealousy, it put the whole thing on me. No one else can make him answer; no one else has the right. It's my honor, no one else's, that stands or falls."

He lifted her hand to his lips and kissed it again and again.

And for the first time he saw the tears gathering in her dark eyes. "But you fought here, didn't you, Dan?" she asked with painful slowness. "You didn't put up your arms—or try to run away? I didn't come till he had you done, so I didn't see." She looked at him as if her whole joy of life hung on his answer.

"Fought! I would have fought till I died! But that isn't enough, Snowbird. It isn't enough just to fight, in a case like this. A man's got to win! I would have died if you hadn't come. And that's another debt that I have to pay—only that debt I owe to you."

She nodded slowly. The lives of the mountain men are not saved by their women without incurring obligation. She attempted no barren denials. She made no effort to pretend he had not incurred a tremendous debt when she had come with her pistol. It was an unavoidable fact. A life for a life is the code of the mountains.

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"It wouldn't be the same, perhaps, with an Eastern girl. Other things matter in the valleys. But I see how it is here; that there is only one standard for men and by that standard they rise or fall. Things in the mountains are down to the essentials."

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"But I kissed you—once before," she reminded him. The voice was just a whisper, hardly louder than the stir of the leaves in the wind.

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The rains fell unceasingly for seven days: not a downpour but a constant drizzle that made the distant ridges smoke. The parched earth seemed to smack its lips, and little rivulets began to fall and tumble over the beds of the dry streams. All danger of forest fire was at once removed, and Snowbird was no longer needed as a lookout on old Bald mountain. She went to her own home, her companion back to the valley; and now that his sister had taken his place as housekeeper, Bill had gone down to the lower foothills with a great part of the live stock. Dan spent these rainy days in toil on the hillsides, building himself physically so that he might pay his debts.

It was no great pleasure, these rainy days. He would have greatly liked to have lingered in the square mountain house, listening to the quiet murmur of the rain on the roof and watching Snowbird at her household tasks. She could, as her father had said, make a biscuit. She could also roll up sleeves over trim, brown arms and with entire good humor do a week's laundry for three hard-working men. He would have liked to sit with her, through the long afternoons, as she knitted beside the fireplace—to watch the play of her graceful fingers and perhaps, now and then, to touch her hands when he held the skeins. But none of these things transpired. He drove himself from daylight till dark, developing his body for the tests that were sure to come.

The first few days nearly killed him. He over-exercised in the chill rain, and one anxious night he developed all the symptoms of pneumonia. Such a sickness would have been the one thing needed to make the doctor's prophecy come true. But with Snowbird's aid, and numerous hot drinks he fought it off.

She had made him go to bed, and no human memory could be so dull as to forget the little, whispered message that she gave him with his last spoonful of medicine. She said she'd pray for him, and she meant it too—literal, entreating prayer that could not go unheard. She was a mountain girl, and her beliefs were those of her ancestors—simple and true and wholly without affectation. But he hadn't relaxed thereafter. He knew the time had come to make the test. Night after night he would go to bed half-sick from fatigue, but the mornings would find him fresh. And after two weeks, he knew he had passed the crisis and was on the direct road to complete recovery.

Sometimes he cut wood in the forest: first the felling of some tall pine, then the trimming and hewing into two-foot lengths. The blisters came on his hands, broke and bled, but finally hardened into callosities. He learned the most effective stroke to hurl a shower of chips from beneath the blade. His back and limbs hardened from the handling of heavy wood—and the cough was practically gone. His frame filled out. His face became swarthy from constant exposure. He gained in weight.

One cloudy afternoon in early November found Silas Lennox cutting wood on the ridge behind his house. It was still an open question with him whether he and his daughter would attempt to winter on the Divide. Dan of course wanted to remain, yet there were certain reasons, some very definite and others extremely vague, why the prospect of the winter in the snow fields did not appeal to the mountaineer. In the first place, all signs pointed to a hard season. Although the fall had come late, the snows were exceptionally early. The duck flight was completed two weeks before its usual time, and the rodents had dug their burrows unusually deep. Besides, too many months of snow weigh heavily upon the spirit. The wolf packs sing endlessly on the ridges, and many unpleasant things may happen. On previous years, some of the cabins on the ridges below had human occupants; this winter the whole region, for nearly seventy miles across the mountains to the foothills, would be wholly deserted by human beings. Even the ranger station, twelve miles across a steep ridge, would soon be empty. Of course a few ranchers had homes a few miles beyond the river, but the wild cataracts did not freeze in the coldest of seasons, and there were no bridges. Besides, most of the more prosperous farmers wintered in the valleys. Only a few more days would the road be passable for his car; and no time must be lost in making his decision.

Once the snows came in reality, there was nothing to do but stay. Seventy miles across the uncharted ridges on snowshoes is an undertaking for which even a mountaineer has no fondness. It might be the wisest thing, after all, to load Snowbird and Dan into his car and drive down to the valleys. The fall roundup would soon be completed, Bill would return for a few days from the valleys with new equipment to replace the broken lighting system on the car, and they could avoid the bitter cold and snow that Lennox had known so long. He chopped at a great log and wondered what would suit him better—the comfort and safety of the valleys or the rugged glory of the ridges.

But at that instant, the question of whether or not he would winter on the Divide was decided for him. And an instant was all that was needed. For the period of one breath he forgot to be watchful—and a certain dread Spirit that abides much in the forest saw its chance. Perhaps he had lived too long in the mountains and grown careless of them: an attitude that is usually punished with death. He had just felled a tree, and the trunk was still attached to the stump by a strip of bark to which a little of the wood adhered. He struck a furious blow at it with his ax.

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PROLOGUE.

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BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

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BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to 'Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

Dan puffed at his pipe, and his eyes looked curiously bright through the film of smoke. "I'm not interested in hearing them," he said.

"It might pay you," Cranston went on. "One of 'em is that one man's word is good as another's in a court—and it wouldn't do you any good to run down and tell tales. A man can light his pipe on the mountain side without the courts being interested. The second thing is—just that I don't think you'd find it a healthy thing to do."

"I suppose, then, that is a threat?"

"It ain't just a threat." Cranston laughed harshly—a single, grim syllable that was the most terrible sound he had yet uttered. "It's a fact. Just try it, Failing. Just make one little step in that direction. You couldn't hide behind a girl's skirts, then. Why, you city sissy, I'd break you to pieces in my hands!"

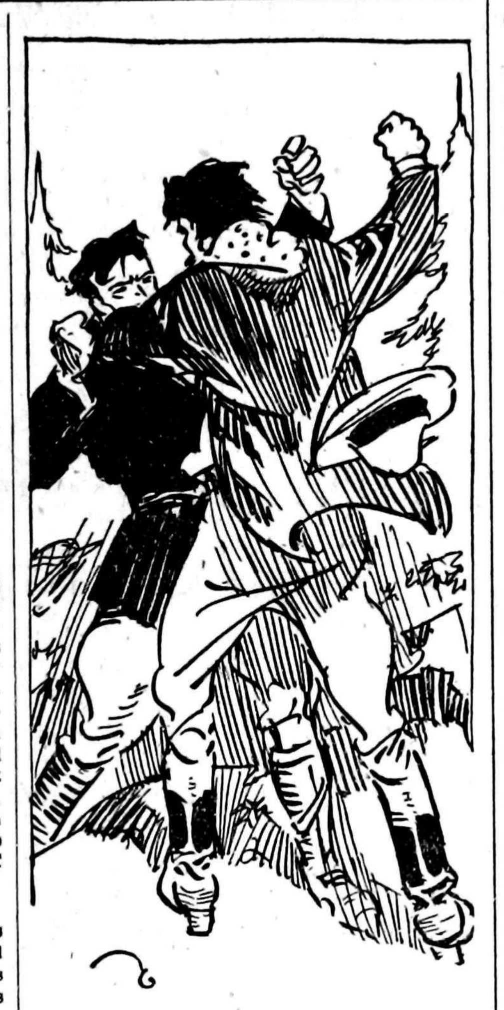
Few men can make a threat without a muscular accompaniment. Its very utterance releases pent-up emotions, part of which can only pour forth in muscular expression. And anger is a primitive thing, going down to the most mysterious depths of a man's nature. As Cranston spoke, his lip curled, his dark fingers clenched on his thick palm, and he half leaned forward.

Dan knocked out his pipe on the log. It was the only sound in that whole mountain realm; all the lesser sounds were stilled. The two men stood face to face, Dan tranquil, Cranston shaken by passion.

"I give you," said Dan with entire coldness, "an opportunity to take that back. Just about four seconds."

He stood very straight as he spoke, and his eyes did not waver in the least. It would not be the truth to say that his heart was not leaping like a wild thing in his breast. A dark mist was spreading like madness over his brain; but yet he was striving to keep his thoughts clear. Stealthily, without seeming to do so, he was setting his muscles for a spring.

The only answer to his words was a laugh—a roaring laugh of scorn from Cranston's dark lips. In his laughter, his intent, catlike vigilance relaxed. Dan saw a chance; feeble



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though it was, it was the only chance he had. And his long body leaped like a serpent through the air.

Physical superior though he was Cranston would have repelled the attack with his rifle if he had had a chance. His blood was already at the murder heat—a point always quickly reached in Cranston—and the dark, hot fumes in his brain were simply nothing more nor less than the most poisonous, bitter hatred. No other word exists. If his class of degenerate mountain men had no other accomplishment, they could hate. All their lives they practiced the emotion: hatred of their neighbors, hatred of law, hatred of civilization in all its forms. Besides, this kind of hillman habitually fought his duels with rifles. Hands were not deadly enough.

But Dan was past his guard before he had time to raise his gun. The whole attack ws one of the most astounding surprises of Cranston's life. Dan's body struck his, his fists flailed, and to protect himself, Cranston was obliged to drop the rifle. They staggered, as if in some weird dance, on the trail; and their arms clasped in a clinch.

For a long instant they stood straining, seemingly motionless. Cranston's powerful body had stood up well under the shock of Dan's leap. It was a hand-to-hand battle now. The rifle had slid on down the hillside, to be caught in a clump of brush twenty feet below. Dan called on every ounce of his strength, because he knew what mercy he might expect if Cranston mastered him. The battles of the mountains were battles to the death.

They flung back and forth, wrenching shoulders, lashing fists, teeth and feet and fingers. There were no Marquis of Queensberry rules in this battle. Again and again Dan sent home his blows; but they all seemed ineffective. By now, Cranston had completely overcome the moment's advantage the other had obtained by the power of his leap. He hurled Dan from the clinch and lashed at him with hard fists.

It is a very common thing to hear of a silent fight. But it is really a more rare occurrence than most people believe. It is true that serpents will often fight in the strangest, most eerie silence; but human beings are not serpents. They partake more of the qualities of the meat-eaters—the wolves and felines. After the first instant, the noise of the fight aroused the whole hillside. The sound of blows was in itself notable, and besides, both of the men were howling the primordial battle cries of hatred and vengeance.

For two long minutes Dan fought with the strength of desperation, summoning at last all that mysterious reserve force with which all men are born. But he was playing a losing game. The malady with which he had suffered had taken too much of his vigor. Even as he struggled, it seemed to him that the vista about him, the dark pines, the colored leaves of the perennial shrubbery, the yellow path were all obscured in a strange, white mist. A great wind roared in his ears—and his heart was evidently about to shiver to pieces.

But still he fought on, not daring to yield. He could no longer parry Cranston's blows. The latter's arms went around him in one of those deadly holds that wrestlers know; and Dan struggled in vain to free himself. Cranston's face itself seemed hideous and unreal in the mist that was creeping over him. He did not recognize the curious thumping sound as Cranston's fists on his flesh. And now Cranston had hurled him off his feet.

Nothing mattered further. He had fought the best he could. This cruel beast could pounce on him at will and hammer away his life. But still he struggled. Except for the constant play of his muscles, his almost unconscious effort to free himself that kept one of Cranston's arms busy holding him down, that fight on the mountain path might have come to a sudden end. Human bodies can stand a terrific punishment; but Dan's was weakened from the ravages of his disease. Besides, Cranston would soon have both hands and both feet free for the work, and when these four terrible weapons are used at once, the issue—soon or late—can never be in doubt.

But even now, consciousness still lingered. Dan could hear his enemy's curses—and far up the trail, he heard another, stranger sound. It sounded like some one running.

And then he dimly knew that Cranston was climbing from his body. Voices were speaking—quick, commanding voices just over him. Above Cranston's savage curses another voice rang clear, and to Dan's ears, glorious beyond all human utterance.

He opened his tortured eyes. The mists lifted from in front of them, and the whole drama was revealed. It had not been sudden mercy that had driven Cranston from his body, just when his victim's failing unconsciousness would have put him completely in his power. Rather it was something black and ominous that even now was pointed squarely at Cranston's breast.

None too soon, a ranger of the hill had heard the sounds of the struggle, and had left the trysting place at the spring to come to Dan's aid. It was Snowbird, very pale but wholly self-sufficient and determined and intent. Her pistol was cocked and ready.

CHAPTER III

Dan Failing was really not badly hurt. The quick, lashing blows had not done more than severely bruise the flesh of his face; and the mists of unconsciousness that had been falling over him were more nearly the result of his own tremendous physical exertion. Now these mists were rising.

"Go—go away," the girl was commanding. "I think you've killed him."

Dan opened his eyes to find her kneeling close beside him, but still covering Cranston with her pistol. Her hand was resting on his bruised cheek. He couldn't have believed that a human face could be as white, while life still remained, as hers was then. All the lovely tints that had been such a delight to him, the play of soft reds and browns, had faded as an afterglow fades on the snow.

Dan's glance moved with hers to Cranston. He was standing easily at a distance of a dozen feet; and except for the faintest tremble all over his body, a muscular reaction from the violence of his passion, he had entirely regained his self-composure. This was quite characteristic of the mountain men. They share with the beasts a passion of living that is wholly unknown on the plains; but yet they have a certain quality of imperturbability known nowhere else. Nor is it limited to the native-born mountaineers. No man who intimately knows a member of that curious, keen-eyed little army of naturalists and big-game hunters who go to the north woods every fall, as regularly and seemingly as inexorably as the waterfowl go in spring, can doubt this fact. They seem to have acquired from the silence and the snows an impregnation of that eternal calm and imperturbability that is the wilderness itself. Cranston wasn't in the least afraid. Fear is usually a matter of uncertainty, and he knew exactly where he stood.

It is extremely doubtful if a plainsman would have possessed this knowledge. But a plainsman has not the knowledge of life itself that the mountaineer has, simply because he does not see it in the raw. And he has not half the intimate knowledge of death, an absolute requisite of self-composure. The mountaineer knows life in its simple phases with little tradition or convention to blur the vision. Death is a very intimate acquaintance that may be met in any snowdrift, on any rocky trail; and these conditions are very deadly to any delusions that he has in regard to himself. He acquires an ability to see just where he stands, and of course that means self-possession. This quality had something to do with the remarkable record that the mountain men, such as that magnificent warrior from Tennessee, made in the late war.

Cranston knew exactly what Snowbird would do. Although of a higher order, she was a mountain creature, even as himself. She meant exactly what she said. If he hadn't climbed from Dan's prone body, she would have shot quickly and very straight. If he tried to attack either of them now, her finger would press back before he could blink an eye, and she wouldn't weep any hysterical tears over his dead body. If he kept his distance, she wouldn't shoot at all. He meant to keep his distance. But he did know that he could insult her without danger to himself. And by now his lips had acquired their old curl of scorn.

"I'll go, Snowbird," he said. "I'll leave you with your sissy. But I guess you saw what I did to him—in two minutes."

"I saw. But you must remember he's sick. Now go."

"If he's sick, let him stay in bed—and have a wet nurse. Maybe you can be that."

The lids drooped halfway over her gray eyes, and the slim finger curled more tightly about the trigger. "Oh, I wish I could shoot you, Bert!" she said. She didn't whisper it, or hiss it, or hurl it, or do any of the things most people are supposed to do in moments of violent emotion. She simply said it, and her meaning was all the clearer.

"But you can't. And I'll pound that milk-sop of yours to a jelly every time I see him. I'd think, Snowbird, that you'd want a man."

He started up the trail; and then she did a strange thing. "He's more of a man than you are, right now, Bert," she told him. "He'll prove it some day." Then her arm went about Dan's neck and lifted his head upon her breast; and in Cranston's plain sight, she bent and kissed him, softly, on the lips.

Cranston's answer was an oath. It dripped from his lips, more poisonous, more malicious than the venom of a snake. His features seemed to tighten, the dark lips drew away from his teeth. No words could have made him such an effective answer as this little action of hers. And as he turned up the trail, he called down to her a name—that most dreadful epithet that foul tongues have always used to women held in greatest scorn.

Dan struggled in her arms. The kiss on his lips, the instant before, had not called him out of his half-consciousness. It had scarcely seemed real, rather just an incident in a blissful dream. But the word called down the trail shot out clear and vivid from the silence, just as a physician's face will often leap from the darkness after the anesthesia. Something infinitely warm and tender was holding him, pressing him back against a holy place that throbbed and gave him life and strength; but he knew that this word had to be answered. And only actions, not other words, could be its payment. All the voices of his body called to him to lie still, but the voices of the spirit, those higher, nobler promptings from which no man, to the glory of the breed from which he sprung, can ever quite escape, were stronger yet. He tugged upward, straining. But he didn't even have the strength to break the hold that the soft arm had about his neck.

"Oh, if I could only pull the trigger!" she was crying. "If I could only kill him—"

"Let me," he pleaded. "Give me the pistol. I'll kill him—"

And he would. There was no flinching in the gray eyes that looked up to her. She leaned forward, as if to put the weapon in his hands, but at once drew it back. And then a single sob caught at her throat. An instant later they heard Cranston's laughter as he vanished around the turn of the trail.

For long minutes the two of them were still. The girl still held the man's head upon her breast. The pistol had fallen in the pine needles, and her nervous hand plucked strangely at the leaves of a mountain flower. To Dan's eyes, there was something trancelike, a hint of paralysis and insensibility about her posture. He had never seen her eyes like this. The light that he had always beheld in them had vanished. Their utter darkness startled him.

He sat up straight, and her arm that had been about his neck felt at her side. He took her hand firmly in his, and their eyes met.

"We must go home, Snowbird," he told her simply. "I'm not so badly hurt but that I can make it."

She nodded; but otherwise scarcely seemed to hear. Her eyes still flowed with darkness. And then, before his own eyes, their dark pupils began to contract. The hand he held filled and throbbed with life, and the fingers closed around his. She leaned toward him.

"Listen, Dan," she said quickly. "You heard—didn't you—the last thing that he said?"

"I couldn't help but hear, Snowbird."

Her other hand sought for his. "Then if you heard—payment must be made. You see what I mean, Dan. Maybe you can't see, knowing the girls that live on the plains. You were the cause of his saying it, and you must answer—"

It seemer to Dan that some stern code of the hills, unwritten except in the hearts of their children, inexorable as night, was speaking through her lips. This was no personal thing. In some dim, half-understood way, it went back to the basic code of life.

"People must fight their own fights, up here," she told him. "The laws of the courts that the plains people can appeal to are all too far away. There's no one that can do it, except you. Not my father. My father can't fight your battles here, if your honor is going to stand. It's up to you, Dan. You can't pretend that you didn't hear him. Such as you are, weak and sick to be beaten to a pulp in two minutes, you alone will have to make him answer for it. I came to your aid—and now you must come to mine."

Her fingers no longer clasped his. Strength had come back to him, and his fingers closed down until the blood went out of hers, but she was wholly unconscious of the pain. In reality, she was conscious of nothing except the growing flame in his face. It held her eyes in passionate fascination. His pupils were contracting to little bright dots in the gray irises. The jaw was setting, as she had never seen it before.

"Do you think, Snowbird, that you'd even have to ask me?" he demanded. "Don't you think I understand? And it won't be in your defense—only my own duty."

"But he is so strong—and you are so weak—"

"I won't be so weak forever. I never really cared much about living before. I'll try now, and you'll see—oh, Snowbird, wait and trust me: I understand everything. It's my own fight—when you kissed me, and he cried down that word in anger and jealousy, it put the whole thing on me. No one else can make him answer; no one else has the right. It's my honor, no one else's, that stands or falls."

He lifted her hand to his lips and kissed it again and again.

And for the first time he saw the tears gathering in her dark eyes. "But you fought here, didn't you, Dan?" she asked with painful slowness. "You didn't put up your arms—or try to run away? I didn't come till he had you done, so I didn't see." She looked at him as if her whole joy of life hung on his answer.

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This was their pact. Not until the debts were paid and her word made good would those lips be his again. There was no need for further words. Both of them knew.

In the skies, the gray clouds were gathering swiftly, as always in the mountains. The raindrops were falling one and one, over the forest. The summer was done, and fall had come in earnest.

The rains fell unceasingly for seven days: not a downpour but a constant drizzle that made the distant ridges smoke. The parched earth seemed to smack its lips, and little rivulets began to fall and tumble over the beds of the dry streams. All danger of forest fire was at once removed, and Snowbird was no longer needed as a lookout on old Bald mountain. She went to her own home, her companion back to the valley; and now that his sister had taken his place as housekeeper, Bill had gone down to the lower foothills with a great part of the live stock. Dan spent these rainy days in toil on the hillsides, building himself physically so that he might pay his debts.

It was no great pleasure, these rainy days. He would have greatly liked to have lingered in the square mountain house, listening to the quiet murmur of the rain on the roof and watching Snowbird at her household tasks. She could, as her father had said, make a biscuit. She could also roll up sleeves over trim, brown arms and with entire good humor do a week's laundry for three hard-working men. He would have liked to sit with her, through the long afternoons, as she knitted beside the fireplace—to watch the play of her graceful fingers and perhaps, now and then, to touch her hands when he held the skeins. But none of these things transpired. He drove himself from daylight till dark, developing his body for the tests that were sure to come.

The first few days nearly killed him. He over-exercised in the chill rain, and one anxious night he developed all the symptoms of pneumonia. Such a sickness would have been the one thing needed to make the doctor's prophecy come true. But with Snowbird's aid, and numerous hot drinks he fought it off.

She had made him go to bed, and no human memory could be so dull as to forget the little, whispered message that she gave him with his last spoonful of medicine. She said she'd pray for him, and she meant it too—literal, entreating prayer that could not go unheard. She was a mountain girl, and her beliefs were those of her ancestors—simple and true and wholly without affectation. But he hadn't relaxed thereafter. He knew the time had come to make the test. Night after night he would go to bed half-sick from fatigue, but the mornings would find him fresh. And after two weeks, he knew he had passed the crisis and was on the direct road to complete recovery.

Sometimes he cut wood in the forest: first the felling of some tall pine, then the trimming and hewing into two-foot lengths. The blisters came on his hands, broke and bled, but finally hardened into callosities. He learned the most effective stroke to hurl a shower of chips from beneath the blade. His back and limbs hardened from the handling of heavy wood—and the cough was practically gone. His frame filled out. His face became swarthy from constant exposure. He gained in weight.

One cloudy afternoon in early November found Silas Lennox cutting wood on the ridge behind his house. It was still an open question with him whether he and his daughter would attempt to winter on the Divide. Dan of course wanted to remain, yet there were certain reasons, some very definite and others extremely vague, why the prospect of the winter in the snow fields did not appeal to the mountaineer. In the first place, all signs pointed to a hard season. Although the fall had come late, the snows were exceptionally early. The duck flight was completed two weeks before its usual time, and the rodents had dug their burrows unusually deep. Besides, too many months of snow weigh heavily upon the spirit. The wolf packs sing endlessly on the ridges, and many unpleasant things may happen. On previous years, some of the cabins on the ridges below had human occupants; this winter the whole region, for nearly seventy miles across the mountains to the foothills, would be wholly deserted by human beings. Even the ranger station, twelve miles across a steep ridge, would soon be empty. Of course a few ranchers had homes a few miles beyond the river, but the wild cataracts did not freeze in the coldest of seasons, and there were no bridges. Besides, most of the more prosperous farmers wintered in the valleys. Only a few more days would the road be passable for his car; and no time must be lost in making his decision.

Once the snows came in reality, there was nothing to do but stay. Seventy miles across the uncharted ridges on snowshoes is an undertaking for which even a mountaineer has no fondness. It might be the wisest thing, after all, to load Snowbird and Dan into his car and drive down to the valleys. The fall roundup would soon be completed, Bill would return for a few days from the valleys with new equipment to replace the broken lighting system on the car, and they could avoid the bitter cold and snow that Lennox had known so long. He chopped at a great log and wondered what would suit him better—the comfort and safety of the valleys or the rugged glory of the ridges.

But at that instant, the question of whether or not he would winter on the Divide was decided for him. And an instant was all that was needed. For the period of one breath he forgot to be watchful—and a certain dread Spirit that abides much in the forest saw its chance. Perhaps he had lived too long in the mountains and grown careless of them: an attitude that is usually punished with death. He had just felled a tree, and the trunk was still attached to the stump by a strip of bark to which a little of the wood adhered. He struck a furious blow at it with his ax.

(Continued next week)

The Most Modern Beet Sugar Plant In the World Is At Belmond, Iowa

THE plant is completed and has just finished its first campaign with over 7,400,000 pounds of sugar, 3,900,000 pounds dried beet pulp, and 3,800,000 pounds of molasses.

It has been said that, having a sugar plant within a radius of thirty miles of a farm, makes that farm worth from $50 to $100 an acre more than the same land without a sugar plant.

This plant is operated and controlled by expert sugar men of proven worth, and business men known throughout the country for their conservative, honest and good business judgment.

The plant was organized without the large promotion expenses of enterprises of this kind and EVERY DOLLAR SUBSCRIBED WAS USED IN THE PLANT.

At the time of subscription, thousands of dollars were returned to prospective investors, because the management wanted to keep the capitalization SMALL. Not like other concerns, they would not take money which they thought would be a surplus and thereby lead to extravagances.

The Capitalization was too small, and did not fully cover cost of land, plant and equipment.

The plant, in it's entirety, cost over $1,500,000, and total capitalization was $1,100,000. Therefore, the Officers and Directors are herewith launching a campaign for the disposal of

$400,000 WORTH OF 7 PER CENT CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK WITH A BONUS OF COMMON STOCK

The people of Wright County are justly proud of this plant, and want to keep it a home industry. Other communities are clamoring for such a plant. SHOW YOUR LOYALTY. THIS IS A MOBILIZATION. Just like everyone bought Liberty Bonds to mobilize our Government's forces against aggressors, so we, the people of Belmond and it's vicinity, are mobilizing our forces, physically, financially and morally, to make Belmond a place to earn more money, grow, make property values worth what they should be worth, and stand up for successful industry. We have faith in the community and the United States and know that the foundations that have been laid are RIGHT, and that as long as America is always to be the Leading Nation of the World, Belmond is to be the Home of the Most Modern Sugar Beet Plant in the World.

IOWA VALLEY SUGAR COMPANY,

BELMOND, IOWA -- --------------------1921

GENTLEMEN: WITHOUT OBLIGATION TO ME, KINDLY FURNISH ME WITH FURTHER INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE INCREASED CAPITALIZATION OF THE IOWA VALLEY SUGAR COMPANY, OF BELMOND, IOWA.

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Throw Away that Hammer and Get a Horn!

Have You Noticed the Number of Short Locals in the Independent Each Week?

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SHORT COURSE GOES THRU IN FINE SHAPE

Ex-Service Man Starts Campaign For Post Office

Leo. R. Kenefick, Well Known Local Soldier, Circulates Petition For Office Next Term.

WHOLE TOWN IS BEHIND HIM

Last week Thursday the local Post of the American Legion started the ball rolling for placing Leo R. Kenefick, one of this city's best known young men and ex-soldiers, for the office of postmaster during the next term. In an emphatic resolution the candidacy of Kenefick was heartily endorsed and the full power and strength of the Legion in every way pledged to back him up.

Kenefick a day or two later circulated a petition among the business men of Belmond for their support in his candidacy, and without hardly an exception secured the names of practically every business man, merchant and professional man in the city in hearty endorsement.

Kenefick will make one of the best men in the place that Belmond has ever had. He is thoroly qualified in all ways to successfully conduct the affairs of the office, has had experience in the office before, and is more or less familiar with the duties of the place. He is one of this city's best known ex-service men, having enlisted at the beginning of the war in the first division, and was among the first American soldiers overseas and in the trenches. He saw heavy fighting in numerous battles, and was by mustard gas in the Argonne.

There seems but little doubt of the office being granted to him. He has the unqualified endorsement of the great majority of Belmond citizens, as his petition testifies. The necessary steps will be taken to let the proper political men know of his standing here, and they will doubtless see the matter in the same light as Bemond people.

Following are the names of the business men who have placed their endorsement on Kenefick's candidacy for the office of post master:

C. O. Fitts, C. C. Benson, H. F. Luick, D. E. Packard, C. N. Hildebrand, J. P. Byers, M. C. Barry, C. M. Morse, A. L. Luick, E. L. Madsen, W. T. Gfeller, O. L. Varland, R. A. Rankins, Lee W. Stacy, C. W. Miller, J. S. White, H. G. Nordschow.

Louis Rierson, Claude H. Veeder, Crist Rise, John Zook, Wm. H. Wolle, S. U. Leinbach, F. P. Dibble, C. M. White, A. B. Cuppett, B. J. Johnson, Dora Wright, Nellie Robinson, C S. Robinson, O. R. Hanson, George Potiriades. A. H. Foss, L. O. Skovlin, W. H. Purdy, Cato C. Griesy.

Adam Hollman, H. J. Bohning, B. A. Anfinson, Joseph Bohning, C. C. McGuire, W. A. Parker, L. W. Foss, Fred Pletch, E. G. Miller, Amanda Johnson, M. A. Holtzbauer, H. L. Schultz, E. E. Boughton, Dr. R. McClellan, D. L. Rankins, D. S. Pierce, H. C. Finn, E. S. Fyler, George Brady, Pat Dillon, Herman L. Schultz, R. S. French, Ella M. Cleveland, W. E. Bullard, E. C. Sullivan, Jos. L. Graham, Ben F. Fetrow, W. W. Goetz, T. Tyrrell.

The present postmaster, R. C. Morse, has conducted the affairs of the office in a manner that has been universally pleasing and satisfactory, and the candidacy of Kenefick is not in any way seeking to take the office from him. The change in administration makes it probable that there will be a change in the office here, and in such case Mr. Kenefick should be given the place. Mr. Morse has made one of the best post masters the town has ever had, and his successor will have a high standard to follow to conduct the duties of the office in s satisfactory a manner as has "Rufe."

There are no other announced candidates for the place, and therefore the candidacy of Mr. Kenefick, coming first, should be given first consideration by those who have the filling of the office in charge. With the united support of the town, it is evident that the people want him as their next servant.

Belmond's biggest event of the winter, the two-day Short Course, went thru as planned, and was entirely successful from every standpoint.

There was a large crowd in attendance during both days, and much interest and enthusiasm was shown by the farmers.

The exhibits were many and varied and drew a large amount of comment for their excellance. A number of articles not on the list of premiums were brought in, notably some from Grant township, which, while they could not draw a premium, nevertheless drew many compliments from the admiring crowds.

The success of the short course was due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of the executive committee to enlist the services of city and country folks in putting the short course across. This was the first of its kind for several years and it is hoped that its success will result in making it an annual affair.

The following list of winners at the short course will show the wide variety of exhibits, and the interest in the course. The amounts on some of the exhibits could not be given, as several classes were added during the course and the amount of the premiums had not been determined.

Pleasant township took first place, with Grant running it a close second.

CHICKENS

Rocks in barred
Henry Groen—first.
Oscar Jenison—second.
Buff Rocks
Oscar Jenison—first.
White Rocks
Frank Christie, Jr.—first.
Leghorns in white
J. P. Courtney—first.
Wyandottes in white
A. Meinders—first.
Wyndottes Columbia
B. J. Fetrow—first.
Rhode Island Reds
Geo. Thompson—first.
Ed. Webb—second.
C. B. Allison—third.

GEESE

Tulouse geese
O. D. Jenison—first.
Geo. Dipple—second.
Harold Jenison—third.

DUCKS

Muscovey
Harold Jenison—first.

TURKEYS

Red Turkey
Bert Jenison—first.

CORN

10 ear yellow
H. J. Traeger—first.
John Halfpop—second.
Edwin Christie—third.
1 ear yellow
O. D. Jenison—first.
A. Meinders—second.
C. B. Allison—third.
10 ear white
A. E. Martin—first.
J. F. Barry—second
August Rabe—third.
1 ear white
A. E. Martin—first.
John Halfpop—second.
Jake Henn—third.
1 ear mixed
O. D. Jenison—first.
John Halfpop—second.
1 ear over all
O. D. Jenison.
10 ears pop corn
D. L. Rankins—first.
Max Elder—second.
Aug. Rabe—third.
10 ears sweet corn
Dr. J. E. Wallace—first.
1 peck late oats
Sig. Anderson—first.
A. Meinders—second.
1 peck early oats
A. E. Martin—first.
Sig. Anderson—second.
1 peck barley
A. E. Martin—first.
August Rabe—second.
1 peck timothy
A. E. Martin—first.
O. D. Jenison—second.
Geo. Dipple—third.
1 single sugar beet
Jake Henn—first.
10 sugar beets
Jake Henn—first.
1 peck early potatoes
O. D. Jenison—first.
Geo. Dipple—second.
Simon Bohning—third.
1 peck late potatoes
Geo. Dipple—first.
Simon Bohning—second.
O. D. Jenison—third.

HOGS

Poland China sows under one year
G. G. Dipple, entry 3—first.
G. G. Dipple, entry 4—second.
Ralph Jenison, entry 7—first.
Poland China sows over one year and under two years
Ralph Jenison, entry 10—second.
Ralph Jenison, entry 2—second.
Poland China sow two years old or over
Oscar Jenison, entry 12—first.
Oscar Jenison, entry 13—second.
Sig. Anderson, entry 6—third.
Poland China boar under one year
Geo. Dipple, entry 5—first.
Poland China boar over one year
Ralph Jenison, entry 11—first.
Champion Poland China sow
Oscar Jenison, entry 12.
Champion Poland China boar
Geo. Dipple, entry 5.
Hampshires under one year
Earl Martin, entry 2—first.
Earl Martin, entry 1—second.
Duroc Jerseys under one year
W. Dziewanowski, entry 1—first.
Jake Henn, entry 7—second.
W. Dziewanowski, entry 2—second.
Duroc Jerseys over one year
E. G. Reed, entry 3—first.
E. G. Reed, entry 4—second.
E. G. Reed, entry 5—third.
Duroc Jersey boars under one year
E. G. Reed, entry 6—first.
Geo. Thompson, entry 8—second.
Duroc Jersey boars over one year
Vassal Braner, entry 12—first.
Champion Duroc sow
E. G. Reed, entry 3.
Champion Duroc boar
Vassal Braner, entry 12.
Champion sow under one year, all breeds competing
G. G. Dipple, entry 3.
Champion sow over one year, all breeds competing
O. D. Jenison, entry 12.
Grand champion sow over all breeds and ages
O. D. Jenison, entry 12.
Champion boar under one year, all breeds competing
G. G. Dipple, entry 5.
Champion boar over one year, all breeds competing
Vassal Braner, entry 12.
Grand champion boar over all breeds and ages
G. G. Dipple, entry 5.

HORSES

Draft horses under three years
Ralph Thayer, entry 1—first.
Frank Barry, entry 3—second.
John Henn, entry 2—third.
Draft horses over three years
Ralph Thayer, entry 7—first.
Tom Quinlin, entry 10—second.
Ralph Thayer, entry 6—third.

CATTLE

Short Horn bull under one year
Chas. Dawson, entry 1—first.
Short Horn bull over one year
Roy Jenison, entry 5—first.
Hereford bull over one year
Geo. Dipple, entry 2—first.
Hereford bull over two years
Ralph Thayer, entry 4—first.
Hereford heifer over two years
G. G. Dipple, entry 3—first.
Gurnsey cow over two years
Mike Luick, Jr., entry 6—first.

SHEEP

Shopshire ewes
August Raby, entry 2—first.
August Raby, entry 3—second.
A. C. Hinman, entry 1—third.

BELMOND TOWNSHIP

BREAD

Mrs. Ira Christie—Steamed brown—first prize $1.00

CAKES

Mrs. Ira Christie—Angel Food—Second prize .75
Mrs. Ralph Christie—Devils' Food—first prize $1.00

COOKIES

Mrs. A. E. Martin—Ginger—Second prize .35
Mrs. Ira Christie—Oat meal—first prize .50

PIES

Mrs. Rosecrans—Mince—first prize .75
Mrs. Rosecrans—Apple—first prize .75

CANNED FRUITS

Mrs. Ira Christie—Cherries—second prize .50
Mrs. A. E. Martin—Red Raspberries—second prize .50

PRESERVES

Mrs. A. E. Martin—Red Raspberries—first prize $1.00

JELLY

Mrs. Lud Johnson—Plum—second prize .35
Mrs. Lud Johnson—Currant—first prize .50

CANNED VEGETABLES

Mrs. Glen Baker—Beets—second prize .35
Mrs. Ralph Christie—Corn—first prize .50
Mrs. Lud Johnson—Corn—second prize .35
Mrs. Glenn Baker—Tomatoes—second prize .35

CANNED MEAT

Mrs. Glenn Baker—Beef—second prize .75
Mrs. Roe Pierce—Pork—first prize $1.00

SOUR PICKLES

Mrs. Roe Pierce—Cucumber—first prize .50
Mrs. A. E. Martin—Beets—first prize .50

SWEET PICKLES

Mrs. Lud Johnson—Cucumber—second prize .35

WHITE EMBROIDERY

Mrs. Ira Christie—Baby dress—first prize .75
Mrs. Rosecrans—Baby dress—second prize .50

QUILTS

Mrs. Ralph Christie—Silk—first prize $1.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Rosecrans—Luncheon set first prize $1.00

GRANT TOWNSHIP

BREAD

Mrs. J. Bell—White—second prize .75
Mrs. Harry Wordley—Steamed—brown—second prize .75

CAKE

Mrs. J. Lukens—Angel food—first prize $1.00
Mrs. Harry Wordley—Devils' food—second prize .75
Mrs. C. A. Hall—Layer—first prize $1.00

COOKIES

Hazel Spencer—Sugar—first prize .50
Mrs. R. Peterson—Sugar—second prize .35

DOUGHNUTS

Hazel Spencer—Soda—first prize .50
Mrs. Peck—Raised—second prize .35

PIES

Hazel Spencer—Mince—second prize .50

CANNED FRUITS

Mrs. J. Lukens—Strawberries—first prize .75
Hazel Spencer—Plums—first prize .75
Mrs. R. Peterson—Apples—first prize .75

PRESERVES

Mrs. J. Lukens—Tomatoes—first prize $1.00

JELLY

Mrs. Reed—Plum—first prize .50
Hazel Spencer—Apple—first prize .50
Mrs. Reed—Grape—first prize .50
Hazel Spencer—Grape—second prize .35

CANNED VEGETABLES

Mrs. Peck—Peas—first prize .50

SOUR PICKLES

Mrs. E. A. Paulson—Mixed mustard—second prize .35
Mrs. J. Lukens—Beet—second prize .35

CROCHETING

Hazel Spencer—Doily—second prize .35
Hazel Spencer—Center piece—first prize .75
Mrs. J. Bell—Guest towel—second prize .35
Mrs. J. Bell—Collar—second prize .35

WHITE EMBROIDERY

Mrs. Spencer—Night gown—first prize .75

TATTING

Mrs. Spencer—Handkerchief—first prize .50
Mrs. Spencer—Collar—first prize .50
Mrs. J. Bell—1 yard—second prize .35

QUILTS

Mrs. J. Bell—Cotton pieced—second prize .75
Mrs. J. Bell—Applique—first prize $1.00

MACHINE WORK

Hazel Spencer—Coverall apron—first prize .50

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. E. Lamb—Unbleached apron—second prize .50
Mrs. Spencer—Made-over garments—first prize $1.00
Hazel Spencer—Made-over garments—second prize .75

IOWA TOWNSHIP

BREAD

Mrs. Hugh Whitten—Nut—second prize .75

PRESERVES

Mrs. Hugh Whitten—Strawberries—second prize .75

SWEET PICKLES

Mrs. Claude Jennings—Watermelon—second prize .35

CROCHETING

Mrs. J. E. Miller—Guest towel—first prize .50

TATTING

Mrs. Claude Jennings—Handkerchief—second prize .35

QUILTS

Mrs. J. E. Miller—Cotton pieced—first prize $1.00
Mrs. Hugh Whitten—Silk—second prize .75
Mrs. Hugh Whitten—Wool—first prize $1.00

FLOUR SACKS

Mrs. Hugh Whitten—Sash curtains—first prize .75
Mrs. Strieler—Skirt—second prize .50

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

BREAD

Mary Gealow—White—first prize $1.00
Mary Gealow—Nut—first prize $1.00

CAKE

Mrs. M. Murphy—White loaf—first prize $1.00

COOKIES

Mrs. M. D. Sullivan—Ginger—first prize .50

DOUGHTNUTS

Mrs. Bert Jenison—Soda—second prize .50
Mary Gealow—Raised—first prize .50

PIES

Mary Gealow—Apple—second prize .50

CANNED FRUITS

Mrs. Simon Bohning—Strawberries—second prize .50
Mrs. Marvin Christie—Cherries—first prize .75
Mrs. Simon Bohning—Red Raspberries—first prize .75
Cloe Jenison—Apples—second prize .50
Cloe Jenison—Rhubarb—first prize .75
Mrs. M. D. Sullivan—Rhubarb second prize .50
Mrs. Hildebrand—Plums—second prize .50

PRESERVES

Mrs. M. D. Sullivan—Strawberries—first prize $1.00
Mrs. Marvin Christie—Tomatoes—second prize .75
Mary Gealow—Plum—first prize $1.00

JELLY

Mrs. Hildebrand—Apple—second prize .35

CANNED VEGETABLES

Cloe Jenison—Beans—first prize .50
Mrs. J. Henn—Beans—second prize .35
Mrs. O. Jenison—Peas—second prize .35
Mrs. Inez Roe—Beets—first prize .50
Cloe Jenison—Carrots—first prize .50
Mrs. J. Henn—Carrots—second prize .35
Mrs. O. Jenison—Tomatoes—first prize .50

CANNED MEATS

Mrs. O. Jenison—Beef—first prize $1.00

SOUR PICKLES

Mrs. J. Henn—Mixed mustard—first prize .50
Mrs. M. D. Sullivan—Cucumber—second prize .35

SWEET PICKLES

Mary Gealow—Watermelon—first prize .50
Cloe Jenison—Cucumber—first prize .50

CROCHETING

Mrs. W. A. Porter—Doily—first prize .50
Mrs. O. Jenison—Center piece—second prize .35
Mrs. M. C. Barry—Sheet and pillow cases—first prize .75
Mrs. H. Braner—Sheet and pillow cases—second prize .75

TATTING

Jennie Gealow—1 yard—first prize .50

MACHINE WORK

Mrs. J. Henn—Darning—first prize .50
Mrs. Emma Brewer—Coverall apron—second prize .35

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. A. Chamberlain—Unbleached apron—first prize .75
Mrs. Ed. Bailey—Luncheon set—second prize .75

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Judgement in the sum of $492.89 and costs has been awarded Geo. A. Pabts vs. H. G. Nordschow of Belmond. Suit was brought to recover on a note.

Judgement in favor of the Farmers Savings Bank (?) of Belmond and against W. J. Humphrey in the sum of $269.76 and costs has been entered of record.

The case of T. R. Beveredge vs. Consumers Oil Co. of Goldfield has been settled and case dismissed. Action was brought in the sum of $65 for labor plant, etc., furnished said company.

Deputy collector Weiser will be at the court house in Clarion from February 11th to the 23rd, inclusive, for the purpose of asisting tax payers in making out their 1920 income tax reports.

The grand jury made its report Monday, having returned several indictments. Alix Sozorsky, of Belmond, who is already in the county jail, was held for further investigation for the alleged manufacture and sale of whiskey.

The Franklin county sheriff came to Clarion, Tuesday, and arrested Frank Corbin, who was wanted at Hampton on statutory charges preferred by a young girl. Corbin had been here but a day or two and was engaged in hauling tile.

Herbert Bige was indicted by the grand jury on four counts in connection with the Goldfield and Woolstock robberies. For breaking and entering his bond was fixed at $2000 on each count; for larceny from buildings the amounts were fixed at $1200 and $1300, respectively. Bonds for all of above offenses have already been filed.

Contractor Bailey of Belmond has had his case against the Great Western transferred to the federal court. Plaintiff alleged damages from the raildroad company in the sum of $4,280 for the failure to deliver empty cars for the loading of gravel. Damages are computed at the rate of $120 for each twenty-four hour day that men, teams and machinery were idle by the alleged non-delivery of cars according to contract.

An action for divorce was placed on file in the clerk's office by Beulah Keena against James A. Keena. Plaintiff's petition states that the parties to the case were married in Clarion on November 29, 1914, and have been residents of Eagle Grove the past eight years. Cruel and inhuman treatment is alleged and plaintiff and three children are now living with her mother. An absolute divorce is asked by Mrs. Keena. She also asks for possession of the household goods, $60 a month alimony, costs of case and attorney fees and the care and custody of the children.

Tuesday morning a jury was empaneled to try the case of Frank Haupt vs. Fred Meyers et al. A special interest attached to the court routine since the venire included a number of women citizens, the first time in Wright county history. Only a few of these sought to evade jury duty, some teachers being excused and others for family reasons. Thru fault of defendant, verdict was rendered plaintiff for the sum asked, $60.

In the case of Jack Hogan, a minor, by his next friend, Fred Lynch, vs. Harry Brooks, the jury secured consisted of ten men and two women. In this case, young Hogan, who is a son of "Sis" Brooks Hogan Ottinger, of Des Moines, lays claim to $1,000, said to be due him from his uncle, Harry Brooks, of Cornelia, the same being part of the estate of the plaintiff's grandmother, Mary Brooks, deceased. The case is one of a series of litigations brought before both district and supreme court in the past several years. When the testimony was about concluded, Judge Wright took the case from the jury because of insufficient evidence, and directed a verdict for the defendant.

Thursday and part of Friday were consumed in taking testimony in the divorce case of Aleta McDowell vs. W. H. McDowell. Both parties have been residents of Clarion for the past two years. In her petition the wife alleges her husband to have been cruel and inhuman. The case was tried before Judge Wright. A goodly number of witnesses were called on each side, but the evidence seemed not to be conclusive on either. Considerable interest has been taken in this case, and the court room was filled with spectators. Recess was taken Friday until Monday morning, when the testimony was resumed and concluded shortly after dinner. The pleas of the attorneys followed and were both eloquent and forceful at times. The plaintiff was represented by Hill, Price and Burnquist and for the defendant Birdsall, McGrath & Archerd. The judge has the matter under advisement at the time of going to press.

Farm Bureau Notes

EVERGREEN SHORT COURSE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The people of Evergreen district, Eagle Grove township, believe in living up to their reputation in Wright county in putting on real community affairs. The short course which they just completed Saturday night is evidence that people are still on the job in putting on community entertainments.

It is quie widely known hruout the county that Evergreen district has an organization of its own and is quite capable of putting on its own entertainments and talent which it has at its command at all times. This community organization lagged some what during the war period but since then the old time spirit has returned and now the people of Evergreen are working again in full sway for all movements which are for the betterment of the entire community.

The outside talent which was used in putting on the Evergreen short course consisted of Harry W. Warner, who lectured on Wright county soils and gave actual demonstrations of testing samples of soil brought by local farmers; also, F. G. Churchill who lectured on farm crops and who judged the farm crops exhibits which were brought by the local farmers. Despite the bad weather and poor roads the first day session of this short course was well attended and the people who are always loyal to community spirit turned out in a body.

The second day of the short course which was held Saturday was well attended and the farmers who had the pleasure of attending listened with interest to the lecture by Miss Pertha Holden, assistant state leader home demonstration agents. E. L. Quaife, animal husbandry expert from Ames, and Peder Pederson, the Cedar Falls farmer, who gave a splendid address in the evening.

It is hoped that the short course spirit will continue to grow in Eagle Grove township and that the successful short course which has just passed will be kept in mind in making plans for the short course for next year, which will no doubt be planned by the committee very soon in order to make a great success for next season.

WAGES OF HIRED MAN TRIPLE IN TEN YEARS

Wages of men hired on farms have more than doubled in the last ten years, tripled in the last twenty and were more than four times higher last year than they were in 1879. These changes are shown by statistics of the department of agriculture at Washington.

Wages paid by the month, without board, averaged \$64.95 for the country as a whole last year; 10 years ago they averaged \$27.50 and in 1879 they were \$10.43.

Day labor at harvest time last year averaged \$4.36 without board and at other than harvest time \$3.59. Ten years ago harvest time labor was paid \$1.82 and at other than harvest time \$1.38. In 1894 harvest time labor was paid \$1.13 and nonharvest time labor 81 cents a day.

California and Nevada farmers paid their labor the highest prices for labor without board, the average in those states last year having been \$107 a month. The lowest average was in Mississippi, where \$41 was paid.

AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES GO BACK TO THE FARM

Of 599 young men who graduated in animal husbandry course at Iowa State College in the period from 1910 to 1920, 82 per cent, or 490, are today engaged in agricultural work, the in farming.

That's the answer that is given at Ames to the criticism sometimes urged, that graduates of agricultural courses do not go into agriculture. It is doubtful if the proportion of college graduates trained for other fields or professions and who stick to those fields is as large as this record of animal husbandry graduates.

Of the 490 men in agricultural work, 309 are giving themselves wholly to farming, while eight others are interested in farming along with other activities. Twenty-four of the animal husbandry graduates of the past ten years are connected with farm journals. Sixty-one are connected with agricultural colleges, experiment stations, extension departments, secondary school instruction in agriculture, and in work with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Forty-four of the graduates are county agriculture agents. About 31 are connected with farm equipment companies, packing companies, feed companies and similar businesses as agricultural specialists. Six are secretaries of breed associations. There is no accurate record of about 9 per cent of the total number of graduates and a little more than 2 per cent are deceased, most of them losing their lives in the recent war.

THE AFFECT OF AMERICAN CHARITY

Child-feeding in Vienna and the Austrian provinces, financed by the European Relief Council, is saving the lives of thousands of boys and girls, according to a report received here by Lafayette Young, Sr., state chairman. Since the feeding began more than a year ago, great improvement has been observed in the appearance of the children. They now are bright-eyed, and fat-cheeked, and clothed sufficiently to come to the stations for their daily ration. School attendance has increased 25 per cent.

The report of existing conditions in Vienna were made by Dr. Pirquet, who is the medical expert in charge of the Austrian capital. He says 300,000 boys and girls are being fed in Austria. This is about one-third of the number needing supplementary feedings, which represents three-quarters of the child population of the country.

The daily ration, supplied at the relief kitchens, is supposed to be a supplementary to the meals received in the homes of the childen. This fact is explained to all children at the stations, but for many of the children this daily rations is their only food. This is true of 7 per cent of the children in the poorer homes of Vienna.

In this district of Lichtenhal, it is said, many children are living naked, in sunless, smoky rooms. Their lives are endangered by the odor of the cellar, which they breath constantly, and they always endure the pangs of hunger. In Thurgasses and Salzegrasse, many children suffer the effects of bad housing, bad ventilation and lack of food. Entire families huddle in misery,—children of 17 years who look no more than 12, discharged soldiers without hope for the future, and women with babies who used to dwell in homes of comfort.

Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council, is asking the American people to save the lives of these helpless babies and boys and girls of Eastern and Central Europe. Eight large relief organizations have combined in the movement to raise \$33,000,000 to save 3,500,000 children between now and the next harvest. Ten dollars will provide clothing, food and medical service for one child. Each American home is asked to entertain one child "Invisible guest," at its table. Checks may be sent to Homer A. Miller, state treasurer of European Relief Council, Des Moines, Iowa.

MINNEAPOLIS SEEKS HUBBY IN HAMPTON

Hampton Chronicle: Looking for a husband! That's what Mrs. J. W. Hooks, a Minneapolis woman, has been busy doing the past several days. With a handsome and high powered automobile she spent a couple of days in Hampton this week in an effort to trace rumors of her husband's travels, or whereabouts.

She was accompanied by her chauffeur, who claimed to have passed a wrecked automobile six miles north of Hampton, near Chapin, one day last week and which is described as a car identical with a car owned by Mr. Hooks and which disappeared at about the same time he left for parts unknown. The aforesaid party also stated that he passed a Red Cross ambulance carrying a "passenger" toward Mason City.

No one in Hampton, Chapin, or Sheffield could be found who had even heard of any such automobile accident. No one at the newspaper offices, or at the hospitals here, or any member of the police force or the sheriff's office had even heard of the accident. Mason City newspapers and hospitals gave similar reports. However, the "guy" insisted that he passed the wrecked automobile and saw the Red Cross ambulance. Where the "wrecked" automobile went, nobody knows. It vanished like an ice cream cone on hot summer day.

Mr. Hooks is said to be a large automobile dealer in Minneapolis. The general opinion here is that somebody is having a pipe dream, and this could easily happen with a fellow who had just left Des Moines where there is a good supply of old stock on hand. There are several stories afloat as to the manner of Mr. Hooks' disappearance, but the Minneapolis police force are unable to unravel anything of importance which would lead to any direct knowledge of the affair. Ditto, the Iowa police and everybody else.

Mrs. Hook and her party of detectives were in Hampton, Monday and Tuesday, and drove north to look over the location of the "automobile wreck." The heavy snow of Sunday would of course have covered up any traces of the wreck, consequently they did not meet with any success in locating tracks. They left here Tuesday afternoon, and probably went back to Minneapolis.

FARMERS CANNOT AFFORD TO LET MANURE GO TO WASTE

Farmers cannot afford to let manure lie around the barnyards and go to waste.

Dried sheep manure is being offered for sale in carload lots in Illinois at \$30 a ton. A ton of this material contains about 50 pounds of nitrogen, 18 pounds of phosphorus and 23 pounds of potassium. One hundred bushels of corn and the fodder removed from the soil contains about 150 pounds of nitrogen, 23 pounds of phosphorus and 71 pounds of potassium.

It will be seen that the ton of sheep manure contains 33.3 per cent as much nitrogen as is required to raise 100 bushels of corn and the fodder, 77 per cent as much phosphorus and 42 per cent as much potassium.

The general average of a number of analyses made by various investigtors from manures from cattle, horses and mixed, shows that a ton of dry manure contains 38 pounds nitrogen, 7.6 pounds of phosphorus and 30.4 pounds potassium. A ton of fresh manure from the farm consists of about three-fourths water, but it contains 10 pounds of nitrogen, 2 pounds of phosphorus and 8 pounds of potassium.

It will be seen that manure contains elements of plant food which are absolutely necessary for the growth of crops and also that these elements have value in some parts of the United States in the form of animal manures. Farmers are not here urged to buy manure in carload lots from some distant point, but a little simple arithmetic will show that the farmer cannot afford to let manure lie around the barnyards and go to waste.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cought it is unsurpassed.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Auction Sale!

As I am going to move to town, I will hold a closing out sale at my farm, 1 mile north and 4 1-2 miles east of Belmond, 1 mile south and 1 1-4 miles east of Palsville, 3 miles south and two miles west of Meservey, 3 miles north and 2 miles west of Alexander, on

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

Commencing at 10:00 O'clock Sharp

6 Head of Horses 6

1 BAY MARE 5 YEARS OLD, WT. 1670
1 BAY MARE 7 YEARS OLD, WT. 1650
1 BAY GELDING, 6 YEARS OLD, WT. 1585
1 BLACK GELDING 8 YEARS OLD, WT. 1575
1 BLACK GELDING 6 YEARS OLD, WT. 1450
1 ROAN COLT COMING 2 YEARS OLD, GELDING, WT. 950

57 - Head of Cattle - 57

3 2-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS
10 1-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS
12 LAST SUMMER CALVES
7 HEIFERS COMING 1 YEAR OLD
3 STEERS COMING 2 YEARS OLD
6 STEERS COMING 1 YEAR OLD
1 REGISTERED SHORT HORN BULL
15 MILK COWS, WILL BE FRESH SOON

36 HEAD OF HOGS 36

20 LAST SPRING SHOATS, WEIGHING ABOUT 125 POUNDS EACH
13 HEAD OF FALL PIGS
3 OLD SOWS DUE TO FARROW LATTER PART OF APRIL

75 Chickens 10 Geese

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1 Laurel range
1 soft coal heater
Blue Bell kerosene stove
1 wardrobe
1 Aladdin lamp
1 vacuum cleaner
1 Dairy churn

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 cutter
1 hog oiler
1 drag cart
1 hay bucker
1 hog waterer
1 feed grinder
1 hay rake
1 truck wagon
Some hog trougs
1 Broadcast seeder
1 Luther grind stone
1 16-ft. Deere disc
1 P & O cultivator
2 shoveling boards
1 hand corn sheller
Some corn cribbing
2 steel water tanks
2 triple-box wagons
1 Nelson tank heater
Some hay in barn
1 8-ft. Acme binder
1 16-wheel Case disc
3 set of work harness
1 5-ft. Deering mower
1 4-gal. chicken waterer
1 14-inch walking plow
1 4-section steel harrow
1 3-section steel harrow
1 8-ft. Dain hay loader
8 or 9 tons tame hay in stack
1 Deere surface corn plow
1 DeLaval No. 1 cream separator
1 Avery walking cultivator
4 galvanized chicken coops
1 galvanized chicken feeder
1 Moline walking cultivator
1 double-seated spring wagon
1 14-inch Emerson sulky plow
1 John Deere manure spreader
1 John Deere 999 corn planter with 160 rods of wire.

Free Lunch at Noon

TERMS: \$10 and under, cash; over that amount 10 months time on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on date of sale.

T. D. RANKINS,
LOUIS HAUGE, Auctioneers.
BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, Clerk

Herman Frohling

CLOSING OUT SALE

AS I have rented my farm and am going to move to Belmond, I will sell on my farm, 2 1-4 miles northwest of Belmond, the following described property. I will commence my sale at 10:00 o'clock sharp, as it will be impossible for me to sell all of my property unless the machinery and furniture is sold before dinner.

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

23 Horses 23

1 iron grey mare, 5 yrs., with foal, wt. 1250
1 iron grey mare, 17 yrs. wt. 1200
1 iron grey mare, 8 yrs., with foal, wt. 1250
1 black mare, 13 yrs., wt. 1250
1 sorrel mare, 12 yrs., wt. 1350
1 bay mare, 15 yrs., wt. 1200
1 gray gelding, 4 yrs., wt. 1450.
1 bay mare, 13 yrs., wt. 1250
1 bay mare, 13 yrs., wt. 1300
1 black gelding coming 3 yrs. wt. 1300
1 black mare coming 3 yrs., wt. 1300
1 black mare coming 3 yrs., wt. 1250
1 black mare coming 3 yrs., wt. 1000
3 black gelding yearling colts
1 black mare yearling colt
4 suckling colts
1 bay gelding, 4 yrs. wt. 900
1 black mare, 13 yrs., wt. 1200

111 Head of Cattle 111

29 milch cows, some fresh now, balance soon
17 yearling steers
10 head 2 year old steers
21 yearling heifers
33 calves
1 pedigreed Scotch Bull, 3 years coming 4, a fine animal in every respect

These cattle are all high bred short horns, and are as good as the best grade cattle, as I have at all times kept a bull of superior quality and anyone purchasing any of these cattle will make no mistake

51 Hogs 51

35 head of Duroc Jersey brood sows, all of high grade quality and all to farrow latter part of April and first of May 15 head of feeders, 1 registered boar

Brood Sows that are hard to beat, the result of 20 years of registered breeding and bred to first class registered boar

Farm Implements

1 5-ft. McCormick Mower
1 6-ft. McCormick Mower
1 4-section wooden flexible harrow
1 Tiger 10 ft. seeder with grass seed attachment
2 Emerson 14 in. gang plows, one practically new
1 Emerson 16 in. sulky plow
1 P and O 8 ft. disc, new
1 McCormick corn binder
1 Deering corn husker
1 Gale corn planter
1 16 inch walking plow
1 single horse garden plow
4 Sattley corn cultivators
1 Sattley 7 foot disc
1 Moline 7 ft. disc
1 drag cart
1 Portland Cutter
1 two seated buggy
1 single buggy
1 Oscillator bob sled
1 West Bend anti-tip bob sled new
2 Cooper medium heighth 3 in. tire wagons in good repair
1 high wagon 3 in. tire, good repair
1 hay rack
1 John Deere corn elevator
1 John Deere triple box
1 Calmar triple box, new
1 Duplex grinder
1 power grindstone
1 DeLaval No. 17 Cream Separator, good repair
1 4 horse Gade gasoline engine
2 1-horse Gade gasoline engines
1 lawn mower
2 scoop boards
5 sets work harness, repaired and oiled
1 single harness
1 incubator
1 chicken setter
1 saddle, good as new
2 stacks of clover hay
1 stack timothy hay
Some timothy hay in barn
1 Garden hand plow
150 ft. of 1-2 inch cable with carrier and trip for outdoor stacking hay
75 bushels of Snow flake and Early Ohio potatoes
10 bushel Reeds yellow Dent seed corn, gathered before frost

Household Goods

1 6-ft. genuine leather Davenport, new 1 book case 1 Jewel hard coal stove 1 library table, good as new 1 dining room table Dining room chairs 2 bedroom dressers 2 iron bedsteads 3 rocking chairs 1 cupboard 1 barrel churn, new 1 10-gallon cream can 1 cook stove 1 Cole's Hot Blast heating stove 1 sanitary couch Other articles too numerous to mention

105 Head of Pure Bred Buff Rock Hens and Pullets

Free Lunch at Noon

TERMS OF SALE---All sums of $10 or less are cash. Over that amount 12 months time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on date of sale.

J. D. BAKER OWNER

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Lewis Hauge
Auctioneers.

State Bank of Belmond, Clerk

CLOSING OUT SALE!

As I am going to move away, I will hold a Closing Out Sale on the H. F. Luick farm; 1-2 mile southeast of Belmond, commencing sharply at 10 o'clock, on

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

8 Head of Horses 8

1 matched team of blacks, mare and horse, coming 3 and 4 years, wt. 2200
1 bay mare coming 8 yrs. old, wt. 1500
1 sorrel mare, 13 yrs. old, wt. 1150
2 colts coming 2 yrs. old
1 bay horse 14 yrs. old, wt. 1400
1 black mare 6 yrs. old, wt. 1500

55 Head of Cattle 55

7 milk cows, 4 fresh now, others fresh soon
1 roan grade bull
16 yearlings, heifers and steers
16 2-yr. old heifers and steers
6 3-yr. old heifers
4 900-lb. steers
1 roan bull, 2 yrs. old
1 black bull, 2 yrs. old
3 calves
These cattle are good, high grade animals and worth your particular attention.

16 Red Duroc Brood Sows 16

These sows are bred to a boar eligible to registry, and are due to farrow in March and April. They are a mighty fine lot, and will be worth your closest attention - 1 pure bred boar eligible to registry

Machinery

1 McCormick 8-ft. grain binder, nearly new
1 McCormick corn binder, good as new
1 Clover-Leaf spreader in good shape
1 low down International spreader.
1 John Deere gang plow
1 Emerson Sulky plow
1 P & O 2-row cultivator, in good shape
2 Dutch Uncle Cultivators, new
1 6-shovel cultivator
1 Service cultivator
2 mowing machines
1 hay stacker
1 hay loader
1 hay rake
2 hay bucks
1 Monarch self feeder, new
1 International 3 h. p. gasoline engine, good as new
1 Miller truck wagon, new
1 Miller narrow tired wagon
1 20-wheel disc, new
1 low down seeder
1 16-wheel disc
1 4-section harrow
1 3-section harrow
1 2-hole corn sheller
2 hay racks
1 silage rack
2 sets of work harness
1 Ideal hog waterer
Several sets fly nets
Some horse collars
200 fence posts
40 tons tame hay in stack
Some household goods
Tools, etc-

1 Chevrolet car, model 4-90, in good running order
40 Ton of Silage

Free Lunch at Noon

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CARL DANIELS Prop.

ERICSON & HAUGE, Auctioneers

BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, Clerk

CLOSING OUT SALE

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction at his residence, 1 1-4 miles north and 2 miles west of Rowan, 1 1-2 miles north and 1 mile east of the Solberg Elevator, and six miles south and one mile east of Belmond, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Commencing at 10 o'clock prompt

12 Head of Horses 12

1 team of mules, 9 yrs. old, wt. 2700
1 team of mules, 14 yrs. old
1 team of black mares, 5 yrs. old, wt. 3400
1 black horse, 9 yrs. old
1 black horse, 11 yrs. old
1 driving horse
1 brown mare, 10 yrs. old
1 bay mare, 4 yrs. old
1 bay mare, 6 yrs. old

28 Head of Cattle 28

4 milk cows
5 yearling steers
3 heifers
15 last spring calves
1 young calf
These cattle are good stuff and will pay you to investigate.

MACHINERY

1 Deering 8-ft. binder
1 6-ft. McCormick mower
1 6-ft. Deering mower
1 hay rake
1 side delivery rake
1 Keystone hay loader
1 Deere gang plow
1 16-inch sulky plow
1 3-section harrow
1 4-section flexible harrow
2 8-ft discs
1 tandem disc for tractor
2 Hayes corn planters
4 corn cultivators
1 2-row cultivator
1 Deere seeder
3 lumber wagons
1 truck wagon with rack
1 corn binder
1 hay fork and rope
1 bob sleigh
1 single buggy
1 spring wagon
5 sets work harness
1 single harness
1 set driving harness
1 saddle
1 steering apparatus for binder and Fordson tractor
1 feed grinder
1 belt
1 cider mill
1 manure spreader
2 gasolene bbls
1 oil bbl
1 fanning mill
1 potato planter and digger
1 Iowa dairy cream separator
1 self feeder
1 set dump boards
seed corn hangers for 2,000 ears
2 gasolene lamps with 70 feet of hollow wire and 6 gal. pressure tank and pump
1 stack clover hay
About 150 chickens

1 Fordson Tractor and Oliver Plow - 1 Ford Automobile

Free Lunch at Noon

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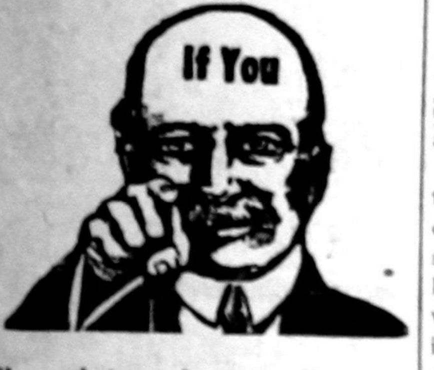

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THE NEW POST MASTER

The candidacy of Leo R. Kenefick, for the office of post master here, should receive the united support of every patron of the Belmond office.

This young man is too well known to Belmond people to need any introduction. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kenefick, of this city, and has lived practically all his life here.

The office ofpostmaster, under the politcal circumstances of a change in administration, will very likely in the natural course of events change also. The present post master, R. C. Morse, or better known as "Rufe,' does not expect to hold the office another term. His term in office has been universally satisfactory and it is to be regreted that politics will not permit him to keep the place.

Kenefick's qualifications for the place are number one, his record as clear as a bell and he has the universal support of the business men in his candidacy.

The powers that be in naming the next post master will do the right and proper thing, one which will please the people of Belmond and vicinity universally, if they name this young man to the office. He deserves it in every way.

Kenefick is the first ex-service man in this city to seek a political position, and one of the first in this section of the state. Other things being equal, it is only right and just that Kenefick, being an ex-service man, with the finest of war records back of him, should be given the appointment which he seeks. And this we believe he will receive.

Lost—Black cloth bag containing childrens clothes. Lost between my place and town. Phone 1508.—John Halfpop. 131*

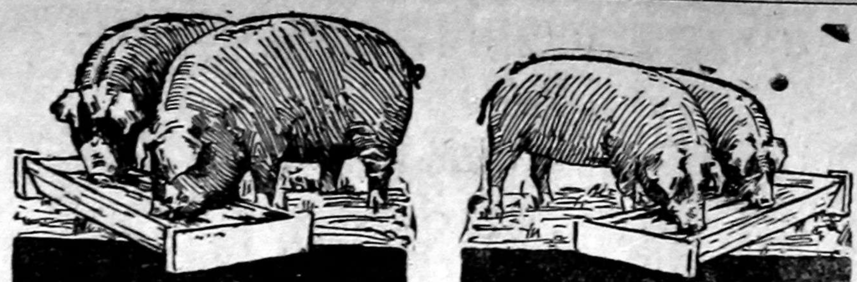
CIRCULATES PETITION AGAINST THEATRE TAX

George Hake, proprietor of the Lyric theatre here, was circulating a petition last week to protest to the Iowa legislature against the proposed tax of one cent on each fifty cents admission charged for amusements, which tax will be placed before, or has been placed before, the state legislature in a bill introduced by Representative Weaver, of Des Moines.

The bill provides that its terms become effective July 1, this year, and that the tax be levied on each fifty cents for admission to any theatre, opera house, motion picture show, vaudeville performances, circus, side show, merry-go-round and like devises. Public dances, wrestling matches, league of professional base ball, roller skating rink and all places of public amusement operated for pecuniary profit.

Places exempt from the tax included religious, educational or charitable societies, or organizations incorporated under state law so as not to be for pecuniary profits. The tax also would not apply to agricultural fairs or exhibitions, nor to amateur baseball and football contests nor athletic field meets.

Placing this additional tax, even tho it is but one cent, on the prices of amusements seems like adding insult to injury, for they are already loaded so high they are top-heavy with taxes. A little more economy in the operation of the state's business, a little less graft and pork and more public service would seem to be more to the point right now than adding more taxes on the people. The heaviest payers would be the patrons of the movie theatres, who are in he great majority the common people, and it will be upon their necks that the rope would pull the tightest. What a fool tax like this would realize in revenue could be saved twice over by the practice of horse-sense methods in running the affairs of state.



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Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

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Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m. The subject for Sunday's meeting being 'Right Hand 'Lift Up'" with Miss Edna Stedman as leader.

A welcome awaits you at any or all of these services.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The attendance for Sunday, Feb. 13, was 131 with a collection of $6.38, while a year ago the athtendane was only 86, with a collection of $3.36. We are very glad to report the increase as it stands over the previous year. It is our earnest desire to have 150 out next Sunday. We have noticed that a good many of the children make no preparation of their lesson until they report for Sunday school. We would like to impress the parents, that they should see that the children put some time in studying their lesson before soming. As it is, the average amount of schooling in the Bible that a child can get by just going to Sunday school is about 20 hours a year. This may be so when the scholar attends every Sunday of the year. We would appreciate the parents co-operation in this matter.

We are also pleased to give a report of the Home Department. At the present time there are 64 members, 6 visitorsc and with Mrs. Osbon Young as superintendent, there is a working force of seven. For four quarters past the receipts from the Home Department was $29.75. A year ago the membership of this department was 48 members.

At present the Sunday school board is working on a plan for a different opening exercise for every Sunday morning. In the course of a couple of weeks this new plan will be in use.

Let us have a good attendance next Sunday and every Sunday from now on. A few new faces were with us last Sunday. We would like to see not less than 25 new faces next Sunday.

S. E. Cretary.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

We nearly reached the goal set by Mr. Hinman last Sunday. It will take just a little harder effort to reach it while the roads are bad and the walks are sloppy, but it can be done. Let every member and friend of the Sabbath school be present at 10:00 o'clock next Sunday. Our attendance so far this year is over fifty per cent larger than it was a year ago and our offering nearly one hundred per cent larger.

The morning worship to which we invite all who are not affiliated some where else, or who have not services in their own church at the time are held at 11:00. Next Sunday evening we are going to visit some of our mission fields in the southland. The next thing to visiting them in person is to visit them thru pictures of the work and the records which they are making. This will give you an opportunity of seeing where your money has been spent and what it has accomplished. We hope to have a full congregation Sunday evening at 7:30.

KANAWHA

Henry Van Oosting, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Algona, returned home Tuesday.

Roy Carlston went to Des Moines the first of the week to attend a clothiers convention.

Mesdames Neil Hanson and C. J. Lewis visited a few days of last week at the home of their friend, Mrs. S. T. Stueland.

Miss Mary Reese, of Waterloo, was an over night visitor here Sunday at the home of her uncle, George Baldridge, and family.

F. L. Bush returned home Thursday from Chicago where he went the first of the week to attend to some business interests.

Mrs. W. A. Baker returned home Sunday from Mason City, where she has been visiting for some time at the home of her son, Walter, and family.

Sam Stueland, of Fort Dodge, was greeting friends and attending to business affairs here the first of the week.

Wm. Deibler returned Tuesday from a few weeks visit in Florida.

Homer, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Thor Johnson, was operated on for the removal of mastoid by doctors Steele, of Belmond, and Lawton, Wednesday. Homer is getting along as well as possible at this writing.

Mrs. Henry Africa and son, Arnold, returned Tuesday from Des Moines where they visited relatives and attended to business matters. While there Mrs. Africa purchased goods for the Ladies Fashion Shop.

E. G. Soderberg, agent of the Lampert Lumber Co. here, was checked out as manager Thursday by Auditor Grube, and L. S. Poor, of Summit, S. Dak., has been placed in charge of the company's business.

Mr. and Mrs. Knute Hill, who have been visiting relatives here for a couple of weeks, left Friday for their home in Texas.

Mr. Poor is experienced in the lumber business and comes here highly recommended.

Wm. Benzler, of Britt, is here this week putting some finishing touches to the woodwork at the First National Bank.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Quite a number of people of the Immaneul church attended the union services at the Congregational church on last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and family were Sunday visitors at the George Baxter home in Olaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dorenkamp, Sr., and family, of near Goodell, took Sunday dinner at the H. B. Dorenkamp home.

Minnie Smidt returned last Monday from a several days visit with friends at Alexander.

For Indigestion and Constipation.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Tablets,' writes Melard F. Craig, Middle Grove, N. Y. They work like a charm and do not gripe or leave any unpleasant effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy

Initial Buckles from A to Z

There is an individuality in an initial bucklebelt---a personal appeal. And men who are particular about their dress and appearance, like the effect a neat buckle gives.

Several styles of roller bar buckles in neat engraved patterns.

Belts and buckles complete.

Our new initial tongue buckle is proving very popular. An excellent value in heavy plate.

C. C. McGuire

Cakes and Cookies

We bake all kinds of Cake and all kinds of Pies and all kinds of Cookies and everything else in bakestuffs that are good. Of course they're fresh--as fresh as they can be coming out of the oven several times a day. All materials used are the finest. Its hard to beat our home baking.

Belmond Bakery

P. Barban, Mgr. Telephone 259

Have Your New Spring Suit

Tailored By E. V. Price Tailoring Co.

Do You Know that Dry Cleaning

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We Dry Clean Portierres, Sofa Pillows, Penants, Lace Curtains, etc. We clean everything. Ask us about your Rug Cleaning.

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Says Franklin, "is as Plain as the Road to Market."

Our failures are not caused by not knowing what to do, or how to do it, but because of the lack of will to do what we ought---lack of determination. Every man knows that he ought to save---almost every man can save, but he lacks the will to start saving, so he lives on, spending money as fast as he can earn it, and when he is no longer able to work he has nothing to show for his years of labor Begin by depositing now in the

State Bank of Belmond

Belmond, Iowa 5 per cent interest on Time Deposits

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Joe Pletch and daughter, Mrs. C. M. Morse, were callers at Mason City last week Saturday.

—I—

Ole Scott went to Olaf for a few days' the first of the week.

—I—

Mrs. J. J. Flynn and daughter, Marjorie, left for Glendale, Arizona, Tuesday morning of this week. They will go from there to Los Angeles, California.

—I—

For Sale—Five room house, full lot, garage, electric lights. One block north and 1-2 block east of the school house.—Ben J. Daniels. 122

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Benson enjoyed a visit from their daughter and family, of Galt, last week Saturday.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Wilson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

Miss Nettie Benson was a visitor Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott, at Olaf.

—I—

The S. S. Packard home will be released from quarantine some time today.

—I—

For Sale—Home grown, re-cleaned Timothy Seed from new meadow. Am taking orders now for March delivery. Phone 3217. O. D. Jenison. tfc

—I—

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church are having a new cupboard built in the parsonage this week, which will greatly improve the parsonage.

—I—

The Priscilla Club meets this week Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. C. Kinney.

—I—

The union services at the Congregational church last Sunday evening were of a patriotic nature, and were well attended. Rev. Waalkes gave a very fine address. Special music was rendered from the three churches.

—I—

Orpha Anderson, of Olaf, was a business caller here between trains on last week Thursday.

—I—

Mrs. G. F. McBurney is recovering from a severe attack of quinzy.

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Stapley, Evelyn, is suffering from an attack of the measles.

—I—

Miss Gretchen Blank has returned from Rochester, where she went for examination. The doctors there had the same diagnosis as that given by Dr. Steele.

—I—

For Sale—John Deere corn sheller, No. 9. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 132*

—I—

Mr. Stockwell, who has been employed for some time at Wesley, Iowa spent the week end with his family near this place.

—I—

For Sale—Two cylinder Coven row boat motor, with or without 16-foot boat. Terms right to sell quick.—J. C. Pierce, Belmond, Iowa. tfc

—I—

Rev. Edge's father, who has been visiting at the Edge home, returned to his home at Boulder, Colorado, last week.

—I—

Raymond Walton, of Hampton, spent the week end with relatives and friends here. He was formerly a resident of this city.

—I—

Conrad Nissen and family went to Garner last Saturday where they visited a few days at the home of relatives.

—I—

For Rent—Four rooms. Phone 205. 13tf

—I—

Bert Stockwell, of Fort Dodge, visited the A. D. Stockwell home over Sunday.

—I—

The Sunday school board of the Methodist church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bailey on Monday evening of this week.

—I—

Wanted—A man in this community to sell silos and corn cribs.—Farmers' Sales Company, Clear Lake, Iowa. 13*

—I—

The Chain of Ten meets next week Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otto Hanson.

—I—

The Standard Bearers will hold a meeting in the Methodist church parlors on next Saturday afternoon.

Tom Cosgriff, of Kanawha, was a visitor here on last week Friday.

—I—

Neil Hanson, of Kanawha, was among the visitors here on last week Saturday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Sullivan enjoyed a visit from their daughter, and family, of Dows, over the week end.

—I—

John Arends, of Alexander, was a caller here on last week Wednesday.

—I—

J. F. Howell, of Rowan, was a caller in this city one day last week, attendinge to business matters.

—I—

The American Legion held a special meeting at the city hall on last week Thursday evening.

—I—

The Community Night—every Tuesday evening—at the high school gymnasium seems to be proving very popular, and a number of the men about town are taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the sports available.

—I—

Merle Hildebrand was a visitor in the home town recently. He is now located at Cedar Rapids, where he is working at the steam fitters trade.

—I—

Cato C. Griesy was a visitor at the county seat on last week Wednesday, looking after some business matters.

—I—

Belmond, the past few days, has been experiencing some real spring-like weather, warm and clear. The recent heavy snow fall, as a consequence, is rapidly disappearing and the streets are flooded with water.

—I—

Arvin Ellis, of Willis, Minnesota, was a recent visitor here, attending some of the public sales being held in this vicinity. He will move here this spring, where he will engage in the farming business.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brewer were recent visitors with relatives at Garner.

—I—

A letter from P. J. Scarbro, from Brookings, South Dakota, states that he expects to be in Belmond some time during the latter part of next week.

—I—

PUBLIC NOTICE!

Owing to a rumor being circulated by irresponsible parties, that I was leaving town, I wish to inform the people of Belmond and vicinity that I have no intention of leaving. F. W. Trowbridge, Plumbing & Heating.

—I—

The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Sharp has been reported as being on the sick list lately.

—I—

Joe Kaufman returned last week from St. Paul, where he has been the past three weeks visiting at the home of relatives.

—I—

N. B. Olson, who resides in the street neighborhood, was a business caller here one day last week between trains.

—I—

Mrs. W. O. Connor, of Hampton, was a visitor here one day last week.

—I—

Richard Ziska, the popular city mail carrier, took a couple of days off last week, and went to Des Moines to attend to some business matters and visit friends. His place on the city route was taken by Morrey Nelson.

—I—

For Sale—Kitchen cabinet and commode.—Mrs. J. Greenlander, Phone 164. 113c

—I—

House For Rent—4-room house, 3 1-2 blocks north of the First National Bank. Ready the first of Mar. $15 a month. Phone 283.—F. E. Christie. 131*

—I—

LEATHER FROM HIDES

We have made arrangements with a reliable tannery to tan hides for leather. Come in and let's talk it over.—E. M. Lathrop. 132*

—I—

COMBINATION SALE

A number of farmers have suggested that a combination sale be held in Belmond, and I have therefore concluded to hold such a sale on Tuesday, March 8th. If you have anything for sale, commence listing it at once with

T. D. Rankins. tf

—I—

Hay For Sale—$15 per ton. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 131*

—I—

Andrew Purcell, a civil war veteran, has made application for admittance in the Soldiers' Home, at Marshalltown, and will leave for that place in the near future.

The general reduction of 20 to 25 per cent in retail prices annouced by the manufacturers of Great Majestic ranges marks the first break in the price of such commodities. The extent and idea of the reduction will be found in the Griesy Hardware Store ad in this issue of the Independent.

—I—

L. V. Sharp will hold a closing out sale at the Hake farm, four miles south and east of Belmond, and four miles north of Rowan, on Friday, Feb. 25. Wtach for announcements and ad next week.

—I—

Thomas Kalvig spent the week end visiting with friends and relatives at Kanawha.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. James Libby returned home last week from Missouri, where they have been spending the winter months. They expect to remove to Illinois in the near future.

—I—

Tom Tomson, of Fort Dodge, was the guest of friends here over the week end.

—I—

Mrs. C. J. Boughton is ill with an affection in her foot. Her daughter, Miss Grace, is absent from the rest room this week taking care of her.

—I—

Work Wanted—By married man. On farm. Write Box 461, Belmond, Iowa. 103c

—I—

Mrs. N. A. Cloon was a visitor with friends at Goodell, Tuesday. She started Thursday of last week for southern Missouri, where she will spend a month with her brother.

—I—

Mrs. James Busick, of Goodell, was here last week taking treatments of Dr. Stevens.

—I—

White Outing Flannel, 22 cents per yard, colors, 20 cents per yard, at Hollman's. 113c

—I—

FLOUR—Clear Quill, $3.00; Big Diamond, $3.00; Crystal, $2.75, at Hollman's. 113c

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

J. N. Johnson and Neil Hanson, of Kanawha, were delegates to the stockholders' meeting of the Collins Safety Razor company, held at Fort Dodge, Feb. 7. They returned home via Belmond last Saturday.

—I—

Cobs For Sale—Triple-box load, $3.00, delivered. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 132*

—I—

Mrs. Hill, of Clarion, was visiting relatives and friends here on Wednesday of last week.

—I—

Carl Wenzel spent the week end at the home of John Wenzel, of Kanawha.

—I—

The Royal Neighbors held a meeting at the R. C. Morse home on last Saturday afternoon.

—I—

For Sale—1 10-room house.
1 Bungalow, new, 24 x 42.
1 house and 2 lots, $2,500.
1 house and two lots, $1,200.
Inquire at this office. 132*

—I—

F. E. Snyder returned from Dayton Iowa, last Thursday. He had been there to see his son, who is very ill. He reports his son as being better when he returned.

—I—

ROAD GRADING WANTED

Will do road grading, and furnish tractor. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 134*

—I—

Wanted—Good live correspondent in Grant township. A chance to make good pin money. Call or write Independent. tf

—I—

Mrs. Betten and daughter, Miss Rieke, visited in Sioux City several days last week.

—I—

Roy Bell and Ben White, of Oskaloosa, visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wright. They are old friends of the family.

—I—

Miss Edna Gaulke, of Dows, was in Belmond last week. She will be employed as trimmer again this coming season in the Dorenkamp & Greenfield millinery store.

—I—

For Sale—A few ton of good prarie hay. Phone 2004—C. C. Landon. tf

—I—

Adolph Skovlin attended the clothiers convention at Des Moines last week. He also visited his sister, Miss Matilda, who is employed in the office of secretary of state Ramsay.

—I—

Mrs. F. O. Fitts and daughter, Thera, returned from Mason City on Saturday, where Miss Thera underwent an operation for throat and nose trouble. She is recovering nicely.

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HOUSEWIVES!

Note These Prices

Rice, per lb.	10c
Red nKdeiy Beans, Best Quality	15c
Cocoa, per lb.	40c
Sugar	10c
Prunes, per lb.	10c
1 pt. Maple Syrup	30c
Powdered sugar, blk.	15
Karo syrup, gal. 80c, 1-2 gal.	40c

Watch our Bargain Counter

It Pays to Trade at

ROBINSON'S

ROUTE ONE NEWS NOTES

Raymond Frislie and Miss Edna Gaulke spent the week end at the S. A. Anderson home.

Mrs. Will Gealow has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Church are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at the Hampton hospital, February 6th. Mr. Church went over Tuesday to see his wife and make the acquaintance of the little Miss.

The many friends of Lee Lowenberg will be glad to hear that he has recovered sufficiently from his past illness to be able to be taken to his home last Thursday.

Henry Reinke, of Hartley is a guest at the E. D. Jenison home. Mr. Reinke is a cousin of Mrs. Jenison.

Elmer Kienenberger has decided to quit farming and is disposing of his property at private sale.

During the World War, when all of the ladies of the Red Cross Chapter were knitting sweaters for the boys "over there," Mrs. Lester Titsel, a member of the Red Cross Society of Goodell, put her name and address in the sweater she made. Last week she received a peculiar looking letter with a foreign postmark and was greatly surprised to find that it came from a young physician in the Medical Corps, of Shanghai, China, stating that he had received it, and thanked her for the some. The sweater had been sent to both Russia and France and at last to China. He wrote a very nice letter stating that his parents reside in Ohio, and that he expected to get a furlough and visit his folks soon.

The letter was written on fine rice paper so thin that it was necessary to have a dark background in order to read it.

It was 49 days from the time the letter was written until Mrs. Titsel received it.

This letter makes a very nice souvenir of the war.

Pleasant township school board granted their teachers a holiday last Friday, in order that they and their pupils might attend the short course.

Del Anger recently purchased a hog and butchered it for his own use. He hung it in the summer kitchen to cool. The next morning it was gone. It seems that the people in this vicinity need a few blood hounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schmalle spent Sunday at the Will Haufferman home near Meservey.

Mrs. B. A. Mayne is keeping house for Nate Church during the absence of his wife.

A great many from this vicinity attended the short course, and all speak well of it, both as an entertaining and educational affair. We are glad to note that Pleasant township won first. Now that we hold the banner let us make preparations to keep it another year, should another short course be put on.

Nature

Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

SNARL STREET NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller visited at the Harold Gates home, Sunday.

Reuben Cupp was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday. He is getting along fine.

Mrs. Earl Jacobs was an Iowa Falls caller on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings ate dinner at the C. W. Jennings home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. Sim Stout, Mrs. Hugh Whitten, and Mrs. T. C. Strevler attended the short course at Belmond on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Guy Stumph, of Rowan, was a caller on the Snarl street Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings ate dinner at the J. C. Miller home on Wednesday.

Miss Osce Hansen returned to her home at Ellsworth after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Albin Anderson.

Mrs. William McCallum is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Sellers.

Oramel Gates visited at the Harold Gates home, Wednesday.

Gerald Jennings is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum and Mrs. Leonard McCallum visited at the William McCallum home on Wednesday evening.

Edgar Mantle is assisting Gene Dawson in hauling ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings were Dows callers between trains on Friday.

C. W. Jennings delivered hogs to Rowan, Saturday.

Lee Sellers has rented a piece 3 and 1-2 miles south of Coulter, where he will move the first of March. We regret to lose this family from our neighborhood.

Fred Aldrich visited in Belmond a few days the past week.

Donald McCallum had the misfortune to break a bone in his foot while playing basket ball with Hansel on Friday evening.

Hite Penning, of Ackley, is visiting at the Earl Jacobs home.

Herb Hadley attended the Severe hog sale at Dows, Friday.

Bert Payne has moved to the Chris Fowler farm vacated by John Kehler.

Lester Andrews has rented the Jenkins place for the coming year.

Jimmie Kehler visited with Gerald Jennings, Sunday.

George Aldrich assisted H. J. C. Box in moving, Wednesday.

The Freshmen and Senior classes had a party at the Jake Aldinger home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Aldrich attended the box social for the American Legion Friday evening.

Mrs. George Strahorn visited at the Henry Iserman home Thursday.

Roy Cupp was an Iowa Falls visitor Thursday.

The Moellering boys entertained two of the basket ball boys from Sheffield, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farmer, of Clarion, and Mrs. Will Ferguson, visited with Mrs. Claude Jennings on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs ate supper at the J. E. Miller home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings visited at the Guy Stumph and Chester Bailey homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard MicCallum and children, Jack and LaVonne, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sellers and children, Lea and Helen, ate dinner at the William McCallum home on Sunday.

NORWAY NEWS

The Norwegian Lutherans are holding revival meetings in this neighborhood this week, conducted by two men from Garden City.

The St. John's Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Cryder Wicks on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbe and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig and family, and Jennie Maage drove over to T. Wicks, Thursday evening to attend the revival meeting at that place.

E. Holm and Joe Enge drove to Clarion on Friday.

Melford Meld autoed to Clarion on Thursday afternoon.

T. H. Asbe went to the county seat Saturday to look after business matters.

Quite a number of farmers from this vicinity drove to Belmond, Friday, to attend the short course.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig and family drove to Kanawha, Saturday, and called on his brother, Lewis, and family.

Lyric

GEO. HAKE, PROP.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

"The Misleading Lady"

A story bristling with sprightly action and delicious humor. How the beautiful Helen Steele victimized the dashing Jack Craigin only to be abducted and carried to the fastnesses of the mountains captivated by the brusk wooing she learns to love him.

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

"A Beggar in Purple"

This a story of American business, men, methods, and morals. It depicts the keen competition of business in a small town, and the whirlpool and pitfalls of Wall Street finance.

Solomon, in all his wisdom, said: "Even a King without love is only a beggar in purple." The hero of Andrew Soutar's novel is a self-made man. From poverty he raised himself to a position of power and wealth, but the revenge that for eighteen years had steeled his will to success cheated him of love.

A Pathe picture.

11c and 25c

"Leave it to Me"

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

A Fox picture featuring

Wm. Russell

A picture that pleases giving the audience what they expect and even more of novel interesting entertainment.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

"Double Speed"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Wallace Reid

What would be your feelings if you were one of the richest young men in America and were thrown out of a bank because you looked suspiciously like a tramp? It all comes about when the hero is on an auto trip across the continent and is robbed of all he owns in the middle of the western desert. The "all" includes a letter of introduction to the president of a big Los Angeles bank.

11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

FEB. 21 & 22

"In the Heart of a Fool"

Allan Dwan's newest production, "In the Heart of a Fool, is a powerful epic of life. Its story by William Allen White, the noted American novelist and political authority, is brimful of action and red blood. It is a truthful chronicle of what might easily happen in any community—in your life or mine. Every city or neighborhood has its own Lorelie—tho not always as deadly as the one in this play. Full of big scenes and realism. The mine explosion and invasion of the hired mob from the big city are genuine thrillers.

11c and 30c

Rowan News

Help make your home news interesting. Phone your news to 62.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson was a Clarion caller Monday.

Mrs. John Miller, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Herb Aldrich, of Galt, returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Kercheval on Monday.

Mrs. George Parkenson, of Dows. was visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Robinson, a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Casper Reasoner and baby, returned to their home at Conger, Minn., Wednesday, after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box have moved from their farm to the John Pritchett house in the east part of town.

Elmer Bailey is sick with the rheumatism.

Tuesday night the ladies of the Missionary society of the Congregational church entertained their husbands at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval. About 50 were present. The house was decorated appropriately for a valentine party. The first part of the evening the ladies had their regular Missionary lesson. A special feature of this part of the program was a cornet solo by Kenneth Keith in which he was assisted by James Kercheval on the violin and by Mrs. Clint Kercheval at the piano. After the lesson the evening was spent in different stunts by the men. Some of them proved themselves real athletics. Refreshments were served which were enjoyed by all. The party broke up about midnight with everyone declaring they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

Edgar Mantle and Charles Aldinger went to Hampton, Wednesday, to have dental work done.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph and daughter, Garnet, were Clarion callers Wednesday.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson was a Clarion caller Wednesday.

Monday night Mrs. Earl Jacobs went to Iowa Falls with Reuben Cupp where he went for an operation for appendicitis. He had the operation Tuesday and came thru in fine condition.

Mrs. L. W. Stevenson was a Dows shopper Wednesday between trains.

Mrs. Will Ferguson was a Fort Dodge caller on Wednesday.

Mrs. Meyers spent Tuesday in Clarion visiting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Sinclair.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen, Mrs. Chris Fowler, and Mrs. Will Bingham spent Thursday at the home of Lee Aldrich.

The town basket ball team played the Hampton town team at Hampton, Wednesday. Hampton won with a score of 21-13.

John Thomas came home from Williams last Friday and will stay home a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Rowen have visited the past week at Thornton, returning home Saturday. ,

E. P. Ingraham, of Swaledale, visited his sister, Mrs. Braden, Friday night and his son, Ollie, Saturday.

Mrs. Ed. Baines, who was on her way home from Council Bluffs, spent Friday night with Mrs. Hannah Whitten and went on to her home at Dows, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farmer were at the Will Ferguson home Friday night and attended the dance at the Bingham hall.

Roy Stout and S. Pierce, of Thompson., spent Tuesday night at the Sim Stout home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. T. Strevler, and Mrs. Eddie Haupt attended the short course at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey and Hyette Paul were Belmond callers on Saturday.

Carl Steffensc, who has been in the hospital at Chicago for the past three weeks, expects to start for home on Monday night.

Harry Harson delivered some horses in Clarion, Thursday, for a horse buyer.

Frank Snyder is helping in the drug store for a while.

Fred Brooks and son, George, went to Clarion, Friday, and from there to Dows to attend the Severe & Freese hog sale. He purchased a number of hogs.

Alt Hackley and Herb Hackley attended the Severe & Freese hog sale at Dows, Friday.

Will Moellering went to Belmond, Friday, to have dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pelley spent the week end at Strawberry Point, visiting Bert's mother.

G. R. Stumph took his daughter, Garnet, to Clarion, Friday, where she had a slight operation on her eye.

The Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. J. E. Thomas, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Thomas was leader. The subject was "Translation of the Bible into different languages." The lesson was very interesting. About 20 were present to enjoy it.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church called a special meeting Thursday afternoon. They met with Mrs. Carr.

The M. E. Aid society will meet with Mrs. F. H. Fowler, Thursday, Feb. 17.

The Congregational Aid society will meet with Mrs. A. E. Emerson, Thursday, Feb. 17. There will be work for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings were at Dows between trains Friday where Mrs. Jennings had some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Whitten, Mrs. Will Rietz and baby were Clarion callers Friday.

Edgar Mantle and Roy Cupp went to Iowa Falls, Thursday, to visit the latter's brother, Reuben, at the hospital. They returned home Friday.

Mrs. M. J. Francomb was a caller at Clarion, Friday.

O. F. Branden took his third degree in Masonery at Dows, Friday night.

Guy Sheldon and D. W. Whitten attended Mason lodge at Dows on Friday night.

Mrs. Willard McCallum gave a party to her Sunday school class Thursday night. There were eight girls present. Everything was done backwards. They came in backwards at the back door and the refreshments were served backwards. They all enjoyed themselves very much.

Lorna Paul and Lorraine Aldinger of Hampton, spent the week end at the Jake Aldinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham entertained Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham

METHODIST CHURCH

Every seat in the church was occupied last Sunday morning when the pastor, Rev. Harold Tomkinson, spoke on "The Expansive Power of Life." At the evening service the pastor discussed the much talked of topic, "Capital Punishment" and dealth with two kinds, namely, "The Capital Punishment meted out by the State, and that meted out by a man's own conscience." Mr. Tomkinson made a srong plea for the abolition of capital punishment by the state, and urged the citizens to create such a strong and healthy moral sentiment in the community that crime and vice will be almost impossible.

Next Sunday, Feb. 20, Rev. Harold Tomkinson will speak in the M. E. church on "Bank Cheques." Many things might be written across some cheques. Come and hear what the pastor has to say on this matter—you'll get a surprise.

Methodists, Attention! Are you going to church these days? There is a place for you at church and a hearty handshake from the pastor and members. Make your plans quite early; make up your mind that you will honor the Sabbath—God's day.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A week ago Sunday morning six new members were received in the membership of the church. There will be an opportunity given at the Easter season for others to join.

The Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. A. H. Emerson, has a list of 22 names on the cradle roll since the first of the year. This is an important department of the church and Mrs. Emerson and her assistant, Mrs. B. P. Hadley, are very capable of handling it.

Sermon topics for Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Congregational church as follows: a. m.—"The Pastured Sheep," Junior talk, "A Preacher on a Pole." p. m.—"Elements of Greatness in the Character of Washington." The Masons have been invited to attend the evening service. Special music at both servises. Acordial invitation is extended to all not worshipping elsewhere to meet with us. Ada S. Anderson, Pastor.

There were 90 at the Sunday school and the collection was over $6. The Sunday school is growing all the time and we hope it will continue to do so.

At the evening service Rev. Anderson spoke on "Lincoln" The Legion members accepted the invitation which she had given them to attend this meeting and came in a body. Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mrs. Fred Williams had decorated the church very artisically for the service. The church was full at this service.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The Home Declamatory contest will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Admission 25 and 50. Proceeds for the benefit of athletic association. Come and boost your home contestants.

Tuesday evening the Freshies entertained the Senior class. Prof. Molue and Prof. Morrison at the home of Laura Aldinger. It is thot that they expected to entertain the Sophs. and Juniors also, with newly purchased ropes, but we regret to say that the Juniors and Sophs. spent a more pleasant evening, by having a candy pull at the D. S. room. The Freshies, however, provided an entirely different menu: potatoe salad, sandwiches, pickles, and cocoa; 2nd. course, home made ice cream and cake.

Miss Alta Allen entertained her class, the seventh grade, and their teacher at her home Tuesday night. Valentine decorations were used and all enjoyed a pleasant evening, during the latter part of which delicious refreshments were served.

Prof. Moule acted as judge in the Declamatory contest at Dows on last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. Miller and Mrs. Sim Stout were at Belmond, Thursday, and on Friday, attending the short course.

Mrs. Dave Smith spent Thursday night with Mrs. Snyder. She returned to her home at Garner, Friday.

Mrs. E. Bingham spent Friday at the home of her son, W. G.

One of the largest attended childrens' parties occurred Thursday night at the home of Fred Brooks, when Mrs. R. H. Keith and Mrs. Fred Brooks were hostesses at a Junior C. E. valentine party given in honor of Mrs. Clint Kercheval. Mrs. Kercheval was the Junior supterinendent last year but as she expects to move to the country in a few weeks she could not take the work again. Mrs. Albert Emerson has taken her place as supterintendent with Miss Francis Virden as assistant. There were 55 Juniors present and with the three supterindents and other adults made a company of over 60. Judging from the enthusiasm with which they joined in the games they enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent possible. After a two-course luncheon was served Mrs. Kercheval was presented with a china sugar bowl and creamer from the society. In her thanks to the children she urged them all to be present at the weekly meetings which are held every Wednesday afternoon after school and it is to be hoped that they will follow her wish. The children went home voting Mrs. Keith and Mrs. Brooks as royal entertainers.

The Sheffield basket ball teams played at Rowan, Friday evening, Feb 11. The Sheffield girls defeated the Rowan girls with a score of 35-11. Both teams put up a good fight, altho the Rowan girls were outclassed due to lack of experience. Our girls have only one player who has ever played before, but the others are doing exceptionally well. We regret to say that some people wish to knock teams because they do not win. When this team has had two or three years experience they will show more skill and ability. The boys were defeated but they held Sheffield to a close score of 15-17. Our boys showed splendid training, altho "Spin" McCallum, jumping center, was injured. He broke a bone in his foot during the first half of the game, but bevause of a great deal of grit and enthusiasm he played the entire game If you appreciate atheletics come out and boost for we need your co-operation. ,

The town team will play Hampton's town team Thursday, Feb. 17. Let's all be boosters.

Renwick will play basket ball here on the Rowan floor Saturday evening, Feb. 19. Let's all boost and encourage victory.

The 8th grade celebrated Lincoln's birthday, Friday.

Grade 2 have begun reading in their new second reader.

The primray pupils enjoy making valentines these days. Valentine box Monday afternoon.

Arvid and Edna Hansen returned to school Tuesday after a spell of sickness.

Herrick Mossman, grade 2, was absent last week on account of sickness.

Three of the Normal Training girls of Sheffield visited grades one and two Friday.

Viva Kleinschrodt of grade 2 visited at Belmond last week.

Mrs. E. Carr visited grades 1 and 2 Thursday.

A number of mothers have visited school. This pleases the little tots "when mother comes."

Neva Hinkley has been absent from school the past week on account of sickness.

The 3rd and 4th grades are working on a program to be given in the near future.

and children, Duane and Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and children, James and Charles, at dinner Suday. It was Will Whitten's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval entertained Rev. Ada Anderson for dinner on Sunday.

J. F. Howell and Albert Moellering went to Des Moines, Friday, to attend a state meeting of the American Legion. They were sent as delegates from the local Post to represent the Post Commander and Adj. who were unable to attend. The object of this meeting was to further legislation concerning the welfare of the disabled ex-service men and women, and to plan the work which the Legion will endeavor to carry on the coming year, and also to meet senators and representatives of Iowa to lay their plans before hem and ask for their support as a unit. This meeting is the first of its kind held by the Legion since it was organized, and after listening to the speeches of the noted men who were there helping them in their cause they came back greatly benefited and believe they will be able to pass on to the members of the post the high ideals and the working plans of this meeting. (Boys, it's up to us.)

The dance at the Bingham hall on Friday night was fairly well attended. The Thompson orchestra furnished the music.

D. W. Whitten went to Des Moines on Sunday to attend the G. W. C. wholesale convenion.

EASTER COMES EARLY THIS YEAR

Merchants Believe It Will Stimulate All Lines Of Trade and Are Getting Ready for Rush.

Easter with all that it brings, harbinger of spring, forerunner of lolling summer days, will soon be here, earlier this year than it has been since 1913, when it ocurred on the 23 of March, and earlier than it will be again until 1940, when it will fall on March 24.

In 1923 Easter Sunday will be March 27, the same date on which it occurs this year. Easter cannot be earlier than March 22, nor later later than April 25, since it is reckoned as the first Sunday after the paschal moon, which appears on or after March 21.

The early Easter this year brings with it an activity in a business way that is lending impetus to early spring buying. Merchants are endeavoring to anticipate the early trade, which affects nearly every line of merchandise.

The Easter bonnet is the first article considered by many fair ones in the line of Easter raiment since for centuries the cartoonist, jokester and once-a-year church goer has made it a subject of conversation.

Clothiers are looking toward the early Easter season this year as a mens of giving their business a little impetus at a time when it will be at its lowest ebb. Clothes, hats, shoes and everything in the way of apparel that will enable a citizen to improve his appearance, are to be in stock this year, if the clothiers are able to obtain it.

And wearing apparel is not the only demand made by Easter season. There are Easter candies, and novelties, Easter place cards and greetings and a thousand little things that make Easter a gift season second only to Christmas.

Seldom is Easter as early as it is this year. The vast majority of the dates since 1801, and as far ahead as 2,000 fall in April. Only once in three centuries has the date came at its earliest, and that was March 22, 1818. Last year Easter occurred April 4, and next year it will fall on April 16. In 1923, March 27 will again be the date, and 19 years will pass before Easter is earlier than it is this year.

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to 'Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

CHAPTER III.—Cranston grossly insults the girl. Failing promises her he will punish him when he has fully recovered his strength, and the girl looks on the promise as a compact. A few days later Silas Lennox, while chopping wood in the forest, is pinned under a falling branch and badly hurt. "Snowbird" finds her father and gets him safely to the house and to bed.

He hadn't considered that the tree lay on a steep slope. As the blade fell, the great trunk simply seemed to leap. Lennox leaped too, in a frenzied effort to save his life; but already the leafy bows, like the tendrils of some great amphibian, had whipped around his legs. He fell, struggling; and then a curious darkness, streaked with flame, dropped down upon him.

An hour later he found himself lying on the still hillside, knowing only a great wonderment. At first his only impulse was to go back to sleep. He didn't understand the grayness that had come upon the mountain world, his own strange feeling of numbness, of endless soaring through infinite spaces. But he was a mountain man, and that meant he was schooled, beyond all things, to keep his self-control. He made himself remember. Yes—he had been cutting wood on the hillside, and the shadows had been long. He had been wondering whether or not they should go down to the valleys.

He remembered now: the last blow and the rolling log. He tried to turn his head to look up to the hill.

He found himself wholly unable to do it. Something wracked him in his neck when he tried to move. But he did glance down. And yes, he could turn in this direction. And he saw the great tree trunk lying twenty feet below him, wedged in between the young pines.

He was surrounded by broken fragments of limbs, and it was evident that the tree had not struck him a full blow. The limbs had protected him to some extent. No man is of such mold as to be crushed under the solid weight of the trunk and live to remember it. He wondered if this were the frontier of death—the grayness that lingered over him. He seemed to be soaring.

He brought himself back to earth and tried again to remember. Of course, the twilight had fallen. It had been late afternoon when he had cut the tree. His hand stole along his body; and then, for the first time, a hideous sickness came upon him. His hand was warm and wet when he brought it up. The other hand he couldn't stretch at all.

The forest was silent around him, except a bird calling somewhere near the house—a full voice, rich and clear, and it seemed to him that it had a quality of distress. Then he recognized it. It was the voice of his own daughter, Snowbird, calling for him. He tried to answer her.

It was only a whisper, at first. Yet she was coming nearer; and her own voice sounded louder. "Here, Snowbird," he called again. She heard him then: he could tell by the startled tone of her reply. The next instant she was at his side, her tears dropping on his face.

With a tremendous effort of will he recalled his speeding faculties. "I don't think I'm badly hurt," he told her very quietly. "A few ribs broken—and a leg. But we'll have to winter here on the Divide, Snowbird mine."

"What does it matter, if you live?" she cried. She crawled along the pine needles beside him, and tore his shirt from his breast. He was rapidly sinking into unconsciousness. The thing she dreaded most—that his back might be broken—was evidently not true. There were, as he said, broken ribs and evidently one severe fracture of the leg bone. Whether he had sustained internal injuries that would end his life before the morning, she had no way of knowing.

At this point, the problem of saving her father's life fell wholly into her hands. His broken body could not be carried over the mountain road to physicians in the valleys. They must be transported to the ranch. It would take them a full day to make the trip, even if she could get word to them at once; and twenty-four hours without medical attention would probably cost her father his life. The nearest telephone was at the ranger station, twelve miles distant over a mountain trail. The telephone line to Bald mountain, four miles off, had been disconnected when the rains had ended the peril of the forest fire.

It all depended upon her. Bill was driving cattle into the valleys, and he and his men had in use all the horses on the ranch with one exception. The remaining horse had been ridden by Dan to some distant marshes, and as Dan would shoot until sunset, that meant he would not return until ten o'clock. There was no road for a car to the ranger station, only a rough steep trail, and she remembered, with a sinking heart, that one of Bill's missions in the valley was to procure a new lighting system. By no conceivable possibility could she drive down that mountain road in the darkness. But she was somewhat relieved by the thought that in all probability she could walk twelve miles across the mountains to the ranger station in much less time than she could drive, by automobile, seventy miles down to the ranches at the foothills about the valley.

Besides, she remembered with a gladdening heart that Richards, one of the rangers, had been a student at a medical college and had taken a position with the forest service to regain his health. She would cross the ridge to the station, phone for a doctor in the valleys, and would return on horseback with Richards for such first aid as he could give. The only problem that remained was that of getting her father into the house.

He was stirring a little now. Evidently consciousness was returning to him. And then she thanked heaven for the few simple lessons in first aid that her father had taught her in the days before carelessness had come upon him. One of his lessons had been that of carrying an unconscious human form—a method by which even a woman may carry, for a short distance, a heavy man. It was approximately the method used in carrying wounded in No Man's Land: the body thrown over the shoulders, one arm through the fork of the legs to the wounded man's hand. Her father was not a particularly heavy man, and she was an exceptionally strong young woman. She knew at once that this problem was solved.

The hardest part was lifting him to her shoulders. Only by calling upon her last ounce of strength, and tugging upward with her arms, was she able to do it. But it was fairly easy, in her desperation, to carry him down the hill. What rest she got she took by leaning against a tree, the limp body still across her shoulders.

It was a distance of one hundred yards in all. No muscles but those trained by the outdoors, no lungs except those made strong by the mountain air, could have stood that test. She laid him on his own bed, on the lower floor, and set his broken limbs the best she could. She covered him up with thick, fleecy blankets, and set a bottle of whisky beside the bed. Then she wrote a note to Dan and fastened it upon one of the interior doors.

She drew on her hob-nailed boots—needed sorely for the steep climb—and pocketed her pistol. She thrust a handful of jerked venison into the pocket of her coat and lighted the lantern. The forest night had fallen, soft and vibrant and tremulous, over the heads of the dark trees when she started out.

CHAPTER IV

Snowbird felt very glad of her intimate, accurate knowledge of the whole region of the Divide. In her infancy the winding trails had been her playground, and long ago she had acquired the mountaineer's sixth sense for traversing them at night. She had need of that knowledge now. She slipped into her free, swinging stride; and the last beams from the windows of the house were soon lost in the pines behind her. It was one of those silent, breathless nights with which no mountaineer is entirely unacquainted, and for a long time the only sound she could hear was her own soft tramp in the pine needles. The trees themselves were motionless. That peculiar sound, not greatly different from that of running water which the wind often makes in the pine tops, was entirely lacking. Not that she could be deceived by it—as stories tell that certain tenderfeet, dying of thirst in the barren hills, have been. But she always liked the sound; and she missed it especially tonight.

She felt that if she would stop to listen, there would be many faint sounds in the thickets—those little hushed noises that the wild things make to remind night-wanderers of their presence. But she did not in the least care to hear these sounds. They do not tend toward peace of mind on a long walk over the ridges.

The wilderness began at once. Whatever influence toward civilization her father's house had brought to the wilds chopped off as beneath a blade in the first fringe of pines. This is altogether characteristic of the Oregon forests. They are much too big and too old to be tamed in any large degree by the presence of one house. No one knew this fact better than Lennox himself who, in a hard winter of four years before, had looked out of his window to find the wolf pack ranged in a hungry circle about his house. Within two hundred yards after she had passed through her father's door, she was perfectly aware that the wild was stirring and throbbing with life about her. At first she tried very hard to think of other things. But the attempt wasn't entirely a success. And before she had covered the first of the twelve miles, the sounds that from the first had been knocking at the door of her consciousness began to make an entrance.

If a person lies still long enough, he can usually hear his heart beating and the flow of his blood in his arteries. Any sound, no matter how faint, will make itself heard at last. It was this way with a very peculiar noise that crept up through the silence from the trail behind her. She wouldn't give it any heed at first. But in a very little while indeed, it grew so insistent that she could no longer disregard it.

Some living creature was trotting along on the trail behind, keeping approximately the same distance between them.

Foregoing any attempt to ignore it, she set her cool young mind to thinking what manner of beast it might be. its step was not greatly different from that of a large dog—except possibly a dog would have made slightly more noise. Yet she couldn't even be sure of this basic premise, because this animal, whatever it might be, had at first seemingly moved with utmost caution, but now took less care with its step than is customary with the wild denizens of the woods. A wolf, for instance, can simply drift when it wishes, and the silence of a cougar is a name. Yet unless her pursuer were a dog, which seemed entirely unlikely, it was certainly one of these two. She would have liked very much to believe the step was that of Old Wolf the bear, suddenly curious as to what this dim light of hers might be; but she couldn't bring herself to accept the lie. Woof, except when wounded or cornered, is the most amiable creature in the Oregon woods, and it would give her almost a sense of security to have him waddling along behind her. The wolves and cougar, remembering the arms of Woof, would not be nearly so curious. But unfortunately, the black bear had never done such a thing in the memory of man, and if he had, he would have made six times as much noise. He can go fairly softly when he is stalking, but when he is obliged to trot—as he would be obliged to do to keep up with a swift-walking human figure—he cracks twigs like a rolling log. She had the impression that the animal behind had been passing like smoke at first, but wasn't taking the trouble to do it now.

The sound was a soft pat-pat on the trail—sometimes entirely obliterated but always recurring when she began to believe that she had only fancied its presence. Sometimes a twig, rain-soaked though it was, cracked beneath a heavy foot, and again and again she heard the brush crushing and rustling as something passed through. Sometimes, when the trail was covered with soft pine needles, it was practically indistinguishable.

The animal was approximately one hundred feet behind. It wasn't a wolf, she thought. The wolves ran in packs this season, and except in winter were more afraid of human beings than any other living creature. It wasn't a lynx—one of those curiosity-devoured little felines that will mew all day on a trail and never dare come near. It was much too large for a lynx. The feet fell too solidly. There were no dogs in the mountains to follow at heel; and she had no desire whatever to meet Shag, the faithful hybrid that used to be her guardian in the hills. For Shag had gone to his well-deserved rest several seasons before. Two other possibilities remained. One was that this follower was a human being, the other that it was a cougar.

Ordinarily a human being is much more potentially dangerous to a woman in the hills at night than a cougar. A cougar is an abject coward and some men are not. But Snowbird felt herself entirely capable of handling any human foes. They would have no advantage over her; they would have no purpose in killing from ambush; and she trusted to her own marksmanship implicitly. While it is an extremely difficult thing to shoot at a cougar leaping from the thicket, a tall man standing on a trail presents an easy target. Besides, she had a vague sense of discomfort that if this animal were a cougar, he wasn't acting true to form. He was altogether too bold.

The animal on the trail behind her was taking no care at all to go silently. He was simply pit-patting along, wholly at his ease. He acted as if the fear that men have instilled in his breed was somehow missing. And that is why she instinctively tried to hurry on the trail.

The step kept pace. For a long mile, up a barren ridge, she heard every step it made. Then, as the brush closed deeper around her, she couldn't hear it at all.

She hurried on, straining to the silence. No, the sound was stopped. Could it be that the animal, fearful at last, had turned from her trail? And then for the first time a gasp that was not greatly different from a despairing sob caught at her throat. She heard the steps again, and they were in the thickets just beside her.

She Heard the Steps Again.

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Two hours before Snowbird had left the house, on her long tramp to the ranger station, Dan had started home. He hadn't shot until sunset, as he had planned.

He rode one of Lennox's cattle ponies, the only piece of horse-flesh that Bill had not taken to the valleys when he had driven down the live stock. She was a pretty bay, a spirited, high-bred mare that could whip about on her hind legs at the touch of the rein on her neck. She made good time along the trail. And an hour before sunset he passed the only human habitation between the marsh and Lennox's house—the cabin that had been recently occupied by Landy Hildreth.

He glanced at the place as he passed and saw that it was deserted. No smell of wood smoke remained in the air. Evidently Landy had gone down to the settlements with his precious testimony in regard to the arson ring. Yet it was curious that no word had been heard of him. As far as Dan knew, neither the courts nor the forest service had taken action.

He hurried on, four miles farther. The trail entered the heavy thickets, and he had to ride slowly. It was as wild a section as could be found on the whole Divide. And just as he came to a little cleared space, three strange dark birds flung up on wide-spreading wings.

He knew them at once. All mountaineers come to know them before their days are done. They were the buzzards, the followers of the dead. And what they were doing in the thicket just beside the trail, Dan did not dare to think.

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Roy Butler, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, is visiting friends in Belmond this week. Mr. Butler was formerly a resident of this city.

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H. J. Klemme left for California last week Tuesday to join his family, who went there some weeks ago.

Miss Fay Jenison was taken suddenly ill last Friday, and was found to be suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis. She was taken at once to the hospital here, where she was operated upon, and at this writting is reported as getting along very nicely.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS SALE

We expect to leave Belmond soon and must vacate our home by March 1st., so we are offering our furniture at private sale at reasonable prices. Call anytime at home fter Feb. 1.—Joseph Bohning. 103c

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The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will hold their reguar monthly business meeting in the church parlors this week Thursday afternoon. All members are requested to be present. Mrs. C. O. Fitts, Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Clausen are to be the hostesses.

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Clarence Obrecht, of Thornton, was a visitor with old friends here last week.

—I—

FOR SALE.

Two corner lots on hill, four rods from paving. Inquire at this office. 114*

—I—

F. E. Ramey, of Hampton, was a business caller here the first of the week.

—I—

The little daughters, Beth and Elanor Jean, of Rev. and Mrs. Edge, who have been ill the past two weeks, are much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sprenzel were the recipients of a surprise party one evening last week, the occasion being their wedding anniversary. The evening was spent in games and a general good time, refreshments being served.

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For Sale—Cutter, almost new. Inquire at this office. tf

—I—

Andrew Forsberg, of Minneapolis, was a business visitor here this week, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Osland. He is representing the Superior Metal Weather Strip company, who have headquarters at Minneapolis.

—I—

Hay for sale. Phone 1204.—W. A. Legge. 113*

—I—

For Sale—Reed baby carriage. Call 325. tf

—I—

Ginghams 15 cents per yard; Percale 20 cents at Hollman's. 113c

—I—

A. L. Purcell leaves today for Marshalltown, to enter the Old Soldiers Home. In 1857, when a lad of 19, Mr. Purcell was in a room at Urbanna, Illinois, where Lincoln, later on president, was holding a session of court. He remembers well the Spirit Lake massacre and the year following in his scout work, after the Indians, he became familiar with all the country around where the terrible massacre took place.

Court House News

Mary Frandsen of Eagle Grove will ask for a divorce from her husband Peter Frandsen, desertion being alleged.

Dr. H. P. Walker, of Clarion, was appointed coroner for the ensuing two years term by the board of supervisors at their meeting Monday.

Marriage licenses for week ending February 1st: Alfred Otteros and Elsie Beyer, Leslie Larson and Pearl Hanson, Guy Mullins and Mrs. Sarah Collins.

The third week of court will be devoted to the trial of criminal matters.

The McDowell divorce case from Clarion is set for trial on Thursday of this week.

Geo. Bassett, of Fort Dodge, sheriff of Webster county, was in Clarion yesterday as a witness before the grand jury. He assisted Sheriff Fisher in the capture of a quantity of clothing stolen from the Woolstock and Goldfield stores.

S. J. Packard is foreman of the grand jury. The others are: T. A. Davenport, Belmond; J. A. Lowden, Clarion; A. N. Rolfe, Eagle Grove; W. A. Burrows, Dows; John Soren, Clarion; Newton Bawn, Eagle Grove; It is expected that body will complete its labors today.

Judge Wright, of Fort, Dodge, is presiding at the present term of court which began Monday. The judge excused two school teachers from jury service, as they are exempt by law, the Misses Blanche Agard and Jessie Richardson. A third, Miss Mae Platt, of Eagle Grove, was excused for one week on account of the illness of her mother. All other jurors are to report next Monday, February 7.

The Johnson & Knutson cafe stock and fixtures were invoiced last week by D. H. Eyler, assignee. The same totalled $5636.10, as follows: Cigars, $811.24; tobacco, $102.12; stock of canned goods, etc., including candy, $603.74; fixtures, $1486.50; stoves, dishes and kitchen utensils, $1271.56; book accounts, $1356.62. In addition to the above is the soda fountain, show cases, eating booths, and cash register, which cost $3500. The sum of $1500 has been paid, leaving $2000 due, which is secured by mortgage. The claims of local firms and wholesale houses will foot up $1500 or more.

Last week Janitor McGrath was busy for several days mowing away a carload of coal in the court house basement. For the season of 1919-20 it took about ninety tons to keep the judges, jury and county officials warm The janitor hopes to get thru this season with considerable less fuel altho he is heating the entire basement in addition to the rooms on the main floor.

Man over to Clarion is suing his wife for divorce, claiming she is married to another fellow. 'Nother guy in Eastern Iowa wants a divorce because his wife wasn't married. No matter how you try, seems as tho it is impossible to please the men.

This spring-like weather gets under a person's skin and makes him feel like getting out the old fishin' tackle and oilin' up the old bus for a little try out. Don't believe it will pay to get too enthusiastic, tho; February comes before spring.

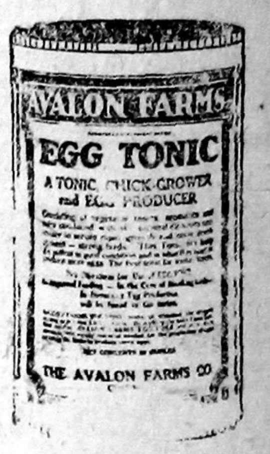
Fellow spilled a lot of this honor stuff to us the other day about the position of editor. Looked up to, honored, all that sort of mush. Huh! We know more than one who looks down on us instead of up, and some who can't even see us, while when it comes to honor, notice that there is about as much glory to it as any other line of endeavor, and no more. It's just plain work, like any other job, and not always as much in it, at that.

Maybe the honor is supposed to make up for the lacking cash.

If you know where they'll take honor in payment of bills due, send us the address.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sympathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach, invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the boweus. When you have any trouble with your stomach, give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.



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Our Miniature Salesman

is just a little chap, but he's chuck-full of suggestions for making attractive homes. His business is to show our friends the new season's most beautiful wall-papers. His services are absolutely free for the asking. Call, phone, or write for your copy of our Miniature Salesman NOW.

Schultz Drug Co.

Paying all Bills

With Checks

Gives You a Record of Your Business

The First National Bank

Belmond, Iowa

A Few Facts in Regard to the Benefits that the Town of Belmond and Vicinity have Derived by Virtue of the Operations of the Iowa Valley Sugar Company

Over $560,000 HAS been paid to farmers in this vicinity for Beets during the last campaign.

Most farmers concede that a 40 bushel per acre yield of corn is a maximum average yield from Iowa land. In order to get a return of $560,000 from corn, selling at 40c per bushel, it would require the cultivation of approximately 35,000 acres of land, 40 bushels to an acre.

Out of 5,800 ACRES of Beet land, that amount was paid to farmers. Contrast that with 35,000 acres of corn land.

$200,000 was spent here for labor. In a year like this, when corn is a drug on the market and no one wants to sell at these low prices, what would the merchants, renters, land owners and professional men of this vicinity do if

they did'nt have this $760,000

to keep the ball rolling? Think this over. The Sugar Plant is a THRESHING MACHINE for the Beet Growers of this community, to keep good land values up by paying a good return for the products of the land

Don't be a Slacker.

Everyone is Boosting.

Have You Noticed the Number of Short Locals in the Independent Each Week?

BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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EXPRESS CO. TO GIVE BETTER SERVICE HERE

County Declamatory Contest At School Next Friday

All Schools In The County To Be Represented Here In Contest For Beautiful Trophy Cup.

MANY BASKET BALL GAMES

Friday afternoon Division 2 of the Literary gave an excellent program to a good sized audience. Many of our town people were there and the Dows basket ball teams besides our own people.

The farce, "Rooms to Let," was very cleverly given. Every member of the cast, as well as Mrs. Peterson, who trained them, needs a great deal of credit.

The girls' basket ball team beat Dows girls team in a close game of 12 to 9. This is the first time the Belmond girls have beaten the Dows team in a number of years. The game was too rough to exhibit as much team work as the local girls are capble of doing, but every girl on the team played her particular part well. This game was the equal of the Garner game for fast playing.

GRADES

The Kindergarten visitors this week were: Miss Mary Barry, Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. Ada Fitts, Master Orvis Fitts, and Mrs. Gay Barth.

Recent visitors in grade 1 are: Mrs. C. C. McGuire, Miss Loretta McGuire, Miss Mary Barry, Mrs. Eugene Sullivan, Mrs. F. E Snyder.

The first grade room which has no tardy pupils, are now enjoying their doll house, which they have been busy furnishing.

We hope the parents will co-operate with the teachers in seeing that the pupils get to school on time.

Remember the girls' basket ball game after the declamatory contest Friday night. Admission free to all who attend the contest.

The boys' basket ball team has accepted the invitation to take p[illegible] the tournament held at Iowa State Teachers College, March 4 and 5.

Last Friday afternoon Nissen & Harbison phoned supt. Fyler, asking him to announce to the basket ball team that they would serve an oyster supper at Thompson's Cafe after the games. The annoucement was greeted with applause and the result was SOME basket ball game at night.

The school wishes to thank the above firm for the reception, as well as their interest manifested in other school activities.

The boys basket ball team played two games last week. We won from Swaledale Consolidated school Wednesday night by a score of 34 to 15. Friday night Dows won in the most exciting game of the season by a score of 23 to 20.

The Swaledale game was close in the first half with Swaledale ahead. The Belmond boys were in better condition and were able to score 20 points to Swaledale's 4 in the last half of the game.

The Dows game caught us with two first-string men out of the game, but Dows found us there all the way and the breaks of the game seemed to go against us most of the time.

We missed David Luick in both of the games and hope to have him with us next time. Eddie Christie played a few minutes in the Swaledale game and did good work. This was his first start for B. H. S. and we know it will not be the last. Lewis Parsons played his best game of the season in the Dows game. Everybody says: "Did you see that boy play?"

We are hoping we'll draw Dows in the county tournament.

Today our boys take the afternoon train for Swaledale, where they will play tonight. Arrangements have been made by Mr. Mortimer whereby the midnight train will stop at Swaledale for the Belmond team and boosters. Why not take a little outing this afternoon and go to Swaledale with our boys and help them bring home the bacon?

Several of our high school students made up Wednesday afternoon classes after school Tuesday night in order to be excused to go to Swaledale and back our boys.

Community night is enjoyed by a few every Tuesday night, but two or three times as many could just as well enjoy the evening. Plan to come each Tuesday night.

On Friday night, Feb. 25, the annual Wright County Declamatory contest will be held here. Seats will be on sale at Schultz's drug store on Wednesday. Reserved seats 50c. Be sure to get yours early so you may hear our high school in the contest with the other high schools of the county. The winning school will receive the beautiful trophy cup that is now being displayed in the window of the Belmond Savings Bank. William Chase will represent our school in the Oratorical cass, Carol Tyrrell in the Dramatic, and Elaine Rierson in the Humorous. Because of the length of the program, we must begin on time.

Remember—Friday, 8 o'clock, in the auditorium.

Saturday night the Normal Training club held its regular meeting at the school house. There was a very good attendance, and all enjoyed the educative slides on rural schools, which we were able to get from the Iowa State Teachers' College. After the business meeting and program, refreshments were served and a very pleasant social hour enjoyed.

Next Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock we would like to have all members of the Normal Training Club meet in Thoe's Studio to have a picture taken for the high school Annual.

Work is progressing very well on the high school Annual. Practically all the business firms have taken out an add, and we are sure that those who have not will see the advantage of aiding a school enterprise of this sort and will wish to do so.

M. J. Thoe is doing the photography for the annual, and is being kept busy after school hours.

The Alumni of B. H. S. are sending in their subscriptions every day. Send in yours at once to Grace Allen, subscription manager, before our order is placed, or it will be too late to get yours.

The Oratorical section of Wright county declamatory contest will be held in the high school auditorium on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. No additional charge will be made for this meeting. One ticket is good for both afternoon and evening.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

The Community Welfare Club will meet at the library basement on Friday afternoon of this week, Feb. 25.

This is the annual business meeting and election of officers for this year. All members are urged to be present, and all the ladies of the community who are not members are cordially invited to come and join the most worth-while club in town.

Membership dues are only one dollar a year.

Serving committee—Mrs. Earl Madsen, Mrs. Wm. Galliger, Mrs. E. S Fyler, Mrs. C. J. Jones, Mrs. M. G. Luick, Mrs. Guy Baker, Miss Rena Purdy, Miss Daisy Cameron, Mrs. Louis Hauge, Mrs. J. D. Baker.

DISTRICT COURT SLOWLY GRINDS

District Court slowly grinds away, the Cunningham slander suit having been disposed of in favor of Dr. Cunningham, of Goldfield, the defendant. Another slander suit is now on for trial, Patrick Brennan vs. Wm. Wood, a case from Eagle Grove.

The Mc Dowell divorce case is still up for consideration. A new divorce was filed this week. Lillian Nelson vs. Roy Nelson. She is alleging cruelty and inhuman treatment, and her petition alleges that he was guilty of associating with other women and bragged about it. She was given a temporary order for the payment of $50 to secure witnesses and pay attorney fees, and $60 a month until a decree is rendered. They have two children, a son and daughter.

There is still plenty of business ahead, mostly of minor importance.

Clarion Suffers Disastrous Fire In Gasoline Explosion

Explosion Of Barrel Of High Test Gasolene Wrecks Buildings And Destroys Much Property.

SEVERAL MEN BADLY BURNED

Fire starting from the explosion of a barrel of high test gasoline, gutted the Roosevlt grocery in the G. W. Young corner block, Thursday afternoon and severely injured John Graves, A. C. Jackson and Ed and Willard Whitman, who were badly burned. Physicians, after dressing the four, stated that their injuries, tho painful and severe, were not necessarily fatal.

The explosion occurred in the rear room of the Roosevelt grocery Tuesday afternoon when a drayman and clerks were unloading a barrel of gasoline. In their endeavor to tap the barrel after it had been placed in its accustomed position they pounded the barrel with a hammer and it is believed a spark from one of the blows ignited the gasoline, causing he blast which wrecked the store and shook he entire countryside, shattering windows in business houses throughout the business district.

Graves, the most seriously hurt, was standing in a doorway when the explosion occurred. He was blown 30 feet into the middle of the street. His clothes were stripped from him by the force of the blast and every inch of his body was charred. Mr. Jackman, a drayman, was severely burned on the face and hands. The flesh where the full force of the blaze had reached was scorched and cooked. On Mr. Jackman's hands it rolled off in small strips.

Explosion Aroused the City.

The explosion came shortly before four o'clock. It came with a deadened sound, and shook every business building on the street. People sensed that it was no ordinary explosion and before the flames and smoke were pouring through the front of the store, hundreds of people were rushing to the street. The alarm was sounded and in less than three minutes the hose cart was getting into action. The volunteer firemen did valiant work, exposing themselves to the suffocating smoke and intense fire, but it was practically three quarters of an hour before the blaze was under control, and it was more than an hour after the explosion before the blaze had been smothered and put out.

The explosion and fire caused the total wreck of the Roosevelt Grocery store and heavy loses in the Odd Fellows hall which is above it and the McCoy and Nagles dry goods store.

AMERICAN LEGION PLAY

Eimbring Post No. 35 of Belmond will stage a play in the near future to raise money so that we may establish a permanent organization for the veterans of the world war. It is our aim to secure club rooms where we may hold regular meetings and equip for entertainments or any social gatherings we might have. To accomplish this aim we ask your support.

We have secured the services of Josephine Freil McAlpine, and under her directions its success is assurred.

The play that will be presented is

NEVADA

A comedy Drama in Three Acts

Cast of Characters

Nevada (The Wanderer) ---------- A. H. Skovlin
Vermont (An old miner) ---------- W. A. Parker
Tom Carew (Young miner) ---------- C. M. Morse
Dandy Dick (Young miner) ---------- C. O. Fitts
Silas Steele (A missionary of health) ----- Cato C. Griesy
Jerden, (A detective) G. H. Klemme
Jube (A black miner) -- Ted Townsan
Win Kye (A Chinaman) -- F. Bailey
Mother Merton -------- Mrs. Goelz
Agnes Fairlee ---- Mrs. C. M. Morse
Moselle (A waif) ---------- Shirley Thompson

FREE AIR!

Ye ed went to Des Moines last week to attend the Sixth Annual Convention of the Iowa Press Association.

We were accompanied by Leo Kenefick, otherwise known as "Kenny."

And we had some time!

You tell 'em!

First off, we went on the Rock Island, and to start things right, the train started off without us. We gave a first-class imitation of a steam whistle, and the conductor waves for a stop.

We were off. And pretty soon we thought the train was, too. When it wasn't going up it was going down or sideways, some of the time all three at once.

We traveled first class. That is, in the baggage car, along with the rest of the live stock. Chickens, and geese, and dogs, and other insects.

We had some time, that's a fact. At Dows we transferred for Iowa Falls, and at that place for Des Moines. All the express messengers lugged a gat. One was a sort of half-grown pop gun that might have made a noise had it gone off. Had we been a bandit, we would have been afraid the thing might get mixed in the loot.

At Iowa Falls we ran across Ray Klemme, and the three of us had chow in a swell cafe. At least, we suppose by the price that it was swell.

But say, the prices there were not in it with the capital city. Down there it costs you six bits to get a tooth pick, and after you've got thru paying for the meal you generally go without the pick.

There's a reason.

It was colder than a miser's heart at Iowa Falls, and the train was late so that we laid in that burg for three hours. Had a fine time there. Fine.

Got to Des Moines an hour late, and went to the Savery, where we had a room reserved. An hour later we were full of food, cinders and thought. About equally divided.

You can get anything you want in Des Moines—if you have the price. We figured that we had the price for just about three days, and after that we were coming home where you could get a ham sandwich for two nickels instead of four bits and a tip.

The Savery is some dump, tho, we will say that for it. Service is their motto, and you certainly get it. The whole thing looks like the idle dream of a spendthrift millionaire.

Never saw a person we knew on Thursday until Wallace Ramsay, of the Herald-Press, hailed us. Say, he looked mighty good to us, we're here to remark. The next day we met Mr. Wolcott, who sent his regards to his old friends here.

The meetings were excellent, and we gained much that was of great value to us in the newspaper game. The speakers numbered some of the ablest in the country, among them being our next secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wallace, of Des Moines, Gov Parker, of Louisiana, speakers from Ames, Des Moines, and other points, who knew what they were talking about.

Thursday night we had the pleasure of seeing the prettiest girl in Iowa, Jaunita Thompson, of Jesup the prize winner of the Des Moines Capital's contest. Boys, she was sure a dream! Ask Kenny; he had an introduction.

Friday night we were among the five or six hundred guests of the Greater Des Moines Committee at a banquet in the ball room of the Savery hotel. It was a splendid feed, with two very excellent addresses by Wallace and Parker.

The ball room, which occupies a small part of the second floor of the hotel, is about the size of the opera house.

We started home Saturday night via the M. & St. L. That road from Des Moines to Fort Dodge is a living truth of the saying: "Misery and still late." It was both, in large quantities. We suggest to the war department that all recruits to the navy be given a ride over that road before going to sea. If they can do it and live, seasickness will never bother them at all.

There was a duck on board, and it's almost the truth that that duck laid an egg, and the thing was scrambled when we got to Fort Dodge.

The messenger was an ex-service man. Two stations out of Des Moines a rough box was shoved in, and the two sat on the box and swapped tales all the way. There was a bunch of shovels there too, and with the box and the shovels, Keny said all they needed was something to plant. We had a sneaking notion that if the road got any worse we'd furnish the final necessity.

At Fort Dodge we visited with "Shorty" White, night agent at the Interurban. Pretty soon Howard Wolle came in, and shortly after Lars Johanson, and we held a reunion.

There were lots of adventures on the trip that we haven't mentioned. For instance, there was the souse who tried to get in our room at 1 p m. or a. m. rather, Saturday morning. Kenny gently persuaded him that he was in the wrong pew, and the fellow went across the hall to reconsider. He went real fast and sudden, too.

Then there were the elevator girls. But ask Kenny about them. He rode up and down all day.

Four things about Des Moines that impressed us:

They have the most pretty girls of any town we were ever in.

And the most homely men;

They have the most polite citizens:

And the highest prices.

It's a clean looking town, a hustling place, and contains some splendid buildings. Something is always happening there to furnish front page stuff; there was a murder, suicide, auto accident, fatal, and a fire within two or three blocks of us during the three days, to say nothing of the rest of the town.

We wouldn't want to live there, and especially at a hotel, on a bet. It gets too monotonous. We have never met with finer people. tho and our trip was very enjoyable as well as profitable in every way.

We sure had some time. Ask Kenny.

Kenny ran around with a badge pinned on him, which stated that be belonged to the order. He insisted that he was the "chairman" of the outfit, and that we were the "cherrie". At that he wasn't very far off.

And he had his pichure took, as one of the editors of the state. He looks as wise as an owl. Thinking of the elevator girls, probably.

We had a regular time, You tell 'em.

NIGHT TRAINS TO CARRY EXPRESS AFTER MARCH 1

Express Company Sends Special Representative To Belmond To Investigate The Field.

MEETS SOME LOCAL PARTIES

Sees Need For Improved Service And Promises To Start Night Service First of The Month.

Mr. F. J. Nolan. route agent of the American Express company, with headquarters at Fort Dodge, was in Belmond last week Monday to look the express field over.

He came in answer to the dozens of letters and complaints from the various business firms and establishments of Belmond, regarding the service which this town was receiving over the Great Western road, with one-way service.

Mr. Nolan talked with he president of the Chamber of Commerce, with sugar company officials, looking the field over for night service and soon arrived at the conclusion that the town was deserving of better express service.

The night service will start the first of March, and it is the intention to resume the Sunday service also in the near future.

With this, Belmond will receive in a large degree a service that will meet the needs of the town.

Much of the credit for this improvement may be given to J. S. White, local agent for the company. He has endeavored at all times to get a real service here, and it was thru his strong endorsement that the matter was finally given serious consideration.

FIREMEN DO SOME QUICK WORK IN TEST LAST WEEK

The fire company was given an unexpected test last week, when the fire chief, Geo. Brady, gave them a surprise test.

The alarm was sounded, and the fire company timed from the instant of the alarm. The test ws a run some 12 blocks to the north end of town, where the fire was supposed to be.

In one minute and a half from the first sound of the siren, the company was on the way to the scene, with full equipment and ready for action. In five minutes from the sound of the alarm, they had the engine on the spot, the hose unwound, connected up, and water flowing.

This is some record for a volunteer fire company, and one which the citizens of the community should take great pride in. It indicates that in Belmond the fire protection, so far as the fire company is concerned, is number one.

The boys, however, are lacking in some equipment, and some means should be found immediately of securing for the necessary equipment, so that should Belmond be visited by a fire such as Clarion's recent one, the firemen would be able to adequately combat it.

EXPRESS COMPANY HELPS EUROPEAN RELIEF

Among the numerous agencies throughout the country co-operating with Herbert Hoover, Chairman of the European Relief Council, in his efforts to raise $33,000,000 by means of a national collection for the relief of incipient starvation among 3,500,000 children in the war stricken countries of Easter and Central Europe are the American Express Co., and the American Railway Express Company

Through the authorization of G. C. Tayler, president of both organizations, "INVISIBLE GUEST" certificates, certifying that the purchaser has salvaged the life of one or more of the little war victims, have been placed on sale in 25,000 of the company's offices thruout the United States. The cost of saving one child until the acute condition has been relieved by the next European harvest is $10.00, but donations of smaller sums are welcome, and a contribution of only $1.00, under the economical administration of the Council, will keep life in a little body for a month.

The European Relief Council is an amalgamation of the American Friends Service Committee, American Red Cross, American Relief Administration, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., formed by Mr. Hoover for the elimination of duplicate effort in ministering to the starving children, to the end that the last penny of every dollar contributed might reach a hungry child in the form of food or medical service.

OLD TIME SALE.

The News, of Newton, Iowa, says: "Orville Godwin brings the Daily News the following clipping of a public sale held in Kentucky in 1850. It is interesting to read, even if the articles offered for sale are not to be seen at a public sale of these days. The bill follows:

"Having sold my farm and intending to move to Missouri, I will sell at public sale, one mile west and four mies south of Harrisburg, Kentucky, on Saturday, September 26, 1850, the following described property, to-wit: One buck nigger, 25 years old, weight 210 pounds; 4 nigger wenches from 18 to 24 years old; 3 nigger boys 6 years old; 13 nigger hoes; one pine sled; 6 yokes of oxen well broke, 10 ox yokes with hickory boys, 2 ox carts with 6 inch tires, one saddle, 3 double shovel plows, 10 and 12 inch; 25 onegallon whiskey jugs; 100 gallons of apple cider; one barrel of good sorghum; 2 barrels of soap; 2 barrels of krout, one extra good nigger whip; 2 tons of tobacco, two yrs. old. Sale will start at ten. Terms cash. I need the money.

"Colonel H. W. Johnson, Auct.,
"Bill Crawford, Clerk
"Joe Coley, Owner."

Farm Page

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

WALL LAKE ENTERTAINMENT

Floyd Bubeck, W. L. Meyer and Ed. Smith, officers of Wall Lake township farm bureau, announce a meeting at the center school for Friday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:30.

Arrangements have been made for a special speaker from Ames who will lecture on the subjects which are closely associated with the farm bureau work of the state. The county agent will also be present to assist in the meeting.

Due to a misunderstanding regarding the date of the last meeting the county agent failed to put in an appearance but notice is hereby given that he will be at this next meeting without fail.

Every farm bureau member in the township is especially urged to attend this meeting because the special speaker intends to spend considerable time in explaining what has been done in the past by the farm bureau as well as what it expects to do in the future.

LINCOLN SOCIAL AT DISTRICT 6

A real community get-to-gether social was held at Lincoln school district No. 6 on Friday evening, Feb. 18, and the school house was packed with farmers, their wives and children to enjoy the splendid program which was so well arranged.

We understand that this program was planned and arranged by a committee of three men consisting of W. W. Cooley, chairman, Enos. C. Matson and C. A. Collins. This committee did very good work, but due credit must be given Miss Downing, a local teacher, who gave such valuable assistance in executing the program which had been arranged.

The evening's program was started with a business meeting during which plans were formulated for the next regular community club meeting which was planned for the evening of March 11. After this short business meeting the regular program was taken up. The first number of the regular program was community singing lead by Miss Downing, followed by one number which was put on by the pupils of the local school. This was followed by a selection from the male quartette, after which a splendid reading was rendered by Glen Simpson of Galt. An interesting talk was then given by the county agent, followed by another reading by Miss Thelma Purse, of Sioux City. The next number on the program was a debate on the subject, "Resolved: That dairy cattle are more profitable than beef cattle in Wright county," the affrmative being taken by W. W. Weld, Enos C. Matson and G. W. State, the negative going to C. A. Collins, Clarence Rusk and . W. Cooley. The decision of the judges, consisting of Howard Meeker, Wm. Dexter and county agent Edwards, rendered a unanimous decision in favor of the affrmative. This was followed by a very interesting address by Miss Blanch Bock, county superintendent of schools, and then by a general plan being given for the next meeting as outlined by the committee.

Again Lincoln township has shown its ability to plan and execute a real community social and all those who took active part in this affair should feel well complimented by the fact that such a splendid showing was made at this meeting. The gathering broke up at about midnight and everyone who attended left with a firm determination to continue the community spirit which was so evident in Lincoln township.

HOME EQUIPMENT LECTURES

Miss Bertha Holden, assistant state leader of home demonstration agents, was in Wright county on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16 and 17, for the purpose of conducting home equipment lectures.

The meeting which was held at the center school, Eagle Grove township, at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, was well attended and considerable interest developed in regard to planning kitchens in new farm homes. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, who have just completed a new home recently, were present and brought out several points of interest in connection with the kitchen equipment in their new home. Miss Holden made some very modern equipment which it is possible to have at a very reasonble cost.

Miss Holden conducted the same type of a meeting in the Troy church, Troy township, on the afternoon of Feb. 16, and altho the roads were bad the ladies who were particularly interested in the work managed to get to the meeting. Miss Holden's work seems to have taken quite favorably in the county and we regret that we could not have her with us longer. Because of the poor condition of the roads the meetings for Miss Holden which were scheduled in Grant and Lake townships, for the morning and afternoon of Thursday, Feb .17, were postponed until some later date when the weather and road conditions will be more favorable for her work. Mrs. M. L. Clark and E. W. Campbell, the township chairmen for Lake, and Mrs. Myrle Peck and C. L. Hall, for Grant, wish to announce that arrangements will be made if possible to secure the services of Miss Holden for this work later and in case it is possible to get her back with us, announcement of dates will be made.

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCE AT EMMETSBURG

About 19 county agents representing the counties of northwest Iowa met at the office of county agent Fred F. Clarke, at Emmetsburg, Iowa, on Tuesday, Feb. 15, for the purpose of talking over the matter of importance to all farmers of this section of the state.

Plans for organizing and executing the work for the coming year were outlined at this meeting and several resolutions for improving the work were recommended and accepted. A committee of three county agents was appointed by the chairman of the meeting to draft resolutions and a copy of these resolutions will be printed later.

W. T. Maakestad, county agent for Kossuth, with headquarters at Algona was elected temporary chairman at the conference and Glen Ellis, county agent for Cherokee, was elected temporary secretary for the meeting.

Our local agent attended this conference and returned the same day to resume his regular work at Clarion. Matters of importance were brought up at this meeting which will be carried to the state conference of county agents, home demonstration agents and extension workers which will be held at Ames, during the week of Feb. 21. It is during this week that all county agents and extension workers will exchange views on a state-wide plan for carrying on the farm bureau work for next year. With 100 county agents in the state of Iowa it is thought that some very definite plan of procedure will be developed a this Ames conference.

NEAR EAST RELIEF CAMPAIGN

The Near East Relief campaign which was staged in Wright county a short time ago has given encouraging results which is indicated by the returns which have been turned in recently.

Up to the present $151.83 has been contributed by farmers and others of the community, who felt that the cause was a worthy one and realized that their assistance however small, was needed and appreciated.

It will be remembered those who wished to contribute to the relief of the starving children of Europe were asked to contribute to the cause by giving corn, which was to be turned into cash and sent direct to the relief fund to be used in buying corn near the sea board.

This is a splendid showing up to date, but a number of people who have indicated their desire to contribute to this cause have not turned in their portion as yet, and it is hoped that in the near future these contributions as well as others which may be given toward this fund will be coming in promptly, so that the matter will be cleared up as soon as possible and the 400,000 starving children in Europe, who are looking to this country, the land of plenty, for food merely to prevent death, from starvation will not be dissappointed in the confidence which the people have placed in our great nation.

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"In fact, when I visited the college, it seemed to me that I had never seen so many litters of unusual size assembled in one small spot in my life," said Guy W. Green, of the staff of the Poland China Journal in writing of this remarkable herd.

James W. Wilson, professor of animal husbandry at the college and director of the South Dakota experiment station, says that the care and feed the sows receive is largely responsible for their unusual prolificacy, also that in selecting prospective matrons he keeps especially in mind the number of pigs in the litters from which they came.

Exercise is also a large causative factor in the reproductive enthusiasm which the sows show, he says They are constantly walked to and from the pavilion where they are used by the classes in stock judging.Thus they receive their exercise at the same time that they are serving the commonwealth in the education of the rising generation.

The college is especially proud of the barrows, which it markets every fall, the ones sold in November being the best that ever eft the institution.

FIRST IN FARMING

When this country was in its time of greatest stress it turned to a farmer for guidance, and he led it to victory and independence.

George Washington was the sort of farmer whose everyday life qualified him for leadership. He was a great reader and a thoughtful student. He was a dilligent searcher for improved methods. The ways that were good enough for father were not always good enough for him. His farming tools were kept dry and clean. He is shown to have studied and intelligently practiced crop rotation. He selected good seed for planting. For a man of his time and station George Washington worked hard, but he was never too busy to lend a hand when neighborliness and good citizenship were the principal demands. He has been well honored as a soldier and a statesman. This is to accord him recognitioni as a good farmer.

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Auction Sale!

Having decided to quit farming, I will hold a closing out public sale on the D. H. Hake farm 5 1-2 miles southeast of Belmond, 4 miles north and 1 mile west of Rowan, on

Friday, Feb. 25

Commencing at 1:00 O'clock Sharp, the Following Described Property:

13 - Head of Cattle - 13

2 YEARLING HEIFERS — 3 YOUNG CALVES — 8 MILK COWS, 3 ARE FRESH

5 Head of Horses 5

1 BAY MARE, 9 YEARS OLD, WT. 1200
1 BLACK MARE, 7 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT 1400
1 BAY MARE, 10 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT 1300
1 BAY ROAN, 5 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT 1400
1 BAY MARE, 4 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT 1100

20 HEAD OF HOGS 20

10 Head of Fall Pigs — Some brood sows, due to farrow soon
Balance last spring hogs

Farm Machinery, Etc.

3 DISKS
1 McCORMICK CORN BINDER
2 LUMBER WAGONS
1 SET OF LIGHT DRIVING HARNESS
1 EMERSON SULKY STUBBLE PLOW
1 BINDER IN GOOD CONDITION
A NUMBER OF HORSE COLLARS
1 POTATO DIGGER
2 RIDING CORN PLOWS
1 6-FOOT McCORMICK MOWER
1 SET OF NEARLY NEW HEAVY HARNESS
1 POWER WASHING MACHINE
3 INCUBATORS, CONSISTING OF 1 SHURE HATCH, 1 OLD TRUSTY, 1 THOMPSON

One share in ensilage cutter — About 1000 bushels good corn in crib
Many other articles too numerous to mention

TERMS: $10 and under, cash; over that amount 11 months time on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on date of sale,

L. V. SHARP
Proprietor

T. D. RANKINS, Auctioneer. — BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, Clerk

Rowan News

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The Rev. Tomkinson will deliver his lecture, "The Pathos and Humor of the Halifax Explosion," in the M. E. church, on Monday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p. m. This promises to be one of the most thrilling lectures ever given in Rowan, as Mr. Tomkinson was eye witness of the scenes and incidents connected with the great catastrophe. The explosion which cost Canada forty million dollars was brought about by the colliding of two war boats, a French munition boat, the Mont Blanc, which carried hundreds of tons of high explosives, and the Imo, a Belgian relief steamer. You cannot afford to miss this interesting talk. Admission will be by ticket.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Sermon topics for Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Congregational church are announced as follows: a. m.—"The Hindered Builders." Junior talk: "A New Rule of Multiplication." p. m.—"He Went Away."

The church was well filled at the morning service. The pastor's sermon on "The Pastured Sheep" was full of inspiration and her Junior talks are a sermon in themselves. The evening sermon was strong and the ones present felt benefited by being there. The choir furnished special music at both services.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

Grace Fitz, Izetta Fletcher, Mrs. Will Bailey, Mrs. LaGue and Rev. Tomkinson visited the primary room last week.

Little Fern Carr of grade one is very sick. Class mates hope she will be with them again soon.

LaVonne McCallum of grade two has been neither absent nor tardy thus far during the school year.

Wendell Payne enrolled in the second grade last Tuesday.

Edward Rietz is back in school after a long spell of sickness.

Bealuh Payne entered the fifth grade Monday.

Mrs. Perle LaGue, Mrs. Earl Sellers and Mrs. Andrews visited Miss Drahiem's room Wednesday.

Joe Hubbel had a slight attack of tonsilitis last week.

Donald McCallum is improving from his injury nicely at this writing.

The home declamatory contest is to be held Tuesday eve. Feb. 22 at 8 o'clock. Here's a good chance to hear from students who have put forth an effort to show ability before the public. Let's show our co-operation by being there. The winning contestants go to the county contest Friday evening, Feb. 25, at Belmond.

The boys' and girls' basket ball tetams played at Sheffield, Friday, Feb. 18, but both gmes were non-victorious to Rowan. Both teams were greatly handicaped, by having players off the team.

The pupils of the high school attended the live stock sale on Thursday, Feb. 17, as part of their agriculture work.

C. G. Morrison spent the week end in Hampton with friends.

Bernice Bailey has been on the sick list.

Marie Hinkley was absent from school Thursday, because of illness.

One of the classes in high school enjoy themselves immensely on certain occasions. This is noted especially by others when they come from classes, as they always need a drink of water.

Russell Gates, of Sioux City, came Tuesday to spend a short time with relatives and friends at this place. He goes from here to Pasadena, California.

D. W. Whitten returned from the G. W. C. convention at Des Moines, Thursday.

Sunday of last week the following were guests at the Fred Aldrich home Edgar Mantle, Marjorie Brooks, Thelma Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jaccobs.

Mrs. Chris Fowler and Mrs. F. H. Fowler were Dows callers between trains Friday.

E. Bingham went to Belmond, Friday, to attend a Duroc Jersey hog sale put on by E. G. Reed & Son and Geo. Thompson. They sold about 50 head, the price running from $35 to $60 per head. A good crowd attended.

A nine-pound girl arrived at the home of Peter Mathiason, Thursday, Feb. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred -Kercheval and small son were Belmond callers on Friday.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of Carion, was visiting her mother, Mrs. Snyder, on Saturday.

The anniversary of the W. F. M. S. will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday, Feb. 27. A special program of music is being prep[illegible]ed for the service, and the pastor w[illegible] deliver a special sermon on "The C[illegible]s and Crown of a World Program." There will also be a reception of members at the morning service. The pastor's subject in the evening will be "The Sunshine of Your Smile." The world has no use for people who go around with a growl and a grouch, it wants people who can smile. The old saying: "Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone," has more than partial truth in it.

The people of Rowan were fortunate last Sunday in being able to listen to two splendid addresses in the M. E. church by Capt. Boblitts. "The Unknown Girding of God" was the subject of his morning discourse and in the evening he spoke on "Bolshevism." His talks will long be remembered by the large audience who listened to him.

Thursday night the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Iserman gave them a easant surprise by bringing refreshmens and spending a very enjoyable evening together, before Mr. Iserman's leave for their new home in North Dakota. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Strayhorn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Nettles and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Moon and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Haupt. They enjoyed the evening very much.

Mrs. Sarah Moon was called to Hampton by the serious illness of Charley Roe.

John Fletcher, of near Grundy Center, surprised his sisters, Mrs. Will Whitten and Miss Alice Fletcher, with a visit over the week end.

Clifford Snow spent the week end at the Will Whitten ho[illegible]e.

Saturday, Joe Patton, Jr., and Peter Mathiason held a Duroc Jersey hog sale at the stock pavilion. They sold about forty head. The prices were fair and the sale was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Emerson entertained Rev. Ada Anderson, Sunday.

L. W. Stevenson is in the hospital at Rochester. Mrs. Stevenson accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and sons, James and Charles, at dinner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks entertained at dinner the following guests on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, Chester Moellering and Edgar Mantle.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum had a few young people in Wednesday even[illegible] for a social time. During the games of the evening, Mrs. McCallum got her arm hurt so that she had to have medical aid to have it dressed. Those present were: Geo. Aldrich, Blanch Box, Thelma Brooks, Chester Moellering, Marjory Brooks, Edgar Mantle, Russell Gates, of Sioux City, and Donald McCallum.

Friday night, at the A. H. Emerson home, the Messrs. H. J. Whitten, Ed. Underdahl, Roland Harris, Howard Box D. W. Whitten, Will Whitten and Lem Rowen were hostesses at a pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower given in honor of Miss Grace Fitz, of Clarion. Over fifty of her friends were present. The evening was spent in guessing games and contests. The house was beautifully and appropriately decorated with hearts and cupids. At the close of the evening, after partners had been found by matching hearts, dainty refreshments were served in which the heart idea was carried out. Grace received many beautiful and useful presents and her friends all hope she will enjoy using them as much as they enjoyed giving them.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson and Mrs. G. R. Stumph were Clarion callers on last Thursday.

Reuben Cupp, who had an operation for appendicitis at Iowa Falls, returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs, Thursday. He is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Dick Virden and Mrs. George Pritchett were Clarion callers Thursday.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society met with Mrs. F. H. Fowler, Thursday afternoon, for a social time. About thirty were present. Mrs. Fowler served refreshments which were enjoyed by all.

The Congregational Aid society met with Mrs. A. E. Emerson, Thursday afternoon, to quilt. They voted to buy silver ware for the church dining room. There was a good crowd and they accomplished a nice lot of work.

Mrs. D. W. Whitten was a Fort Dodge shopper Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Haupt, of Clarion, spent Sunday at the H. Iserman home.

Friend Aldrich was a business caller at Clarion, Tuesday.

Earl Jacobs was at Clarion, Tuesday, for business purposes.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French, who have been spending the winter in California, that they started Feb. 11 for Kalona, Iowa, where they were called to be with their daughter, Ola, who has had an operation. They expect to stay there several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emerson and family have moved from the Roscoe Robinson farm to town. They are staying with Charles' father, A. H. Emerson, for the present. J. W. Azeltine has rented the Robinson farm for the coming year.

Help make your home news interesting. Phone your news to 62.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson were visiting at Belmond, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and sons, James and Charles, at a six o'clock dinner Monday night.

F. B. Sheldon was a business caller at Clarion, Tuesday.

Mr. Cline, who is now making his home with his son in Colorado, returned to Rowan, Tuesday, to attend to business matters and spend a short time with his son in law, Ray Azeltine.

F. H. Fowler was at Clarion, Tuesday, attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks went to Clarion and Belmond, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Haupt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowen, and son, Gilbert, were guests at the H. Iserman home Sunday of last week.

Mrs. George Stephens and baby of Deloit, Iowa, who came last Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rietz, and with other relatives, returned to their home Friday.

Mrs. Robert Halsey and children of Allison, Iowa, spent Wednesday at the Fred Brooks home. Mr. Halsey was one of the auctioneers at the hog sale at the pavilion.

Carl Steffens, who has been at the hospital in Chicago for nearly four weeks, returned home Thursday. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is improving in health.

The John Pritchett house in the east part of town is being reshingled this week.

D. Harris was a Clarion caller on Thursday.

Mr. Meyers was very sick Thursday night and Friday, but is able to be out again.

H. Iserman loaded his car for N. D., Monday. Mrs. Iserman expects to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Joe Rowen, and children of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sheldon entertained twenty couples at a delightful valentine party on Monday night. The house was tastefully decorated with the usual valentine accompaniments, and contests and games suited to the occasion provided musement. Music was furnished by G. R. Sheldon and Rev. Harold Tomkinson, while a pleasing solo, "Lonesome," was given by Mrs. A. O. Pelly. After partners had been found by means of matching broken hearts, delicious refreshments were served, in which the valentine scheme was also carried out. Mrs. Sheldon was assisted in serving by Mrs. F. B. Sheldon, and Mrs. Theo. Hansen. The party broke up at a late hour, all voting the occasion one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. J. E. Thomas, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Boyington was leader. On account of the stormy weather the attendance was not as large as usual, but the lesson was very interesting and those present enjoyed the afternoon.

The Spotted Poland China hog sale at the stock pavilion, Wednesday, which was put on by Tom Ross, Jr., and Roland Harris, was well attended. A crowd of out of town buyers were present. They sold eighty hogs, 50 of which were shipped out of town. The average price per hog was about $70. The highest price paid was for "Excelsior," which sold for three hundred dollars. They rented the dining room of the Congregaional church and served dinner and supper to the buyers. There were about 90 for dinner and 45 for supper.

Ed. Brooks and small daughter, of Cornelia, were calling on relatives in town, Wednesday.

Jackie McCallum, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum, has been sick the past week.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sym pathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach, invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the boweus. When you have any trouble with your stomach, give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

AUCTION SALE

Having decided to quit farming, I will hold a closing out public sale, on what is known as the Chris Sorenson farm, 2 miles south and 2 miles west of Belmond; 2 miles north and 1 mile east of Cornelia, on

THURS., FEB. 24

Commencing at one o'clock sharp, the following described property:

6 Horses 6

1 WHITE MARE, NAMED BELLE, WEIGHT ABOUT 1800.
1 BAY MARE, 7 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT 1400
1 ALL BLACK HORSE, 6 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT ABOUT 1550
1 BLACK HORSE, 7 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT 1400
1 BLACK MARE, 6 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT ABOUT 1500
1 ALL BLACK MARE, 6 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT ABOUT 1500

3 Cattle 3

1 BLACK AND WHITE COW, 5 YEARS OLD
1 RED CALF, 3 MONTHS OLD
1 RED CALF, 6 MONTHS OLD

Machinery

1 P. O. TWO-ROW BEET CULTIVATOR
1 16-INCH RIDING SULKY PLOW
2 CORN CULTIVATORS, COMPLETE
1 SUPERIOR BEET DRILL
1 CRESCENT WAGON, COMPLETE WITH 3-INCH TIRES
1 HIGH WHEEL NARROW TIRED WAGON

Two Sets of Heavy Work Harness

About 600 Bushels of Corn **About 800 Bushels of Oats**

TERMS OF SALE---All sums of $10 and under, cash; above that amount, 9 months time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent interest, all property to be settled for before leaving premises.

JIM SISKOFF

Proprietor

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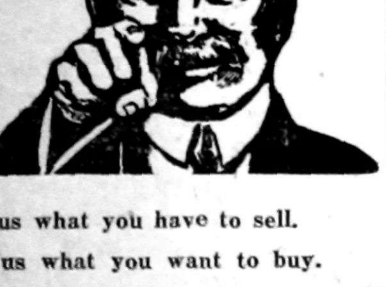

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DOES ADVERTISING PAY?

That is a question which every man who runs a business has at some time asked himself.

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The writer attended he Iowa Press Association meeting at Des Moines last week, and heard this question asked and answered in an emphatic mnner.

The Spencer newspaper conducted a "survey," or in other words, a contest, to see just what advertising was doing in its territory. The results of their test are highly illuminating, both to newspaper men and to those in other lines of business.

It was found, by direct questionaires sent to the subscribers, that 92 per cent of them said they read the advertisements. Get that—92 per cent. 98 per cent of the farmers read the sale ads.

The large percent of the subscribers admitted trading at the stores which advertised.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that this test proved that Spencer firms who advertised regularly enjoyed by far the greatest volume of business. In Belmond, the same thing can be proved. One of the local dealers, from two dollars in Independent ads, realized sixty dollars in trade which he knew of!

The Spencer survey showed that more farmers read the advertisements than town people, but the fact that the average was over 90 per cen proves that both town and country are alike in reading them.

Advertising in the Spencer newspaper, by this survey, was proven a result-bringing medium. The same thing can be proven in any newspaper that comes anywhere near being a newspaper. As a rule, the occasional ad does not result in very much profit; it is the steady hammering in successive issues which brings home the bacon. There are many instances, however, where the occasional ad has brought big results. And the fact that these occasional ads have brought results only proves how much better the steady hammering brings.

Take any large, successful business in the country, and without exception you will find that they are steady, consistant advertisers, and that they cut down this portion of their overhead last. Any newspaper will be more than willing to prove that it pays, and pays big. There is nothing to show that it doesn't, and a great deal to prove that it does.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m. the topic next Sunday being "God's Providences in Agriculture," with H. F. Luick as leader.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, February 20, was 133, with an offering of $5.11. while a year ago on Feb. 22 it was only 96 with an offering of $3.52.

We are very pleased to give these reports each week, showing the improvement over the previous year. New faces are appearing every Sunday. Trose who have no regular Sunday school of their own, will receive a very cordial welcome. 150 is our aim. We are going to make it.

S. E. Cretary.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

CONGR CHURCH -- -- -- -- -- --

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon for the monthly meeting. All ladies are invited to attend. The usual services will be held next Sunday morning. In the evening we will have another stereopticon lecture in which we will visit "Sunny Italy on Pilgrim Shores." Those who went on the trip thru Florida last Sunday night had a very profitable trip.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to attend our services.

LOST: ONE GENERATION

From a radius of a hundred miles or mor found every industrial center the farms have been stripped, not only of their boys, but also of their girls, enticed by high wages and the short hours, first into munition factories, then into the manufacture of every conceivable form of goods of luxury for which the world has been until now willing to pay extravagant prices.

And these boys and girls of fifteen or sixteen have earned—that is, obtained—five, six, seven and even as high as eight dollars a day for unskilled labor—sums which their hard working mothers and fathers never dreamed of in the old days when they were paying for their homes, and sums with which farm employment could not then and never can compete.

Of course the public paid the bill—for a time—and nobody seemed to care what was going on or likely to happen, and even yet we are thinking mostly about the money stringency brought on by our era of extravagance. But what about these young people; what is to become of them? That is one of our biggest questions.

They are facing a great awakening to the fact that they have been living in highly artificial world, which never existed before and cannot now continue long. They have obtained unheard of wages for nominal amounts of very ordinary service. They have reveled in more money than youngg people ever possessed before. Some of them have received more money in a day than their fathers earned in a month, and not a few of the skilled and semi-skilled have gotten as much for eight hours work as their grandfathers earned in a year. This seems incredible, yet many a young imigrant labored twelve whole months in the old country for the fifteen or eighteen dollars with which to pay his steerage passage to the land of plenty.

What will these young people do now, that the carnival is over? Will they go back to the farms whence they came and settle down to the prosy, everyday occupation of actually earning honest returns in real money from real sweat of the real brow? Not they? Or as they probably put it, "Not in mine." They were never born before, and not having lived normal lives, they naturally reason that what they have done is partly the result of the new day that has been so much talked about; and if they go home at all, it will be to visit or to loaf until "times improve," or else they are going out job hunting—mostly the latter.

If these young people—very young many of them—had known the game they would have saved their money to put into homes. Some of them did this very thing, but more of them spent it as they went along. Many of them are in debt today for useless and extravagant purchases, costly fur coats or other expensive clothing, $500 engagement rings, and the like. Besides forming habits of extravagance and spending that have no relation whatever to the actual earning power of men and women, these young people have no yardstick for measuring values against work.

One of the number was recently deploring the spending habits of these newly rich young workmen. "Why," he said, "I've been in this town a whole month now and I have not actually fooled away over fifteen or twenty dollars in all that time." "Fooled away," only fifteen or twenty dollars! And this from a youngster with nothing but his hands and an opinion that he was decidedly economical. Think of it. And think of what it means to this generation of perfectly good young people mostly now spoiled for real work and real business, such as the world must settle down to pretty soon.

Now, such people as these will not go back to the farm. Thrift, which is the price of real prosperity, is a lesson they have not learned and most of them will never learn it. These country communities will have to breed and rear a new generation of young people to do the work on the farms, and indeed, even to take care of many of these prodigals, who will in the end return, broken in spirit, and too often in body, to be cared for by those they look down upon—their country relations. We believe there is a story of this kind in the Good Book that some of us would do well to read before we grow too busy earning "big money"—for what?

No, we have a hiatus of five or six years at least in the strain of young people on whom the world must depend for its real work, for this crop has been largely spoiled for the business of farming. A few will rub their eyes and go to work after the Great Disillusionment, but most of them will begin drifting, looking for jobs and going on to swell to larger numbers than ever that vast army known generally as migratory labor—in the winter as the "unemployed."

In the meantime the farm will have lost a generation of perfectly good blood that it badly needed and will need, and many a country home will pass into a renter's hands, possibly into the ownership of immigrants, for no other reason than that the proper heir earned "big money" in the nearby factory when the war was on and during the spending craze that followed.

We talked much about demobilizing the actual army, but we have given little thought to that younger and vaster army of boys under twenty and girls under eighteeen whose heads have been turned aside from the path of real progress and who are now being demobilized. How? and into what?

It is no longer the problem of the farm but it is somebody's problem to consider what can be done with this vast army of disillusioned young people rapidly advancing toward mature one day to constitute an important stratum of American society.

In the meantime we must set about growing up another generation on the farm to take the place of this five-year crop unfitted for the land and in many cases—too many—already spoiled for constructive labor.

—Country Gentleman.

TO THE MOTORING PUBLIC

It is our desire at all times to furnish the motoring public with the best possible service at the lowest figures consistant with good work.

In order to do this, and keep our prices down, we must eliminate collection costs.

We find it necessary to place our shop on a cash basis. This is not in any way a reflection upon your credit but a sincere desire on our part to serve you at the lowest possible cost.

We believe that you will heartily endorse this plan to eliminate lost time and needless expense, which matures to your benefit as well as to ours.

We will, therefore, from and after March 1st., expect all work to be settled for upon is completion, and there will be no book accounts.

MOTOR INN.

Every citizen is interested in fire protection. Boost for the Firemen's Bazaar and Ball.

—I—

FOR SALE.

Two corner lots on hill, four rods from paving. Inquire at this office. 114*

The Way to Get
Money Is to Save It!

The way to save money is to make a time deposit with us regularly. We pay 5 per cent on time deposits.

Belmond Savings Bank
Belmond, Iowa

Have Your New Spring Suit
Tailored By E. V. Price Tailoring Co.

Do You Know that Dry Cleaning
Disinfects Your Clothes
and also makes them
Sanitary

We Dry Clean Portierres, Sofa Pillows, Penants, Lace Curtains, etc. We clean everything. Ask us about your Rug Cleaning.

F. J. TUFFREE
Belmond Tailor Shop Under the Postoffice

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

WALL PAPER

The room here illustrated is chosen only to give an idea of the value of our suggestions.

Everything in wall paper for the decoration of the home we supply.

It is not possible for you to think of a coloring or design requisite which you will not find in the Five Large Wall Paper Sample Books of the HENRY BOSCH COMPANY.

Ask me to show you this magnificent line of wall papers in your own home. Color schemes and Estimates cheerfully furnished on Papering, Painting, Kalsomining, Varnishing and all kinds of decorating.

C. T. Enger
Phone 168 Belmond, Iowa

Tips for the Thrifty

If you are economically inclined, you will find it a money saving matter to put your money in our bank on time deposit. We pay 5 per cent on time deposits.

State Bank of Belmond

Rev. Edge was a caller at Alexander last week.

—I—

For Sale—A few ton of good prarie hay. Phone 2004—C. C. Landon. tf

—I—

Boost for the Town Benefit Firemen's Bazaar and Ball, March 17.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ramsay were Des Moines visitors last week several days, where Mr. Ramsay attended the sixth annual meeting of the Iowa Press Association. They also visited at the home of Mr. Ramsay's brother, Walter, secretary of state for Iowa.

—I—

Rev. and Mrs. Edge went to Fort Dodge last week Thursday, returning on the early morning train Friday.

—I—

The M. E. Ladies Aid will serve a banquet this (Wednesday) evening in the library basement, for the sugar company stockholders.

—I—

The Priscilla Club held a very pleasant social afternoon last Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Eugene Kinney. The invited guests were, Miss Barlow and Mrs. Nickolson. The club will meet in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Willard Morse.

—I—

Col. Cowley, of Dows, was in town Friday atending the E. G. Reed and Thompson hog sale.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Sharp and baby greatly surprised their aunt and uncle, Ernest Stadtlanders, on Monday evening by appearing as valentines. A nice time was enjoyed.

—I—

B. B. Strieby, a former resident of this city, is expected with his family to make their home here again in the near future. They have been located at Sheffield. Mr. Strieby will be employed with the local telephone company.

—I—

LEATHER FROM HIDES

We have made arrangements with a reliable tannery to tan hides for leather. Come in and let's talk it over.—E. M. Lathrop. 132*

—I—

Make your donating count, for the town benefit Firemen's Bazaar and Ball, March 17.

—I—

The Senior class of the high school are realizing very good success with their annual, and have received orders for nearly two hundred copies to date.

—I—

For Sale—Reed baby carriage. Call 325. tf

—I—

Wednesday evening of last week, the high school boys basket ball team took the Swaledale boys team into camp by a good margin. The boys while light are putting up the real stuff and deserve the fullest backing of Belmond fans of the game.

—I—

Miss Jane Ramsay went to Des Moines last week Friday, to spend a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

—I—

Rev. Harold Tomkinson, of Rowan, was a caller at the home of Rev. Edge one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. W. T. Gfeller and little son returned last week from a visit to Des Moines.

—I—

COMBINATION SALE

A number of farmers have suggested that a combination sale be held in Belmond, and I have therefore concluded to hold such a sale on Tuesday, March 8th. If you have anything for sale, commence listing it at once with

T. D. Rankins. tf

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stockdale, of Estherville, were visitors last week at the home of Belmond friends. They were formerly residents of this place.

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

Carl Wenzell was a week end visitor with his brother, John, at Kanawha.

—I—

Cobs For Sale—Triple-box load, $3.00, delivered. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 132*

—I—

Mrs. A. W. Martin has been visiting the past week at the home of her brother and family, at West Brook, Minnesota.

—I—

For Sale—1 10-room house.
1 Bungalow, new, 24 x 42.
1 house and 2 lots, $2,500.
1 house and two lots, $1,200.
Inquire at this office. 132*

Ray Crabtree and Harley Goslin, of Clarion, were calling on friends here one day last week.

A L. Purcell left last week Tuesday for Marshalltown, where he entered the Old Soldiers Home. Mr. Purcell is 84 years of age and was in the fighting during the civil war.

—I—

ROAD GRADING WANTED

Will do road grading, and furnish tractor. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 134*

—I—

Miss Gertrude Ely visited friends in Des Moines over the week end.

A. D. Sockwell and family expect to move to Wesley, Iowa, about the first of March.

—I—

Wanted—Good live correspondent in Grant township. A chance to make good pin money. Call or write Independent. tf

—I—

BASKET SOCIAL

In Center school, District No. 5, Pleasant township, one mile north and two miles east of Belmond, on Monday evening, Feb. 28. Program to commence at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Grace Gartz, Teacher.

—I—

For Sale—Five room house, full lot, garage, electric lights. One block north and 1-2 block east of the school house.—Ben J. Daniels. 122

—I—

Miss Oralee Brooks is reported on the sick list this week, suffering from an attack of the grippes.

—I—

If you have spring plowing or discing to be done, I am in a position to contract same.—H. G. Nordschow.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

If you have spring plowing or discing to be done, I am in a position to contract same.—H. G. Norschow.

—I—

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Barth, of Garner, drove to Belmond, Sunday, to spend a little while visiting relatives and friends.

—I—

For Sale—Home grown, re-cleaned Timothy Seed from new meadow. Am taking orders now for March delivery. Phone 3217. O. D. Jenison. tfc

—I—

Harry Newgord arrived last week for a months' visit at the home of his mother.

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

SPECIAL

Peaches and Apricots, three-pound can for 25 cents. Friday and Saturday.—B. K. Kinseth. 141c

—I—

Carl Clark, of Portland, Oregon, was a guest of Miss Hunt and Miss Roland at the Snyder home last week Saturday.

—I—

For Sale—John Deere corn sheller, No. 9. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 132*

—I—

Miss Viva Rourk visited at her home in Kanawha last Friday and Saturday.

—I—

John Lalor and family will move on a farm near Garner the first of March.

—I—

For Sale—Two cylinder Coven row boat motor, with or without 16-foot boat. Terms right to sell quick.—J. C. Pierce, Belmond, Iowa. tfc

—I—

Mrs. Chris Kraig and daughter, Muriel, went to Dows last week Wednesday, where they will visit relatives for a few days.

—I—

We donate ten years service to you. What are you going to donate toward your fire equipment March 17?

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott, of Olaf, were visitors here one day last week.

—I—

Edgar Bailey was a visitor at Clarion and Cornelia last week in the interest of the ice business.

—I—

PUBLIC NOTICE!

Owing to a rumor being circulated by irresponsible parties, that I was leaving town, I wish to inform the people of Belmond and vicinity that I have no intention of leaving.

F. W. Trowbridge, Plumbing & Heating.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stadtlander and children were dinner guests Sunday at the home of their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Sharp.

—I—

All proceeds go for fire equipment from the Firemen's Ball.

—I—

Wanted—Boy for office work and to assist in dining room.—Hotel Cuse. 14tf

The little Light Bearers, with Mrs. Anna Martin as superintendent, had a very interesting meeting last Saturday afternoon. The little folks made over $12 selling French rolls. Light refreshments were served to those present.

—I—

Donate anything from a baby chick to a good sound horse for the benefit for the fire equipment.

—I—

The county declamatory contest is to be held here on this week Friday. All the schools in the county will be represented, and there promises to be an interesting program. Belmond will be represented by three of its ablest speakers, and the prospects are for a close contest.

—I—

The Oratorical section of the Wright County Declamatory contest will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the high school auditorium. No additional charge will be made for this meeting. One ticket is good for both afternoon and evening.

—I—

The Firemen turn out when you call. Everybody turn out when we call.

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio potatoes, raised here only one year. Free from scab. Also some good rural New Yorkers. Phone 298.—H. H. Hawley. 14tf

—I—

The basket ball games Friday night between Dows and Belmond, resulted in the girls' team from here winning and the Dows boys taking their side of the contest. Nissen & Harbison treated the winning teams to an oyster stew supper at a ocal restaurant after the games.

—I—

Howard Wolle came home for the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle. He is now working in Sioux City, with the telephone company there. He returned to his work yesterday.

—I—

Mrs. Jones, who has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Putnam, for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Chicago last week.

—I—

H. D. Schroeder came over from Kanawha Wednesday to take treatments from Dr. McClellan.

—I—

For Sale—Cutter, almost new. Inquire at this office. tt

—I—

Married man wants work on farm. Call 138. 141 c

—I—

Mrs. L. Veeder went to Mason City Friday for the day.

—I—

SPECIAL

Peaches and Apricots, three-pound can for 25 cents. Friday and Saturday.—B. K. Kinseth. 141c

—I—

Mrs. Cannon was a Mason City shopper Friday.

—I—

Mrs. John Shurzon went to Mason City on the motor Friday morning, to spend the day shopping.

—I—

A FALSE ALARM THURSDAY

The fire siren blew Thursday afternoon and in a very few seconds the firemen and apparatus were out on the job, and also a large crowd of exited people soon filled the streets. It was found to be a fire set in some corn stalks out by the school house by the authorities for a fire drill.

—I—

Mr. P. Klenschroot, brother-in-law of Mr. Parsons, is here from Minnesota for a visit with relatives. He came into the Independent office for a call on Mr. T. D. Rankins and reminded Mr. Rankins that he cried a sale for him just before he left here about sixteen years ago.

BASE BALL MEETING

There will be a meeting this week Thursday night, at the city hall, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone who is interested in a base ball team for Belmond this year should be on hand to assist in organizing and getting things started. Belmond needs and is going to have a base ball team this year, and the fans should get behind it from the start. It is understood that the plans for the team this year contemplate an all-home team, and the only hired man will be a pitcher, which Belmond must have to have a team. The boys have had a year's experience in playing together, and they should be in shape to show some high class base ball this season. Remember the date and the place, and be there to lend your encouragement for a winning all-home team this coming summer.

Wm. Voiles was a business visitor at the town of Goodell one day last week. Wm. is right on the job and has received several compliments from his firm for his excellent results.

—I—

Elmer Kalvig left this week for Kanawha, where he will make his home in the future.

For Sale—13 pure bred Columbian Wyandotte hens and pullets. A 6x8 hen house, water heater, and self-feeder. All for $35.—Ben H. Fetrow, Phone 236. 141c

—I—

For Rent—One seven-room house; barn, five acres of land; three blocks from school house.—O. G. Tracy. 142c

—I—

Lars Johanson came up from Boone on Saturday night, for a few days visit with old friends here, where he formerly resided. Lars is working near Boone, on a drainage ditch.

—I—

Miss Gretchen Blank was taken to the hospital in Des Moines last week Wednesday, where she underwent an examination. She recently returned from the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota.

—I—

SPECIAL

Peaches and Apricots, three-pound can for 25 cents. Friday and Saturday.—B. K. Kinseth. 141c

COMBINATION SALE, MARCH 8

On account of another sale on the date previously chosen, I will hold the Combination Sale on Tuesday, March 8. Parties having any live stock, such as hogs, cattle, or sheep, should list them at once with T. D. Rankins, so that I can prepare stalls for them. Don't forget the date of sale. It will be held in the Case livery barn. Considerable stock has been listed to date, including four good fresh milk cows and four Shetland ponies. Parties wanting any of them will find it profitable to attend this sale.

Commencing March 1st., 1921, we wil pay on all savings accounts, including those now on the books, 5 per cent interest compounded semi-annually.

We will also pay 5 per cent interest on Time Certificates of Deposit, including those now on the books, for six or twelve months.

State Bank of Belmond.
Belmond Savings Bank.
First National Bank.

Watch This Space

HOUSEWIVES!

Note These Prices

Rice, per lb.	10c
Red nKdeiy Beans, Best Quality	15c
Cocoa, per lb.	40c
Salmon—3 cans for	25c
Prunes, per lb.	10c
1 pt. Maple Syrup	30c
Powdered sugar, blk.	15
Karo syrup, gal. 80c, 1-2 gal.	40c

Watch our Bargain Counter

It Pays to Trade at
ROBINSON'S

Lyric

GEO. HAKE, PROP.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

"His House in Order"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Elsie Fergusen

The story relates the troubled adventures that befell a vivacious English girl who entered the home of a Member of Parliament as a governess and afterward become his second wife. The discovery that his first wife was not exactly the paragon which he thought her and the insults to which the heroine is subjected by the relatives of the dead woman, lead to a highly dramatic situation which is worked out in an entertaining manner.

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

"Durand of the Bad Lands"

A Fox picture featuring

Dustin Farnum

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

"Forbidden Valley"

Altho this picture isn't a world beater by any means, it has a well produced, interesting story and should hold the audience in their seats thruout. Doubtless you have seen many pictures with the Kentucky fued element used as a basic plot. Some of them have been entirely too dramatic, the author's ideas principally being a developement of a series of shootings thruout. In this feature a half-wit is relied upon to furnish most of the excitement.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

"Mary Ellen Comes To Town"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Dorothy Gish

Prohibition has evidently cut into the ranks of the movie stars too, and Miss Gish, as Mary Ellen, is a soda dispenser at a small town drug store. However, playing checkers with the farmers in her liesure and mixing nut sundaes during her working hours aren't exciting enough for Mary Ellen. She longs for a career on the stage in the Big City. And finally a combination of circumstances lands her there!

11c and 30c

MONDAY and TUESDAY
FEB. 28 & MARCH 1

"The Perfect Woman"

A First National picture featuring

Constance Talmage

Mary Blake, a steno. and active member of The Working Girl's Club, listens to Jimmy Stanhope, the dear boy deliver a snappy address on the subject of Patriotism.

Mary's heart palpitates, and throbs when she hears him speak. She has fallen. The vamp has been vamped!

Also a one-reel Educational film showing Annetta Kellerman's diving stunts in slow motion photography.

11c and 25c

Saturday Specials!

Round and Sirloin Steak, lb.	.25
Shoulder Steak, lb.	.22
Pork Chops, lb.	.25
Pork Shoulders, lb.	.20
Lard, 5 lb. pail	.95
Boiling meat, lb.	.10
Dressed Hogs, lb	.15

Fresh Fish and Oysters

Cash Meat Market

Phone 60

See Our Display of

Home Made Pies and Cakes

Doughnuts, Bread, Buns and Cookies at the

Cash Market

If you would consider for a moment the time, trouble and bother of making your Pies, Cakes, and Pastries at home, you'll readily appreciate our offerings.

We bake all kinds of Pies, Cakes, Cookies and everything else in bakestuffs that are good.

See our Display at the Cash Market, Then Try us Once--And You'll Come Again.

Belmond Bakery

P. Barban, Mgr. Telephone 259

PUBLIC SALE!

Having decided to quit farming, I will have a closing out sale at my place of residence known as the Rees farm 2 miles northwest of Belmond on

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

and will sell all of my personal property to the highest bidder. Sale to start promptly at 1 o'clock

5 Head of Horses 5

1 bay mare, 7 yrs. old, wt. 1450
1 suckling colt
1 brown mare, coming 3 yrs., wt. 1200
1 black horse, coming 6 yrs., wt 1200
1 brown gelding, coming 3 yrs. old, wt. 1200

23 Cattle 23

1 2-year old heifer, fresh soon
8 milch cows, 4 fresh, balance to freshen later
3 two year old heifers
5 fall calves
1 cow, red
3 winter calves
2 red short horn bulls, 18 months old, both recorded

29 Hogs 29

8 Duroc Jersey Brood Sows, due to farrow in May
1 Pure Bred Duroc Jersey Boar
20 Duroc Shoats, averaging about 150 pounds, good feeders

Farm Machinery

1 14-inch stubble plow
1 set back pad harness
1 Moline corn planter, complete
100 rods of wire
1 16-inch walking plow
1 light buggy
1 tower plo w
1 3-inch tire Crescent wagon
1 top buggy
1 hay rack
1 Melrose combination wagon box
Independent Manure spreader, nearly new
2 good hay stackers, nearly new
2 hay bucks
1 2-row Bailor corn plow
1 International corn planter with 120 rods of wire
1 Grand Detour sulky plow
1 Rock Island gang plow
1 Rock Island Disc
1 20-ft. flexible wooden harrow
1 Independent corn binder, good as new.
Deering grain binder, 8 ft. cut.
1 corn slicer
1 Ideal hog waterer
1 hog oiler
8 bushels good seed corn
1 De Laval cream separator, No. 17
White Lilly Washing machine
1 road scraper
1 hardwood barrel
Several hog troughs
2 set heavy breaching harness
Some good horse collars
1 set fly nets
Some tame hay in stack
75 shocks of corn fodder
2 chicken setters, 8 rooms in each
Several side boards
1 riding cultivator
1 barrel churn
Wehrle cook stove
Armour oak heating stove
Several other articles too numerous to mention

Some Mixed Chickens

TERMS of SALE---All sums of $10 or less, cash; on larger quantities 10 months time will be given on approved security, bearing 8 per cent interest from date of sale. All property to be settled for on sale day.

John Thayer

Louis Hauge, Auctioneer — State Bank of Belmond, Clerk

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to "Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

CHAPTER III.—Cranston grossly insults the girl. Failing promises her he will punish him when he has fully recovered his strength, and the girl looks on the promise as a compact. A few days later Silas Lennox, while chopping wood in the forest, is pinned under a falling branch and badly hurt. "Snowbird" finds her father and gets him safely to the house and to bed.

CHAPTER IV.—The girl sets out across the Divide, in the darkness, to bring a physician. She has a sense that she is being stalked by some animal, and becomes uneasy. Dan, who had been shooting, arrives home and finds Lennox. Both Lennox and Dan fear for "Snowbird's" safety, and Dan at once sets out to overtake her. The animal stalking the girl is the cougar which had finished Hildreth, now become a hunter of man. Failing arrives only just in time to save the girl's life, and in that manner pays part of the debt he owes her. As evidence of Dan's returning strength he strangles the animal, which, though wounded by a revolver shot from "Snowbird's" weapon, was a most formidable enemy.

Of course they might be feeding on the body of a deer, mortally wounded by some hunter. He resolved to ride by without investigating. He glanced up. The buzzards were hovering in the sky, evidently waiting for him to pass. Then, mostly to relieve a curious sense of discomfort in his own mind, he stopped his horse and dismounted.

The twilight had started to fall, and already its first grayness had begun to soften the harder lines of forest and hill. And after his first glance at the curious white heap beside the trail, he was extremely glad that it had. But there was no chance to mistake the thing. The elements and much more terrible agents had each wrought their change, yet there was grisly evidence in plenty to show what had occurred. Dan didn't doubt for an instant but that it was the skeleton of Landy Hildreth.

He forced himself to go nearer. The buzzards were almost done, and one white bone from the shoulder gave unmistakable evidence of the passage of a bullet. What had happened thereafter, he could only guess.

He got back quickly on his horse. He understood, now, why nothing had been heard of the evidence that Landy Hildreth was to turn over to the courts as to the activities of the arson ring. Some one—probably Bert Cranston himself—had been waiting on the trail. Others had come thereafter. And his lips set in his resolve to let this murder measure in the debt he had to pay Cranston.

The Lennox house seemed very silent when, almost an hour later, he turned his horse into the corral. He had rather hoped that Snowbird would be at the door to meet him. The darkness had just fallen, and all the lamps were lighted. He strode into the living room, warming his hands an instant beside the fireplace. The fire needed fuel. It had evidently been neglected for nearly an hour.

Then he called Snowbird. His voice echoed in the silent room, unanswered. He called again, then went to look for her. At the door of the dining room he found the note that she had left for him.

It told, very simply and plainly, that her father lay injured in his bed, and he was to remain and do what he could for him. She had gone for help to the ranger station.

He leaped through the rooms to Lennox's door, then went in on tiptoe. And the first thing he saw when he opened the door was the grizzled man's gray face on the pillow.

"You're home early, Dan," he said. "How many did you get?"

It was entirely characteristic. Shaggy old Woof is too proud to howl over the wounds that lay him low, and this gray old bear on the bed had partaken of his spirit.

"Good Lord," Dan answered. "How badly are you hurt?"

"Not so bad but that I'm sorry that Snowbird has gone drifting twelve miles over the hills for help. It's dark as pitch."

And it was. Dan could scarcely make out the outline of the somber ridges against the sky.

They talked on, and their subject was whether Dan should remain to take care of Lennox, or whether he should attempt to overtake Snowbird with the horse. Of course the girl had ordered him to stay. Lennox, on the other hand, said that Dan could not help him in the least, and desired him to follow the girl.

"I'm not often anxious about her," he said slowly. "But it is a long walk through the wildest part of the Divide. Some way—I can't bar accidents tonight. I don't like to think of her on those mountains alone."

And remembering what had lain beside the trail, Dan felt the same. He had heard, long ago, that any animal that once tasted human flesh loses its fear of men and is never to be trusted again. Some wild animal that still hunted the ridges had, in the last month, done just that thing. He left the room and walked softly to the door.

The night lay silent and mysterious over the Divide. He stood listening. The girl had started only an hour before, and it was unlikely that she could have traversed more than two miles of the steep trail in that time. Although the horse ordinarily did not climb a hill more swiftly than a human being, he didn't doubt but that he could overtake her before she went three miles farther. But where lay his duty—with the injured man in the house or with the daughter on her errand of mercy in the darkness?

Then the matter was decided for him. So faint that it only whispered at the dim, outer frontiers of hearing, a sound came pricking through the darkness. Only his months of listening to the faint sounds of the forest, and the incredible silence of the night enabled him to hear it at all. But he knew what it was, the report of a pistol. Snowbird had met an enemy in the darkness.

He called once to Lennox, snatched the shotgun that still stood where he had placed it in the corner of the room, and hastened to the corral. The mare whickered plaintively when he took her from her food.

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When Snowbird first heard the step in the thickets beside her, she halted bravely and held her lantern high. She understood at last. The very extremity of the beams found a reflection in two very curious circles of greenish fire: a fire that was old upon the world before man ever rubbed two sticks together to strike a flame. Of course the dim rays had simply been reflected on the eyes of some great beast of prey.

She identified it at once. Only the eyes of the felines, with vertical pupils, have this identical greenish glare. The eyes of the wolves glow in the darkness, but the circles are usually bright points. Of course it was a cougar.

She didn't cry out again. Realizing at last the reality of her peril, her long training in the mountains came to her aid. That did not mean she was not truly and terribly afraid. The beast was hunting her. She couldn't doubt this fact. Curiosity might make a lion follow her, but it would never beget such a wild light of madness in his eyes as this she had just seen. She simply clamped down all her moral strength on her rising hysteria and looked her situation in the face. Her hand flew instinctively to her side, and the pistol leaped in the lantern light.

But the eyes had already blinked out before she could raise the weapon.

She Shot Twice.

She shot twice. The echoes roared back, unbelievably loud in the silence, and then abruptly died; and the only sound was a rustling of leaves as the cougar crouched. She sobbed once, then hurried on.

She was afraid to listen at first. She wanted to believe that her pistol fire would frighten the animal from her trail. She knew, under ordinary conditions, that it would. If he still followed, it could mean but one thing—that some unheard-of incident had occurred to destroy his fear of men. It would mean that he had knowingly set upon her trail and was hunting her with all the age-old remorselessness that is the code of the mountains.

For a little while all was silence. Then out of the hush the thickets suddenly crashed and shook on the opposite side of the trail. She fired blindly into the thicket. Then she caught herself with a sob. But two shells remained in her pistol, and they must be saved for the test.

Whisperfoot the cougar, remembering the lessons of his youth, turned from the trail when he had first heard Snowbird's step. He had crouched and let her pass. She was walking into the wind; and as she was at the closest point a message had blown back to him.

The hair went straight on his shoulders and along his spine. His blood, running cold an instant before from fear, made a great leap in his veins. A picture came in his dark mind: the chase for a deer when the moon had set, the stir of a living thing that broke twigs in the thickets, and the leap he had made. There had been blood, that night—the wildness and the madness and the exultation of the kill. Of course there had been terror first, but the terror had soon departed and left something lying warm and still in the thickets. It was the same game that walked his trail in front—game that died easily and yet, in a vague way he did not understand, the noblest game of all. It was living flesh, to tear with talon and fang.

All his training, all the instincts imbued in him by a thousand generations of cougars who knew this greatest fear, were simply obliterated by the sudden violence of his hunting-madness. He had tasted this blood once, and it could never be forgotten. The flame leaped in his eyes. And then he began the stalk.

A cougar, trying to creep silently on its game, does not move quickly. It simply steals, as a serpent steals through the grass. Whisperfoot stalked for a period of five minutes, to learn that the prey was farther away from him at every step.

He trotted forward until he came close, and again he stalked. Again he found, after a few minutes of silent creeping through the thickets, that he had lost distance. Evidently this game did not feed slowly, like the deer. It was to be a chase, then. Again he trotted within one hundred feet of the girl.

Three times more he tried to stalk before he finally gave it up altogether. This game was like the porcupine—simply to be chased down and taken. And in the case of all animals that hunt their game by overtaking it, there was no longer any occasion for going silently. The thing to do was to come close and spring from the trail behind.

Though the fear was mostly gone, the cougar retained enough of that caution that most wild animals exhibit when hunting a new game so that he didn't attempt to strike Snowbird down at once. But as the chase went on, his passion grew upon him. Ever he crept nearer. And at last he sprang full into the thickets beside her.

At that instant she had shot for the first time. Because the light had left his eyes before she could find aim, both shots had been clean misses. And terrible as the reports were, he was too engrossed in the chase to be frightened away by mere sound. This was the cry the man-pack always made—these sudden, startling sounds in the silence. But he felt no pain. He crouched a moment, shivering. Then he bounded on again.

The third shot was a miss too: in fact, there had been no chance for a hit. A sound in the darkness is as unreliable a target as can possibly be imagined. And it didn't frighten him as much as the others. He waited, crouching, and the girl started on.

She was making other sounds now—queer, whimpering sounds not greatly different from the bleat that the fawn utters when it dies. It was a fear-sound, and if there is one emotion with which the wild beasts are acquainted, in all its phases, it is fear. She was afraid of him, then, and that meant he need no longer be in the least afraid of her. His skin began to twitch all over with that terrible madness and passion of the flesh-hunters.

This game was like the deer, and the thing to do was lie in wait. There was only one trail. He wasn't afraid of losing her in the darkness. She was neither fleet like the deer nor courageous like Woof the bear. He had only to wait and leap from the darkness when she passed.

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When Dan Failing, riding like mad over the mountain trail, heard the third shot from Snowbird's pistol, he felt that one of the debts he owed had come due at last. He seemed to know, as the darkness pressed around him, that he was to be tried in the fire. And the horse staggered beneath him as he tried to hasten.

He showed no mercy to his mount. Horse-flesh isn't made for carrying a heavy man over such a trail as this, and she was red-nostriled and lathered before half a mile had been covered. He made her leap up the rocks, and on fairly level stretches he loosed the reins and lashed her into a gallop. Only a mountain horse could have stood that test. He gave no thought to his own safety. His courage was at the test, and no risk of his own life must interfere with his attempt to save Snowbird from the danger that threatened her. He didn't know when the horse would fall with him and precipitate him down a precipice, and he was perfectly aware that to crash into a low-hanging limb of one of the great trees beside the trail would probably crush his skull. But he took the chance. And before the ride was done he found himself pleading with the horse, even as he lashed her sides with his whip.

The lesser forest creatures sprang from his trail; and once the mare leaped high to miss a dark shadow that crossed in front. As she caught her stride, Dan heard a squeal and a rattle of quills that identified the creature as a porcupine.

By now he had passed the first of the worst grades, coming out upon a long, easy slope of open forest. Again he urged his horse, leaving to her keen senses alone the chosing of the path between the great tree trunks.

Then he heard Snowbird fire for the fourth time; and he knew that he had almost overtaken her. The report seemed to smash the air. And he lashed his horse into the fastest run she knew—a wild, sobbing figure in the darkness.

"She's only got one shot more," he said. He knew how many bullets her pistol carried; and the danger—whatever it was—must be just at hand. Underbrush cracked beneath him. And then the horse drew up with a jerk that almost hurled him from the saddle.

He lashed at her in vain. She was not afraid in the darkness and the rocks of the trail, but some Terror in the woods in front had in an instant broken his control over her. She reared, snorting; then danced in an impotent circle. Meanwhile, precious seconds were fleeing.

He understood now. The horse stood still, shivering beneath him, but would not advance a step. The silence deepened. Somewhere in the darkness before him a great cougar was waiting by the trail, and Snowbird, hoping for the moment that it had given up the chase, was hastening through the shadows squarely into its ambush.

Whisperfoot crouched lower: and again his long serpent of a tail began the little vertical motion that always precedes his leap. He had not forgotten the wild rapture of that moment he had inadvertently sprung on Landy Hildreth—or how, after his terror had died, he had come creeping back. He hunted his own way, waiting on the trail; and his madness was at its height. He was not just Whisperfoot the coward, that runs at the shadow of a tall form in the thickets. The consummation was complete, and that single experience of a month before had made of him a hunter of men. His muscles set for the leap.

So intent was he that his keen senses didn't detect the fact that there was a curious echo to the girl's footsteps. Dan Failing had slipped down from his terrified horse and was running up the trail behind her, praying that he could be in time.

Snowbird heard the pat, pat of his feet; but at first she did not dare to hope that aid had come to her. She had thought of Dan as on the faraway marshes; and her father, the only other living occupant of this part of the Divide, might even now be lying dead in his house. In her terror, she had lost all power of interpretation of events. The sound might be the cougar's mate, or even the wolf pack, jealous of his game. Sobbing, she hurried on into Whisperfoot's ambush.

Then she heard a voice, and it seemed to be calling to her. "Snowbird—I'm coming, Snowbird," a man's strong voice was shouting. She whirled with a sob of thankfulness.

At that instant the cougar sprang.

Terrified though she was, Snowbird's reflexes had kept sure and true. Even as the great cat leaped, a long, lithe shadow out of the shadow, her finger pressed back against the trigger of her pistol. She had been carrying her gun in front of her, and she fired it, this last time, with no conscious effort. It was just a last instinctive effort to defend herself.

One other element affected the issue. She had whirled to answer Dan's cry just as the cougar left the ground. But she had still been in range. The only effect was to lessen, in some degree, the accuracy of the spring. The bullet caught the beast in mid-air; but even if it had reached its heart, the momentum of the attack was too great to be completely overcome. Snowbird only knew that some vast, resistless power had struck her, and that the darkness seemed to roar and explode about her.

Hurled to her face in the trail, she did not see the cougar sprawl on the earth beside her. The flame in the lantern almost flicked out as it fell from her hand, then flashed up and down, from the deepest gloom to a vivid glare with something of the effect of lightning flickering in the sky. Nor did she hear the first frenzied thrashing of the wounded animal. Kindly unconsciousness had fallen, obscuring this and also the sight of the great cat, in the agony of its wound, creeping with broken shoulder and bared claws across the pine needles toward her defenseless body.

But the terrible fangs were never to know her white flesh. Some one had come between. There was no chance to shoot: Whisperfoot and the girl were too near together for that. But one course remained; and there was not even time to count the cost. In this most terrible moment of Dan Failing's life, there was not even an instant's hesitation. He did not know that Whisperfoot was wounded. He saw the beast creeping forward in the weird dancing light of the fallen lantern, and he only knew that his flesh, not hers, must resist its rending talons. Nothing else mattered. No other consideration could come between.

It was the test; and Dan's instincts prompted coolly and well. He leaped with all his strength. The cougar bounded into his arms, not upon the prone body of the girl. And she opened her eyes to hear a curious thrashing in the pine needles, a strange grim battle that, as the lantern flashed out, was hidden in the darkness.

A Strange, Grim Battle.

And that battle, in the far reaches of the Divide, passed into a legend. It was the tale of how Dan Failing, his gun knocked from his hands as he met the cougar's leap, with his own unaided arms kept the life-giving breath from the animal's lungs and killed him in the pine needles. Claw and fang and the frenzy of death could not matter at all.

Thus Failing established before all men his right to the name he bore. And thus he paid one of his debts—life for a life, as the code of the forest has always decreed—and in the fire of danger and pain his metal was tried and proven.

BOOK THREE

The Payment.

CHAPTER I.

The Lennox home, in the wilderness of the Umpqua Divide, looked rather like an emergency hospital for the first few days after Dan's fight with Whisperfoot. Its old sounds of laughter and talk were almost entirely lacking. Two injured men and a girl recovering from a nervous collapse do not tend toward cheer.

But the natural sturdiness of all three quickly came to their aid. Of course Lennox had been severely injured by the falling log, and many weeks would pass before he would be able to walk again. He could sit up for short periods, however; had the partial use of one arm; and could propel himself—after the first few weeks—at a snail's pace through the rooms in a rude wheel chair that Bill's ingenuity had contrived. The great livid scratches that Dan bore on his body quickly began to heal; and before a week was done he began to venture forth on the hills again. Snowbird had remained in bed for three days; then she had hopped out one bright afternoon, swearing never to go back into it again. Evidently the crisp, fall air of the mountains had been a nerve tonic for them all.

Of course there had been medical attention. A doctor and a nurse had motored up the day after the accident; the physician had set the bones and departed, and the nurse remained for a week, to see the grizzled mountaineer well on the way of convalescence. But it was an anxious wait, and Lennox's car was kept constantly in readiness to speed her away in case the snows should start. At last she had left him in Snowbird's hands, and Bill had driven her back to the settlements in his father's car. The die was now cast as to whether or not Dan and the remainder of the family should winter in the mountain. The snow clouds deepened every day, the frost was ever heavier in the dawns, and the road would surely remain open only a few days more.

Once more the three seemingly had the Divide all to themselves. Bert Cranston had evidently deserted his cabin and was working a trap-line on the Umpqua side. The rangers left the little station, all danger of fire past, and went down to their offices in the federal building of one of the little cities below. Because he was worse than useless in the deep snows that were sure to come, one of the ranch hands that had driven up with Bill rode away to the valleys the last of the live stock—the horse that Dan had ridden to Snowbird's defense.

Nothing had been heard of Landy Hildreth, who used to live on the trail to the marsh, and both Lennox and his daughter wondered why. There were also certain officials who had begun to be curious. As yet, Dan had told no one of the grim find he had made on his return from hunting. And he would have found it an extremely difficult fact to explain.

It all went back to those inner springs of motive that few men can see clearly enough within themselves to recognize. Even the first day, when he lay burning from his wounds, he worked out his own explanation in regard to the murder mystery. He hadn't the slightest doubt but that Cranston had killed Hildreth to prevent his testimony from reaching the courts below. Of course, any other member of the arson ring of hillmen might have been the murderer; yet Dan was inclined to believe that Cranston, the leader of the gang, usually preferred to do such dangerous work as this himself. If it were true, somewhere on that tree-clad ridge clues would be left. Moreover, it was wholly possible that the written testimony Hildreth must have gathered had never been found or destroyed. Dan didn't want the aid of the courts to find these clues. He wanted to work out the case himself. It resolved itself into a simple matter of vengeance: Dan had his debt to pay, and he wanted to bring Cranston to ruin by his own hand alone.

While it was true that he took rather more than the casual interest that most citizens feel in the destruction of the forest by wanton fire, and had an actual sense of duty to do all that he could to stop the activities of the arson ring, his motives, stripped and bare, were really not utilitarian. He had no particular interest in Hildreth's case. He remembered him simply as one of Cranston's disreputable gang, a poacher and a fire bug himself. When all is said and done, it remained really a personal issue between Dan and Cranston. And personal issues are frowned upon by law and society. Civilization has toiled up from the darkness in a great measure to get away from them. But human nature remains distressingly the same, and Dan's desire to pay his debt was a distinctly human emotion. Sometime a breed will live upon the earth that can get clear away from personal vengeance—from that age-old code of the hills that demands a blow for a blow and a life for a life—but the time is not yet. And after all, by all the standards of men as men, not as read in idealistic philosophies, Dan's debt was entirely real. By the light held high by his ancestors, he could not turn his other cheek.

Just as soon as he was able he went back to the scene of the murder. He didn't know when the snow would come to cover what evidence there was. It threatened every hour. Every wind promised it. The air was sharp and cold, and no drop of rain could fall through it without crystallizing into snow. The deer had all gone and the burrowing people had sought their holes. The bees worked no more in the winter flowers. Of all the greater forest creatures only the wolves and the bear remained—the former because their fear of men would not permit them to go down to the lower hills, and the latter because of his knowledge that when food became scarce he could always burrow in the snow. No bear goes into hibernation from choice. Wise old bachelor, he much prefers to keep just as late hours as he can—as long as the eating places in the berry thickets remain open. The cougars had all gone down with the deer, the migratory birds had departed, and even the squirrels were in hiding.

(Continued next week)

Neighborhood News

NORWAY NEWS NOTES

Rev. Trelstad had dinner and supper with Ole Carlston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asbe and family, and Carrie sampson spent Sunday at Mr. Asbe's parents, T. H. Asbe.

T. Wicks and family visited at the James Mehl home, Sunday.

Tommie Johnson's baby was baptised last Sunday.

The neighbors in this vicinity had a surprise party in honor of Alvin Ericson, Tuesday night. A good time was reported by all.

Mrs. Stole was a business visitor at Kanawha, Tuesday.

Miss Hannah Stole is visiting relatives and friends this week. She will return to Des Moines next week where she is employed in the National Biscuit company plant.

The St. Johns Ladies Aid society meets wih Mrs. Bert Asbe on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Austin Espe and family had dinner with Edwi Holm and family, Sunday.

Elmer Thorsen, Martin Hill and T. Wicks had some hogs shipped to the county seat, Clarion.

Harold Holm went to Eagle Grove on Friday to visit with his parents.

The farm bureau held a baske social at the center school house Friday evening.

J. E. Kalvig hauled hogs from Clarion, Thursday, for Elmer Thorsen.

Miss Tillie Asbe called on her friend, Jennie Maage, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Stole called on Mrs. T. A. Asbe, Thursday afternoon.

Joe Larson has started to move some of his machinery to his farm east of the St. Olaf church.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Asbe and Jennie Maage visited at the Joe Larson home Thursday evening.

Bert Asbe, Tommie Johnson, Milfred Mehl and Hans Wicks hauled hogs for Elmer Thorsen, Thursday.

The G. Skouge sale Friday was well atended and the stock sold fairly well.

L. Johnson shelled his corn Saturday, and hauled it to Renwick.

Miss Ellen Anfinson went to Story City, Friday, where she will visit friends and relatives.

J. E. Kalvig purchased a milk cow at the Skouge sale.

Quite a number attended the basket social given in the honor of the farm bureau at the center school on Friday night.

KANAWHA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lucas returned home Friday, after several days visit with relatives at Algona.

Viva Rourk came up from Belmond, Friday, for a short visit wiht home folks.

Grace Foser left Friday for Des Moines, where she will visit friends several days.

Mrs. Walter Nelson of Algona, came Tuesday for a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Oosting.

M. E. Benson and family, who have been residing on a farm near Olaf, for a number of years, left last week for their new home in Minnesota.

F. W. Graeber and family, who are now residing on the former McCorkle farm south of town, have rented the John Madison farm near Claremont, Minnesota, ad will leave for that place the first part of the month.

Ralph Larson, of New Richland, Minnesota, came down the first part of the week for a short visit with relatives and friends.

E. C. Schroeder, of Corwith, was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ames left Monday for their new home at Britt. Mr. Ames has a position in a garage at that place.

Miss Bunting, of Corwith, was a visitor at the John R. Howlett home the later part of the week.

Miss Florence Gray visited relatives and friends at Corwith this week.

Mrs. James Rourk returned home Thursday after visiting relatives and friends at Britt several days.

Phil Hutchinson, of Grinell, was a visitor here the first part of the week, also looking after business matters.

Miss Edythe Severson returned to her home Tuesday, after several weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Minnesota.

It was found necessary to perform a second mastoid operation on Homer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thor Johnson, and Tuesday he was taken to the Steele hospital at Belmond, where a specialist from Mason City operated on him. Homer is getting along very nicely at this writing.

Henry Schroeder was a business visitor at Belmond one day last week.

Lew Kalvig returned home Saturday from a few days business trip to Des Moines.

Miss Edna Rourk entertained some twenty-seven friends at her home on Friday night. The evening was spent in playing progressive Five Hundred, after which a very dainty lunch was served. All report having a very enjoyable evening.

Miss Anna Williamson and Glen Zeigler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zeigler, were married Wednesday of last week at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Williams, who reside south of town.

Nels Ersland, who has been employed at the Asbe blacksmith shop the past few months, leaves soon for Newell, Iowa, where he has accepted a position as manager of an elevator at that place.

OLAF ITEMS

Clarence Scott and wife were business callers at Belmond, Saturday.

Miss Alma Ericson spent Thursday in Kanawha, visiting friends.

G. Gabrielson lost quite a valuable horse last week. He drove the horse to Olaf, where it took sick and died.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Jacob Thompson, Wednesday, Feb. 23. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Our new blacksmith is kept busy, nowadays, shoeing horses.

Several from here attended the Reed-Thompson hog sale at Belmond last Friday, among those who purchased being Julius Johnson.

Mrs. S. O. Windecker returned from Iowa Falls on Tuesday, where she had spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

Clarence Scott and John Eliason returned from Clarion last week. They had been serving on the jury.

Mr. and Mrs. Orpha Anderson visited relatives in Belmond last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. E. N. Ericson returned from Mineapolis, where she had been taking treatment. She is somewhat improved in health.

Andrew Scott and bride are nicely settled on the farm recently tenanted by M. E. Benson.

Shelling corn seems to be the order of the day.

SNARL STREET NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moon and daughter, Lillian, Mrs. C. W. Jennings and daughter. Burneta, visited at the John Kehler home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs and Edgar Mantle ate dinner at the Fred Aldrich home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs and Edgar Mantle went to Goodell, Monday, to look after farm interests, where they will move March 1.

Garneta and Bernard Stumph, of Rowan, visited with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Oramel Gates attended the valentine party at Guy Sheldon's on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings ate dinner at the Guy Stumph home Tuesday.

Earl Jacobs went to Garner, Tuesday, on business.

Geo. Ballou ate dinner at the Earl Jacobs home, Tuesday.

Harvey Lineweaver and wife visited at the Geo. Lineweaver home Monday evening and Tuesday.

Lee Sellers and Oramel Gates moved some machinery to Mr. Sellers' place at Cornelia, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Aldrich and daughter, Bernice, visited at the Chas. Moon home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings and daughter, Burnetta, visited at the Carl Steffens home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olsen and daughter, Effie, to supper Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens returned home Thursday from Chicago, where they have been and where Mr. Steffens underwent an operation. He is greatly improved.

Russell Gates, of Sioux City, is visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates.

There was a farewell surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Iserman, Thursday evening. Everybody reports a good time.

Mrs. Claude Jennings attended the shower on Grace Fitz, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McCallum, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Aldrich and daughter, Bernice, and Miss Verda Cursey, of Galt, visited at the C. W. Jennings home Friday evening.

George Aldrich, Edgar Mantle, C. Jennings and Chas. Keith visited at the Guy Stumph home on Friday evening.

Quite a few on the street attended the hog sale at the pavilion Saturday.

Guy Stumph visited at the Earl Jacobs home on Sunday.

Reuben Cupp returned from the hospital, Tuesday. He is greatly improved.

ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

F. L. Greenfield was a visitor at Belmond last Tuesday.

Ray Richards spent the last of the week with friends at Corwith.

Miss Ella Blau visited with her friend, Miss Oranna Kinseth, at Belmond, last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Hensel and baby were Hampton callers last Friday.

Mrs. Henry Stoffer and baby visited with relatives at Belmond last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich were Hampton callers between trains last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Westal were visitors at Belmond, Wednesday.

John Arends was a business caller at Belmond, Thursday.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

The fourth number of our lyceum course was given last Tuesday evening by Dr. Thomas F. Paris. Subject was, "The Fireside of Our Fathers." A fair sized crowd was present.

The members of the farm bureau, Scott township, held a meeting at the school auditorium last Monday afternoon.

Morris McNie, county agent, gave a very interesting talk. Several of our boys and girls contemplate entering the calf and pig clubs.

Mrs. Prince was compelled to remain at the bedside of her daughter last Thursday and Friday.

The seventh and eighth grades as a result were forced to have a vacation.

The girls of the domestic science classes sold candy last Tuesday evening. The proceeds went toward our lyceum course fund. One more number and fifty dollars to raise.

Quite an accident happened to Joe Pals last Friday afternoon, while the high school was enjoying a spelling match. He became the champion speller.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Ladies Aid will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jno. Greenlander, in Belmond.

Carl Dorenkamp is quite ill at his home at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gartz and family were Sunday visitors at the parental home.

Center school, District No. 5, is planning on a basket social Monday evening, Feb. 28.

GOODELL NEWS

T. R. Burgess, who underwent an operation, the second, last week, is reported as getting along nicely.

Mrs. Earl Clark and son, Gerald, visited relatives at Meservey from Sunday until Thursday.

The members of the United Brethern choir were entertained last Friday evening in the church parlors of the U. B. church.

A sumptious supper was served by Mr. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Graeber and Miss Maude Griggs.

Msr. Carrie Rufe, of Meservey, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Boller, this week.

Miss. A. Boller was reported on the sick list the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Henry Griffen was a Garner visitor Thursday.

Carl Engeseth transacted business at Belmond, Thursday.

The next and last number of our lecture course will be given by the Kelso Company, at the U. B. church, Wednesday evening.

It will consist of songs, pianologues, instrumental numbers, readings and costume sketches. March 2., at 8 p. m.

On Friday morning, Feb. 18, at 4 o'clock, Gertrude Galbraith died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Galbraith, aged 20 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Death was due to tuberculosis.

Gertrude was a girl of sterling qualities, gentle and kind to all. She graduated from the Goodell high scholl in 1918, after which she took up teaching. Fourteen months ago the dreaded disease, tuberculosis, came upon her. All that loving hands and medical care could do, was helpless.

The funeral took place Monday, at 2 p. m. at the United Brethern church, Rev. H. T. Miller officiating. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers presented by the societies. Music was furnished by the church choir. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery east of Goodell. The sympathy of the entire community extends to the bereaved family.

E. J. Wilkens was a Mason City visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan Miller was a Mason City caller Thursday.

Mrs. T. R. Burgess visited her husband at Hampton, Tuesday.

Dan Miller transacted business at Garner, Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. G. Houghton was a Belmond caller, Friday.

O. Conwell transacted business at Klemme, Friday.

Eric Clark, of Garner, visited relatives and friends in Goodell over Sunday.

W. L. Sherwood and daughter visited relatives in Iowa Falls, Sunday.

Wm. Voiles, of Belmond, transacted business here Monday.

Mrs. A. Avery. of Garner, was a Goodell visitor, Monday.

Fred Blank, of Ward, South Dakota, visited his sister, Mrs. A. N. Ahrenkeil, over Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Bonwell, of Renwick, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ahrenkeil, this week.

J. E. Savogue transacted business at Belmond, Friday.

CORNELIA ITEMS

R. S. Wilson was the guest of Hampton relatives the first of the week.

Mr. Williams, the ice man, is a busy man looking after the two ice crews that are working.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Mikels spent last Thursday evening at the Legee home.

Leon Lathrop was a Belmond caller on business Friday.

A fine son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. John Beckett.

Ed. Bailey of Belmond was a business caller here Friday.

John Lundy returned to Clarion, Friday.

Geo. Coburn and Alf. Axen were passengers to Clarion, Tuesday, to see the fire. They say that it was a bad one.

Grace Reed, who is teaching at Meservey, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reed.

Fred Hamilton is building a cottage on the north side of the lake. We are glad to see you back, Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tice of Clarion, are guests of his parents this week.

Mrs. Martin Renicker, of Eagle Grove, came for a week end visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reuben Reed.

Mrs. A. M. Axen and children were over Sunday guests in Belmond at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. McNamara.

Dutch Tuper, Louis and Pete Kastler motored to Belmond, Saturday. Just ask Pete how he likes the movies?

Mrs. Ed. Reed was called to Belmond the last of the week to help care for her mother, Mrs. C. J. Boughton, who is very ill.

E. S. Brooks was a Rowan caller on business last week.

Bill Nelson, of Hampton, arrived here this week to help work on the ice.

Welcome Huntley passed thru our city Sunday, enroute to Belmond, to visit with friends.

Miss Lela Brooks will close a successful winter term of school on Friday, at Grant center.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

Mrs. B. A. Mayne, of Fort Dodge, was an over Sunday visitor at the O. D. Jenison home.

Mrs. Nate Church and baby returned home Saturday, from the hospital at Hampton.

Fred Meir, Will Guest, Jr., and Elso Steenblock are moving a part of S. A. Bohning's old house to his lots in east Belmond.

Some of the teachers of this vicinity attended the Normal Training club meeting, on last Saturday evening.

Miss Virgie Jenison spent the week end with her cousin, Vida Jenison.

Mrs. Leggee, of Belmond, was at the August Rabe home last week, sewing.

This week finishes the winter term for several of the schools of the township. Most of them will continue for the spring term, without any vacation. This is giving the boys who work in the fields an extra month of school.

CREAMERY MEETING HEID AT KANAWHA

The annual meetig of the Kanawha Farmers' Mutual Co-operative Creamery Co., was held at the Star Theater, Thursday afternoon of last week and a large number of stockholders and patrons were in attendance. John Cooper, Will Gray, and Charles Prull were elected as directors for a term of wo years, the former being re-elected. The Creamery has enjoyed a good run during the year and has been reasonably successful and one point the patrons should not overlook is the fact that a pro rata dividend is paid them over and above the regular price of butterfat. During the year of 1920 $1,889.44 was paid the creamery patrons by this profit sharing plan and this can be increased materially if patrons would see to it that their cream is delivered in the best of condition, thus enabling the buttermaker to produce a higher grade of butter, which would naturally bring a greater percentage of profit. This is up to the patrons and all should readily see the advantage of delivering cream fresh and sweet. It would mean bigger profits for both creamery and patrons and a co-operative effort should be made along these lines.—Kanawha Reporter.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cough it is unsurpassed.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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ALLEGED BIGAMIST HAS HIS TRIAL TUESDAY

Clarion Wins Wright County Declamatory

Contest Proves Interesting And Is Closely Contested By All Of The Schools Entered.

LAST BASKET BALL GAME FRI.

Friday night March 4th., the girls basket ball team will play the Rowan girls on the home floor. The Rowan girls have been playing some fast games, and we can assure you the game here Friday night will be full of pep.

This is the last game of the season. Don't miss it.

Would Belmond back an Invitation Girls' Basket Ball Tournament? If so, we must find entertainment for teams that accept. Four teams would mean four good games. If you will help us furnish entertainment, lodging and meals, we will try to secure good teams.

Friday night of this week Carol Tyrrell will uphold Belmond at the sub-district at Britt, and we KNOW that the school will be well represented. B. H. S. is backing Carol 100 per cent. We only wish that train connections would permit of a delegation to go to Britt with her.

The decision of one judge in the Dramatic class Friday night came as a surprise not only to Belmond, but to the coaches of the other schools represented. The concensus of opinion of all who heard the contest seems to be that Belmond's representative should have had a place. However, it is only the decision of the judge that counts, so will have to try it again next year.

The boys' basket ball team will leave Thursday noon for Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls to take part in the basket ball tournament. Placing of teams in the contest will take place Friday at 9:00 o'clock. We expect our boys to make a showing.

On Friday evening, February 25th., the Wright County Declamatory Contest was held in the high school auditorium. Representatives of six schools, Clarion, Dows, Goldfield, Rowan, Eagle Grove and Belmond took part in each of the three divisions. The official score for each was as follows:

ORATORICAL

John Scott ____________ Clarion, 1st
William Chase ________ Belmond, 2nd
Donald McCallum ______ Rowan, 3rd

DRAMATIC

Agnes Birdsall ________ Clarion, 1st
June McComas _______ Dows, 2nd
Verla Bernard ____ Eagle Grove, 3rd

HUMOROUS

Elaine Rierson ______ Belmond, 1st
Leota Mulm ___________ Dows, 2nd
Margaret Eddy ______ Clarion, 3rd
First place ____________ Clarion
Second place ___________ Belmond

Even tho we lost the cup to Clarion, we are proud of our contestants, and congratulate them on their splendid showing.

Mrs. H. F. Luick and Master Wilbur Luick visited the kindergarten last week.

Miss Viva Rourk, third grade teacher, is absent from school duties being called home Saturday because of the serious illness of her brother.

BIRTH RECORD

To Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver Beckett, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hirschi, of Clarion, a daughter, Gladys Theresia.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Gilligan, of Clarion, a son, Richard Allen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elling Ellington, of Belmond, a daughter, Eunice Naoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Weyken, of Clarion a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gibbs, of Clarion, a daughter, Mary Louise.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Hall, of Eagle Grove township, a daughter, Freda Agnes.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Winslow, of Blaine township, a son, Robert John.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Mathiason, of Rowan, a daughter, Carol Elizabeth.

PROGRESS CLUB HOLDS PATRIOTIC PARTY

The Progress Club entertained their husbands and other guests at a very enjoyable patriotic party at the library on February 22nd. The decorations were in keeping both with the day and the scheme carried out by the committee for the evening's entertainment. Tiny hatchets, red, white and blue streamers, flags and bunting made the banquet hall a beautiful place.

The subdued lights, coming from blue candles in glass candlesticks; the old time castors, silverware, high cake plates, goblets and spoon holders carried out the clever effect of a party in the study of our grandmother's day.

The guests nearly all appeared in costume, some ladies, in fichu and cap, some in Paisley, shawls, some with powdered hair and elaborate old style of dresses. The gentlemen had been prevailed upon (most of them) to wear a few ruffles at neck and sleeve to carry out the general effect.

When all had found their places, it was found that everything was placed upon the table in the old fashioned way. The only rule in the simple service was to help your neighbor and yourselt.

The menu follows:

Stuffed pork tenderlon, gravy, mashed potatoes, escalloped corn, currant jelly, beet pickles, Parkerhouse rolls, nut bread, Washington salad, cherry pie with whipped cream, angel food, mints, nuts, coffee.

Following this feast of good things a splendid program was given, Mrs. W. W. Goetz, the club leader, acting as toastmistress.

Welcome ________ Mrs. W. W. Goetz
Response ____________ H. F. Luick
The "Stars" ____ Mrs. . I. Rosecrans
The "Stripes" ____ Mrs. J. E. Wallace
Piano solo, Star Spangled Banner, with variations __ Mrs. H. L. Gowdy
Reading, "Who Won the War?" ____________ Mrs. W. S. Pritchard
Solo, "My Own United States," ____________ Mrs. W. R. Ramsay

Everyone voted the party a decided success and felt an added pride in our country and our country's flag. ***

Court House News

Damages in the amount of $250 was awarded plaintiff in the Brennan vs. Wood case.

Court was adjourned by Judge Wright on Friday afternoon until Monday, February 28.

Sheriff Fisher goes to Rochester today where he will under go an operation. Dr. Sams will probably accompany him.

A bridge letting is scheduled for Friday, the large bridge over the Boone river at Goldfield park is the main item to be considered.

The board of supervisors was in session Monday for a road letting. Four bids were received but all were considered too high and the matter continued.

Marriage licenses the past week:

Floyd W. Rice and Leota May Waltz, Harry Bohnett and Edith Lucile Parlimen, Orville G. Phillips and Marie Christensen.

Auditor Walker is sending out notices to the several county assessors advising them that the amount of bonds and oher government securities held by banks cannot be deducted from the assessed value of their bank stock. The new ruling is the result of a recent supreme court decision.

Mrs. W. H. McDowell was given a decree of divorce from her husband by Judge Wright, Feb.18., $125 per month alimony and the care and custody of the children the greater part of the time, but the father is privileged to visit his son and daughter once a month and one month each year he may have the unrestricted privilege of their companionship so long as he does not remove them from the state.

Wm. Kleinhesselink, suing W. J. Pech, was given judgement in the sum of $2172.57, together with interest at 8 per cent and attorneys' fees and costs.

Sugar Co. Banquet Last Wednesday Very Interesting

Stockholders Given Treat By Company In Banquet At Library Last Wednesday Evening.

SEVERAL ADDRESSES ARE GIVEN

The banquet given the stockholders of the sugar company, by the company, last Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable affair and the source of much profitable information to those present. Talks were given by some of the company officials, plainly stating the condition of the company, and the unusual conditions under which it was built and operated. Several stockholders gave short addresses, appealing to the stockholders to stick together and boost for the betterment of the company. A very fine supper was enjoyed, prepared by the ladies of the Methodist Aid.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Independent district of Belmond, in the county of Wright, state of Iowa, that the Annual Meeting of said district will be held at city hall of Belmond, Iowa, on the second Monday in March, 1921, at one o'clock p. m. and closing at six o'clock p. m.

A director will be named for a term of three years to succeed L. C. Johnson, one for three years to succeed E. F. Bailey.

The meeting will be open for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it, and the board has directed that the following proposition shall be submitted to and determined by the voters.

Dated March 1, 1921.

Cato C. Griesy, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of the Independent District of Belmond.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts	
Received from district tax	$20,986.70
Received from semi-annual apportionment	1,419.24
Received from state	1,450.00
Received from tuition	3,371.92
Received from other sources	229.03
Curren warrants outstanding	7,449.90
Total receipts	$30,906.79
Disbursements	
Current warrants outstanding	$ 5,956.62
Paid teachers, males	4,514.76
Paid eachers, females	16,595.05
Paid for secretaries	125.00
Paid for library books	144.16
Paid for rent, fuel, repairs, insurance, janitors and general supplies	6,262.49
Paid for records and apparatus	101.97
Paid for other purposes	1,206.74
On hand	$30,906.79

SCHOOLHOUSE FUND

Receipts	
Amount on last statement	$ 3,102.50
Received from district tax	4,317.77
	$ 7,420.27
Disbursements	
Paid on school bonds	$ 1,002.83
Paid interest on school bonds	3,222.13
Paid intestest on overdrafts	380.10
Paid for other purposes	501.28
Balance on hand	2,313.93
	$ 7,420.27
Bonds	$70,000.00
Int. Warrants	$ 9,962.15

Cato C. Griesy, Secretary.

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

On account of the large volume of our business we request that all charge accounts be settled by March 1. Your co-operation will work for better business and lower prices.

B. K. Kinseth & Son.

Boost for the Town Benefit Firemen's Bazaar and Ball, March 17.

BEET PRICES AND SUGAR SALES INTEREST COLORADO

Denver, Colo., Feb. 14—This is a time of quiet and of speculation as to what is going to happen in the sugar world. In the interim between the closing of campaigns and the beginning of spring planting, two subjects are mainly engaging the consideration of members of the sugar industry in this part of the world. One is, what will the price of beets be this year? The other is, when will the sugar of last crop now on hand move?

The answer to the first question is the one which the farmer most wants to know, of course. Contracts are now being drawn up by all the companies and while no advance announcements as to terms are being made, it is declared that they will be such as to offer an attractive proposition to growers.

The question of when the sugar they made in the last campaign is going to be moved off their hands is becoming increasingly interesting to the sugar companies. The Great Western Sugar company with a total output of 6,300,000 bags of sugar, has sold only about one-sixth of its production at this time, whereas more than one-half of the crop has usully been disposed of by mid-February.

***The men now at the head of the farmers' organizations are sound farmers and business men, on whom radicalism has no hold, and the general attitude on both sides is such that relations are better, probably, than they have been for some time.

***The farmers have now more appreciation than in some previous years of the value of sugar factories, properly managed, to themselves, especially as beets were their saving cash crop last year, when nearly everything else fell down. Credit was hard to get to carry cattle and other products of the farms, but when the $45,000,000 cash paid for the beet crop came pouring out *** from the sugar companies, business was able to go on with little interruption."—Facts About Sugar.

Every bag of Iowa Valley Sugar company output had been sold by January 15, 1921, five days after the run ended.

The company paid out $500,000 for beets.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

Last Friday the Community Club held their annual meeting and the election of officers. The new officers elected were:

President __________ Mrs. H. Schultz
Vice pres. ____ Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans
2nd vice pres. ______ Mrs. Gfeller
Secretary ____________ Maye Tracy
Treasurer ____________ Julia Johnson

Miss Johnson was unanimously reelected to the office she has held since the club was organized in 1915.

The club now has a total membership of 204.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of $318.46 on hand at the beginning of the year, the amount taken in during the year, $987.28, making a total of $1,305.74. The expenses were $861.89, leaving a balance of $443.85 on hand February 1921.

The expense of the upkeep of the rest room for the past year was $218.80.

Mrs. R. H. Klemme was given a rising vote of thanks for her efficient work as president during the past year.

COMBINATION SALE, MARCH 8

On account of another sale on the date previously chosen, I will hold the Combination Sale on Tuesday, March 8. Parties having any live stock, such as hogs, cattle, or sheep, should list them at once with T. D. Rankins, so that I can prepare stall for them. Don't forget the date of sale. It will be held in the Case livery barn. Considerable stock has been listed to date, including four good fresh milk cows and four Shetland ponies. Parties wanting any of them will find it profitable to attend this sale.

ROAD GRADING WANTED

Will do road grading, and furnish tractor. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 134*

ELMER L. SPEER REPORTED TO HAVE HAD TRIAL

Alleged Bigamist Said To Have Received Sentence At Hancock County Court Tuesday.

LENGTH OF TIME NOT KNOWN

Printer Who Married Belmond Girl Under False Pretenses Last Year Finally Comes to Justice.

Elmer L. Spear, the alleged bigamist so well known to local people thru the sensational actions carried on thruout the past few months in Belmond and elsewhere, is reported to have received his sentence at the Hancock county court yesterday.

Just what he was given is not at this writing known, but his sentence is reported to have been be- and five years.

It is said that immediately following his sentence, wife number one started proceedings for a divorce.

It is also reported that Spear's attorney expects to secure his parole from the penitentiary at the end of a few months, six being the number he is reported to have said.

Spear married Miss Elsie Lee of this place last spring, after a few weeks courtship, during which he passed himself off as a single man, when in fact he had a wife and family at the time. After a short honeymoon he was arrested in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and brought back to Garner, where he was married to wife number two, and later released on bonds. He jumped his bonds, and was caught in South Dakota a couple months ago and brought back to stand trial. A baby was born to the second wife recently, and she and the child are said to have been at Garner yesterday.

The Independent, having employed Spear when he worked here, seems to have incurred in some manner the enmity of some of the parties connected with the case, and last night was indirectly given warning that the less said in this paper about the sentence the better it would be for the publisher.

The foregoing is the answer.

KLEMME FARMERS TO RAISE MORE SUGAR BEETS

Klemme Times: Tom Copeland, field man for the Iowa Valley Sugar company, of Belmond, has been in and around Klemme the past week interviewing farmers in regard to signing up sugar beet acreage. Mr. Copeland was in our office the other day and informed us that he only needed about 200 acres more to insure having a sugar beet dump insalled here. These dumps cost about $5,000 to erect and unless enough acreage can be secured it would not pay to put up a dump here. He is quite hopeful that the necessary acreage will soon be signed up as the prospects are good here. Albert Schmidt raised beets last year and has again signed up for 40 acres this season. Emil Kraus has signed again to raise beets and Wm. Baack has contracted to put in forty-five acres. There are of course numerous other contracts of varying size acreage. Mr. Coleland states that sugar beets will bring far more clear profit to the acre than can possibly be made with corn or any other farm product.

T. A. Davenport was in Des Moines last week in attendance and in conference with other members of the Iowa Independent Telephone Association in regard to the recent legislation affecting telephone companies thruout tionegarrin LYb m m m m m m m Iowa, where it was proposed to place all telephone companies under the jurisdiction and management of all town and city governments. Mr. Davenport was called upon to give a special talk upon the subject, which is reported to have been very good and full of punch.

FREE AIR!

Have you noticed the fashion that seems to prevail in hair dressing with the girls lately?

They bring it down over the ears, so that they are covered, and merely the tip peeks out.

Just what the idea is we haven't been able to figure out, unless it is to save the time and trouble of washing them. Covered up that way, it wouldn't make any difference, so far as the looks were concerned.

Ain't style funny?

Now if theyl are going to cover up their ears, why not wear overshoes on their feet too? Isn't the one as practical as the other?

But what's the difference, anyway?

Robinson the Baker was telling us of a request made to him recently. Seems there are a bunch of Mexicans who pine for the bread of their native land, and they want him to manufacture same.

Now this Mexican manna is some article. It is composed of four ingredients, namely: water, flour, salt, and yeast. You mess it together, the bigger the mess the better the mess, in their opinion. Then you put it in the oven and bake it, just like civilized food.

But before you bake it, you take a brush and a can of paint, and you go over the mess with a composition to give it color. Then when it is baked it is nice and Mexican in style.

The finished result, we gather, is somewhat like real food in looks, but it has the same relation to bread as near beer does to the rel stuff: It looks like it, and smells like it, but it ain't got the authority.

Hand painted stuff comes high nowadays, and we told Robinson that if we had to go thru the mill making that stuff, we'd see that it was worth it—and not in Mexican money, either.

We hear that Kanawha has some doubts about playing our base ball team this summer. Don't know if they have cold feet, or whether they have come to a realization of the luck they ran in last summer.

That town was the original luck factory last year; situated in a 40-acre field of four-leaf clovers they had a horse-shoe factory, and every employee had the left hind foot of a black rabbit killed in a grave yard in the dark of the moon.

Maybe they have found out that lady luck is like all feminine folks, apt to be rather fickle at times.

The men are same way, ladies, so don't get up on those ears you keep covered.

Don't forget the Firemen's Ball on March 17th. It's cheaper to give a dollar now than to lose a thousand by a fire.

The Independent has been busy the past week getting out a cattle sale catalogue. The pedigrees in it make us wonder. They run clear back to the bovine that furnished the material for part of Mother Goose. How many humans can trace theirs very far back? How far can you?

Most of us don't want to go very far into the past; we're afraid of what would turn up.

But if they keep 'em of stock, why not of folks? Maybe because the stock is worth money. We take more care of our stock than we do of our children, most of us.

In order to provide stalls for hogs, cattle or sheep it is necessary to have them listed this week with T. D. Rankins or the Belmond Savings Bank. Anything else you may have for sale should be listed as soon as possible with the above parties. Try to have your goods listed not later than Monday,March 7, as all entries will close on Tuesday, March 8, at 12:00 o'clock noon. There has been listed for this sale a five-passenger Chevrolet touring car, in good running order and in fine condition. It will last for years if properly cared for. Reason for selling is that the party needs the money for other purposes. Terms of sale will be cash or bankable notes on 9 months' time, as I have made arrangements with the bank to cash notes and you will therefor receive cash for your property sold.

T. D. RANKINS

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

FARM BUREAU STATE CONFERENCE

The state conference which was attended by all county agents, all home demonstration agents and all extension workers of the state, was the most successful meeting of its kind which was ever held in the history of the work in Iowa.

The conference lasted from Monday, February 21, to Friday, February 25, and altho the sessions seemed arather long and tiresome at times every akent or extenslon worker gives the same report as to the great success of this state meeting.

It seemed to be the sentiment of the entire group of agents and extension workers that such a conference is necessary for carrying on the work successfully. Scores of problems of vial interest to the farmers of Iowa cme up for discussion and it is thought that the meeting of the leaders of the great work for the purpose of exchanging views on the various problems is the only way in which the work can be carried on to the greatest advantage.

One of the most interesting speakers who appeared on the program was James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who touched upon the plan of work for the American Federation for the coming year and in speaking of the problems conected with this great work he mentioned the financial problems, the railroad rates, the federal land banks, and the marketing problems. John W. Coverdale, Mr. Howard's able secretary, also gave a very interesting address and the talks which were given by these men were surely an inspiration to he agents and extension workers of Iowa. Particularly because these men who are directing the activities of the National Farm Bureau Federation are products of our good old state of Iowa. Other inteeresting speakers who appeared on he program were C. W. Hunt president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, and E. H. Cunningham, secretary of the same organization, and A. L. Middletonn from our home county.

The feature of this meeting was the splendid address given by J. H. Nordhausen of Manson, Calhoun county, who owns and operates a quarter section of land near Munson. The fact that Mr. Nordhausen is an active farmer added to the interest of the meeting and the farmers who had the pleasure of hearing this farmer lecturer were highly impressed with the information which hes gave out. Mr. Nordhausen has been connected with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federatio for the past two years and has had an opportunity to make a close study of the Federation and its ctivities. Everyone seemed to feel that Mr. Nordhausen knew his subject from beginning to end.

WRIGHT COUNTY AT THE STATE CONFERENCE

Again Wright county was called upon to take active part in the state conference which was held at Ames during the week of Februaiy 21st. A. L. Middleton, of Eagle Grove, who has been actively connected with the committee of seventeen since his appointment by James R. Howard last August, was asked by the program committee of the conference to address this group of agents and extension workers and explain in detail just what steps have been taken in marketing problems by the committee of seventeen of which Mr. Middleton is one of the most active members.

Wright county people in general should indeed feel proud of Mr. Middleton and of his connection with this committee of seventeen which has done so much towards the solution of the marketing problems for the entire United States. Wright county is surely forunate in naving a man who is looked to by all farmers and all farmers' organizations thruout the United States as an authority on the marketing problems.

LIVELY BOARD-DIRECTOR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Wright County Farm Bureau was held at the office of County Agent Edwards, Friday afternoon, February 25, and every township in the county except three was represented at the meeting and a few townships were represented by as high as three members from their respective townships.

Those who were in attendance were: George Kirstein, of Woolstock vice president; E. W. Campbell, Lake, secretary; Geo. A. Miller, Vernon, treasurer; T. A. Knight, Liberty; Grant Trask, Eagle Grove; A. L. Middleton, Troy; J. F. Henn, Pleasant; Geo. P. Hardwick, Belmond; Harry Woodley, Grant; Floyd Bubeck, Wall Lake; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clark, Lake; Barney Benson, Dayton; Mrs. Anna Overbaugh, Roy Woodley and Charles M. Overbaugh, Lincoln.

The main problem which came up for consideration was the matter of handling binder twine for the farmers of Wright for the coming season. While no definite steps were taken for purchasing the twine for next year on account of the uncertainty of the present quotations on twine, the members of the board were agreed hat the twine would be ordered for all of the Wright county thru the farmers elevators and implement dealers and that a margin of one-half cent per pound should be allowed each dealer or elevator manager for handling the twine at the car on the date of arrival of the car at the shipping point. A small charge, possibly one-fourth cent per pound, will be charged for those who

WALL LAKE SOCIAL WELL ATTENDED

A meeting of the Wall Lake township Farm Bureau was held at the center school Friday evening, February 25.

The farmers of Wall Lake are to be congratulated upon the spirit of co-operation which was shown in planning such a successful community affair. Due credit should be given Miss Howieson, the local teacher, for the splendid efforts put forth by her in making the program possible. Those who enjoyed the school program must realize that the program which the teacher arranged represented an endless amount of work in preparation and in drilling the pupils for it.

CORN ENSILAGE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO DAIRYMAN

For dairy purposes corn silage is second to none, and its value as a dairy feed is no longer an experiment with successful dairymen. It is an absolute necessity, suggests Thomas M. Olson, instructor in dairy husbandry at the state college of South Dakota.

No silo which was properly built and filled with corn at the right stage of maturity, he says, has eve been discarded. Neither is there any farmer who had a silo on his farm and used its succulent, nutricious feed that is willing to do without one.

In addition to being nutricious succulent feed, corn silage is one of the cheapest feeds for dairy cows. According to the best authorities corn silage made from corn ensiled at the proper stage of maturity contains 22 pounds of digestible crude protein and 354 pounds of total digestible corbohydrate equivalent, per ton. A farm in the average state of fertility will produce from 6 to 8 tons of silage per acre. Many farmers produce 12 to 14 tons per acre on good soil.

Corn should be ensiled at the proper stage of maturity to get the best results. If it is allowed to get too ripe it will be too dry and difficult to pack.

LIVESTOCK DRAINAGE AND BETTER ROTATION WILL PAY

The next increase in South Dakota land values will most likely be brought about by the development in fertility by the feeding of livestock on the medium sized farms, the drainage of the lowlands and better crop rotation, says J. C. Holmes, livestock specialist in the extension division of the South Dakota State College. As an average, he says, the most money made by SouthDakotans in the last 20 years has been made through the development of the country.

The farmer who produces grain without producing livestock either becomes a buyer, borrower or beggar reads an old English maxim. With the shipping cost of marketing a lb. of beef in the form of grain two cents more than on the hoof, it is readily seen how the cattle feeding industry will have to come. It also costs an average of a cent and a half per lb. more to ship the grain to make a pound of pork than it does to ship the pound of pork to market.

Cheap feed and high railroad rates also makes it profitable to ship in elements to balance up the food ration So the farmer will have to look toward the legume crops, the silo and the oat huller to balance up his feed rations and get his cheap feed.

At the present time one has to ride for miles to see a good sweet clover or alfalfa hog pasture, or to find hogs being fed alfalfa or sweet clover hay. The statistics show that the northwest is considerably below the average in the number of stock on hand, but the supply here does not control the market. After a new country is broken up and the large herds are disbanded the small farms will raise more stock all together than was originally raised in the large herds, besides raising hogs, poultry and grain crops.— From the South Dakota College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts Co-operative Extension.

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Commencing at 1:00 o'clock sharp, the following described property:

2 Head of Horses 2

1 Bay Horse, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1600 lbs. 1 Black Mare, 7 yrs old, wt. 1600

Both of the above are sound.

32 Head of Cattle 32

10 head of milk cows, coming fresh, some soon
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These Cattle are High Grade Polled Short Horns

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20 Head of Big Type Poland China Brood Sows, bred to an outstanding herd boar. Bred to farrow in April and a few of them in May. Certificate of registry furnished with each one. All guaranteed safe in pig, should any prove not to be so, will make satisfactory adjustment if notified within 30 days after date of sale.

Machinery

1 John Deere 14 in. Gang Plow with two sets of Bottoms. This Plow is nearly new.
1 Hay Loader in good condition 1 set of work harness with breeching. Some horse collars.

Free Lunch at Noon

Sale to Start Immediately After the Lunch - - - - - -

TERMS OF SALE: All sums of $10 and under, cash; above that amount 10 months time on bankable paper at 8 per cent. All property to be settled for before leaving the premises.

George W. Potts

Louis Hauge, Auctioneer State Bank of Belmond, Clerk

Rowan News

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

In Dr. Kelman's "Among Famous Books," he refers to Isaiah's description of the typical pagan. Many will recall the story. The man goes out into the woods to cut a tree. With part of the tree he builds a fire to warm himself; with another part he cooks his food, and with other parts still, he satisfies other wants. After he had done all these things he uses what is lef of the tree to construct the image of the God which he worships.

Altho this man was not antagonistic to religion he sought first the satisfying of his physical need, and after that was done he devoted the residue to religion.

This same type of paganism confronts us today. We all know people who are not antagonistic to religion but who simply do not find time for it. The physical needs are son insistant and for the most part they are satisfied with tangible things, while the deeper spiritual needs which are are not so clamorous can be satisfied only by quiet devotion and sacrificial living. These are so frequently left to the last. Let us give the more important things first place.

If you are without a church home you are invited to worship at the Congregational church. Sunday, March 6th., the sermon themes will be as follows: "Christian Fundementals.' Junior talk: "The Lesson in the Echo." P m.—"Modern Hypermetropia."

The Sunday school selected their committees for the Easter program. The following were slected: Program committee, Blanch Box, Mrs. Howard Box, Mrs. Fred Williams and Mrs. T. Streveler. Mrs. Brooks is chairman of the committee for decorating.

Friday night the Mesdames Earl Sellers, Will Rietz, Frank Kercheval, George Pritchett, F. B. Sheldon, Theo Hansen, Ed. Azeltine, Henry Azeltine, Walt Whitten and Clarence Lindsey were hostesses at a prenuptial miscellaneous shower given at the M. E. church parlors, in honor of Miss May Azeltine. Over 60 were present. The evening was spent in pleasant games. One feature of the evening was an original poem, composed and read by Mrs. H. Tomkinson, which was very appropriate for the occasion. Toward the close of the evening Chas. Kercheval, dressed for a shower in raincoat and hat, drove in a pair of prancing colts, in the persons of Constance Tomkinson and Maxine Sheldon, hitched to an express wagon, which was daped in pink and white crepe paper and in which was a basket filled with lovely and useful gifts for the bride-to-be. Partners were then found for supper by matching pictures of furniture, which is found in homes. Each picture when matched had an original verse written on it, which applied to each piece of furniture. These were all read before he dainty refreshments were served. The evening was enjoyable and May's many friends wish her many years of happiness. Those present at the shower from out of town were: Mrs. Joe Lukens and daughter, Violet; Mrs. Myron Hill, and Miss Grace Fitz, all of Clarion, and Mrs. Hathaway, of Mitchell, S. D., grandmother of the bride-to-be.

S. B. Heath was a Dows caller, Saturday.

Frank Williams moved to his home in the grove, Saturday.

Lillian Carr, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Carr, is very sick. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carr will be glad to know that their daughter, Fern, is some better.

Kenneth Smith, of Clarion, visited at the home of his uncle, Fred Brooks, Saturday. He came to see his grandmother, Mrs. Snyder.

Miss Elsie Keith, of Goldfield, who has been spending a week in Traer, came Saturday to spend the week end with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith.

Mrs. Snyder is spending several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Carr, of Swaledale, spent several days last week at the T. Streveler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pteer Schreck, of Hayfield, Iowa, came Saturday to visit at the A. A. Williams home.

The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. F. B. Sheldon, Wednesday afternoon, March 2. Remember the date and come.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society met with Mrs. A. E. Emerson, Thursday afternoon, to quilt. About a dozen were present. They nearly finished the quilt they are working on.

Albert Hackley, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hackley, has been very sick with stomach trouble, but is some better at this writing.

Nellie Hackley, who has been at Iowa City for the past few months, has returned to her home for a vacation of two months, after which she expects to go back for more treatments. She is receiving much help and is feeling real good.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The Home Declamatory contest was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. The contestants did very well, but were rather disappointed because of such a small audience. The following contestants represented Rowan at Belmond, Fridal: Oritorical, Donald McCallum; Dramatic, Laura McCallum; Humorous, Frances Farran. Clarion received the gold cup, leading with two first places, while Donald McCallum carried third in oratorical. Besides the contestants, the following people attended the contest: Mr. Moule, Mr. Morrison, Misses Nordmeir and Newman, Marshall Myers, James Burt, and Henry Williams.

The Freshmen enjoyed a skating party Thursday evening. The majority of the class were present and reported a fine time.

The Sophomore class held a farewell surprise on Melvin Iserman, on Thursday evening. He, a member of the class, is leaving with his folks who are moving to North Dakota. All reported having a good time and eats.

Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Aldinger visited school Tuesday.

Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Iserman visited school Thursday.

Mrs. Will Whitten and Izetta Fletcher visited Miss Fletcher's room on Friday.

The Modern History class are studying "The French Revolution," which is a hard topic, altho interesting.

Several pupils have been on the sick list and forced to be out of school. The high school pupils are Letha Gunderson, Clesson Azeltine, and Marie Hinkley.

Donald McCallum returned to school Monday, after several days' absence due to injured knee and foot.

The Tenth Grade Manual Training are making picture frames now. They will make cedar chests as soon as the material arrives.

The Physiology class has received new books, "Personal Hygiene," by Pyle, which will be studied the remainder of the semester.

Six week examinations will be given this week which closes the first six weeks of the second semester.

Rowan girls will play basket ball at Belmond, Friday evening.

The town team defeated the Hampton town team Wednesday, with a score of 36-11.

The R. I. D. Club was highly entertained by Miss Mullins, at Mrs. Braden's, Thursday night. The house was decorated with hatchets and cherries and the lunch served carried out the Washington idea. The evening was spent in hemming tea towels for the bride elect, May Azeltine.

Miss Kate Liddle, county nurse, was in Rowan two days this week, examining and weighing the pupils.

The agriculture class is studying the planting of seeds, preparation of he soil, and treatment of grains for seed.

The Junior and Senior classes are studying the classic, "Hamlet," It is interesting and ghostly.

Mrs. LaGue, Mrs. Will Bailey, Mrs. Aldinger and Mrs. Earl Patton visited the 3rd and 4th grades this week.

Miss Liddle examined 3rd and 4th grade pupils this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph and family spent Wednesday evening at the Ed. Miller home.

Carl Steffens was a Dows caller Thursday.

Mrs. Claude Jennings was at Dows between trains Thursday.

Will Brooks, of Waverly, changed trains here Thursday, on his way to Belmond, and called on his mother, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, and other relatives.

George Carmon, one of the new firm that bought the garage from the Kercheval Brothers, came Thursday.

A new seven-pound girl, named Ruth Kathryn, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conn, Friday to gladden their home. Mother and baby are doing fine. Grandpa Fletcher wears a big smile these days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler were Clarion callers Thursday.

Ed. Drury, of Highmore, South Dakota, came Monday and spent the week visiting with his son, Frank, and his daughter, Mrs. Herb Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Trousedale, of Dows, spent Sunday of last week at the Herb Hadley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Whitten spent the week in Des Moines, where Mr. Whitten was attending a hardware dealers' convention.

Reuben Cupp was a Dows caller Friday.

Mrs. Braden was at Dows between trains Friday.

Mrs. Delmege, of Des Moines, spent the week end at the home of her brother, F. M. Myers.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson was a Clarion caller Friday.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten, little Laural and Miss Angie Baines were Dows callers Friday.

Mrs. Georgie Rowen spent a few days of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Bingham.

Miss Wilda Whitten is spending the week end at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten.

O. F. Braden, Dick Virden, Guy Sheldon and Duncan Farran attended Masonic lodge at Dows, Friday. Duncan took his second degree.

Percy Smith went to Waterloo on Monday to stay a week.

Monday afternoon a half a dozen friends of Mrs. H. Rietz met at the home of Mrs. A. O. Pelley, to give Mrs. Rietz a pleasant surprise. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Rietz. Mrs. Pelley served a two-course luncheon. Mrs. Charley Richards assisted her with the serving. Mrs. Rietz received many lovely gifts. Those present were: Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. Peter Hanson, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. R. R. Duffy, Mrs. Coulter, and Mrs. J. D. Brooks. The week before these ladies had surprised Mrs. John Richards, the occasion being her birthday. The ages of these ladies added together make a total of 491 years.

Mrs. Clint Kercheval and son, James, were Belmond callers Monday, where they both had dental work done.

Mrs. L. W. McCallum and Mrs. O. F. Braden were Clarion callers on Tuesday.

Cards have been received annoucing the marriage of Miss Edith Parliman, formerly of this place, to Harry W. Bohnett, of Clarion, the marriage being at Clarion on Saturday, February 19. Edith has been teaching near Clarion. Her many friends wish her much joy.

Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the Home Missionary society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. A. E. Emerson and tied a comforter which is to be sent to the Rio Grande Industrial School at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Rev. Otto Scheibe has charge of this mission school.

Monday night the Young People's Mission Study club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Brooks. Mrs. D. W. Whitten was the leader. They studied the second chapter in their book. They are studying about "Shepard of Aintab," at present. There were twelve present. After the lesson Mrs. Brooks served a dainty lunch was enjoyed by all. On March 21st they meet with Mrs. Lem Rowen. Please keep the date in mind and come.

Mrs. Frank Pester and daughter, Laura, of Clarion; spent Tuesday at the homes of Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Fred Brooks.

Monday night a large crowd from town went skating at the bayou by Frank Drurys. All report a fine time.

Mrs. G. R. Sheldon's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, her brother, Ernie, and sister. Fern, of Clarion, visited her Saturday of last week.

Miss Laura McCallum went to Belmond two days last week to take training from a trainer from Chicago, on her piece for the declamaory contest, which was held there Friday night. She was the only contestant who had had special training.

Chester Moellering was a visitor at Hampton, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCallum entertained Rev. Ada Anderson, Sunday.

Myrtel Myers and Gay Fletcher were Clarion callers Saturday.

Marjorie Brooks and Edgar Mantle were Belmond callers Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner brot their infant child, Dorothy Ruth, to the M. E. parsonage to be baptized. She has been sick for some time.

Rev. Harold Tomkinson fell on the ice and broke some ribs. He was obliged to go to Belmond, Sunday afternoon, for medical aid.

The C. I. C. class of the Congregational church expect to give a social in the near future. This will be a "fine" social. Watch for the date. The fines will be as follows: Man with mustache, 2c; man without mustache, 3c; laced shoes, 3c; buttoned shoes, 3c; pumps, 3c; silk hose, 5c; wool hose, 4c; cotton hose, 2c; silk dress, 5c; wool dress, 4c; curley hair, 3c; straight hair, 4c; each ring, 1c; each finger without ring, 1c; with glasses, 3c; without glasses, 3c; high heels, 2c; low heels, 2c; powder and rouge, 2c; without powder and rouge, 2c; wrist watch, 5c; gentleman's watch, 5c; gentleman without lady partner, 5c; lady without gentleman partner, 3c; bald headed gentlemen, 10c. Proceeds from this social will go to buy a S. S. Register Board for the S. S. room. Show your interest in the Sunday school and these young people as they endeavor to do their part in the work of the church and come out with your pocketbooks well filled and get a good feed FREE.

Lynn Sams and Mr. Severe, of Dows, called at the Fred Brooks home Sunday.

TO THE MOTORING PUBLIC

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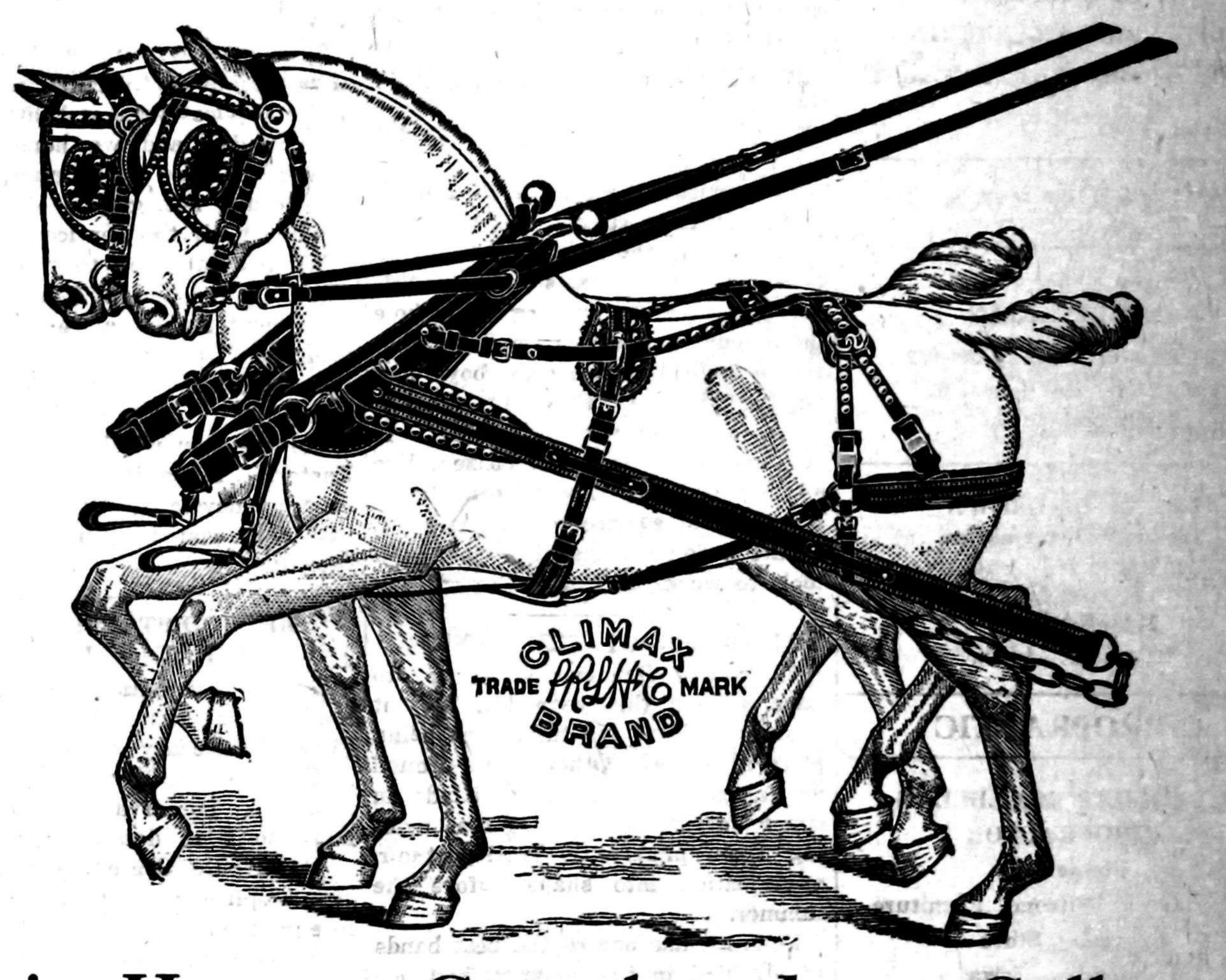

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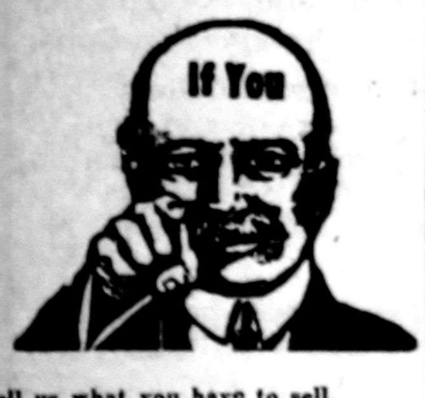

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IOWA PRESS ASSOCIATION

BOOST THE FIRE COMPANY

The fire company will hold a bazaar and ball on the 17th of March, for the purpose of raising funds to secure very much needed equipment. It behoves every citizen of the town and every farmer within a radius of five miles, to get behind them and boost to the limit.

In the first place, it should not be necessary for the firemen, who do volunteer duty, to put themselves out to secure equipment; such should be furnished them by the city. When a man volunteers to do someone else's work, it is generally considered as a part of the bargain that he is to be furnished something to work with. But as circumstances make it necessary that the firemen secure the equipment themselves, every citizen is in duty bound to help them.

The boys will hold a bazaar, at which they will sell at auction anything that is donated by the community for the occasion. Most anything in the way of donations will be acceptable, and it is urged upon every citizen to donate something, no matter how small. A supper will also be served, cheaper than the same eats could be cooked at home, so let that part of the affair be crowded to the limit. After the supper a dance will be held, and with all the younger set who dance, let there be some of the older ones too, for the boys guarantee a good time.

The fire company is in need of around five to seven hundred dollars worth of equipment. Without it they cannot adequately combat any fire of any magnitude that may occur in the city. Belmond made a wise and able move when the chemical truck was secured, for it has saved its cost three times over already, and by securing the needed equipment to go with it—and five hundred dollars is a small sum for such a safeguard—the town will be in shape to take care of almost any fire that might break out.

The census gave us 1797 inhabitants, which, of course, was less than we have and the firemen must have five hundred dollars, so that if this amount is divided among the whole the amount per person won't be ruinous to anybody. Boost the boys, and get behind them. Every little helps, so come across with something. If you are going to be a citizen, live up to the name. The firmen donate ten years of service to you; you can donate a dollar to furnish them with tools to work for you.

HOW ABOUT THE BAND?

Of course Belmond is going to have a band this year, but isn't it about time that the thing was being placed in shape? Other towns around are already getting their bands in shape for the coming season, making their plans and getting their organization into shape before the summer.

Belmond has one of the best bands of its kind in the country, and one in which the town should, and does, take the greatest pride. Every effort therefore, should be made to give it a chance to perfect itself, to give the boys time to become organized and to get in practice for the coming season.

It would seem, as long as the adjacent towns are organizing, that the local band should be given the same opportunity. The band boys will be in better shape and know more where they are at, if the business men get together on the question now, instead of waiting until the season is here. Let's get the proposition started.

GETTING THE MOST FROM ADS

Any man who spends his good money for advertising, wants to be sure that he is going to secure results, that he isn't wasting his money. If the advertising isn't going to bring him results, he isn't going to advertise. And if advertising doesn't pay, he isn't going to spend his money on it.

But advertising does pay. It not only pays big, but if kept up it pays consistantly. You may take any of the largest concerns in the country, and without exception you will find them steady, heavy advertisers.

If advertising didn't pay, would they do it?

A Belmond business man, this winter, bemoaned the amount spent by another in advertising; it wasn't paying, it was throwing money away, wasting it, a useless expenditure of hard-earned cash. But the man who was spending it didn't seem to see it that way; he was getting results to beat the cars, his store was crowded with customers who were buying his goods.

Which of the two knew the most about it—the man who advertised or the man who didn't? If adveritising didn't pay, why was he spending his money for it?

Advertising will pay any man, in any business. The man who says he doesn't believe in it, will spend hours in dressing up his show window to attract the attention of the public—which is nothing more or less than one way of advertising. In doing it he admits that he believes in advertising.

What he does not believe in is not advertising, but newspaper advertising. Yet newspaper advertising is less expensive than other kinds, and draws bigged dividends. A newspaper is paid for by the subscriber as something he wants; he wants it bad enough to pay his money for it. He wants it to read. It goes into his home; he reads it, his wife reads it, his family reads it. The average family is figured at five persons, so that for every subscriber, a newspaper can figure that five people will read it. The Independent's circulation of over eight hundred, therefore, means that five times eight hundred, or four thousand and over, of people will read it. Can any man send four thousand circulars thru the mail, figuring the cost of print them and the postage and time in nserting, stamping and addressing them, for what he could reach the same number of people thru a quarter or a half page advertisement in the local newspaper? Circulars are forced on the reader; he gets it whether or no; the newspaper comes to him because he wants it bad enough to pay for. The ad is cheaper, reaches the same number of people, and goes where it is wanted. Now which is the best?

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The trustees will meet on Wednesday night at the Telephone office.

The services were well attended on last Sunday and we hope now as spring has come to see many of those who could not get in during the winter at all the services.

We are prepared to take care of 75 or 100 more in our Sabbath school. Come next Sunday at ten o'clock and bring some one with you. The regular services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

We are now within four weeks of Easter. Make it a time of great spiritual developement. The church will help you if you will line up with it.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

We are distributing this week thru the mail a little folder entitled: "What Centenary Money is Doing." It is gotten out by the church's committee on conservation and advance and shows in detail where and to what purpose Centenary money has been applied in both the home and foreign field. Many of these details have been published in the church papers but some do not take the papers and consequently do not know what is being done. A glance at this folder will soon convince anyone of the wonderful and varied work the church is accomplishing. "These acts bring the welcome ssurance that the Centenary program is being steadily, courageously, worked out into actuality." And yet these acts cannot begin to tell the whole story. The real achievement of the Centenary is not bricks and mortar, not so many workers supported; it is the story of lives made over, of peoples lifted up, and of religious awakening of thousands of communities. Study this record and keep it for future reference. We ought to be proud of it and rejoice that we have a small part in it.

Services of the church at the following hours next Sunday:

Sunday school at 10:00.

Preaching services at 11:00 and 7:30.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30, led by Miss Orlie Brooks. If without a church home we invite you to worship with us.

The W. F. M. S. meets with Mrs. W. R. Ramsay, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. H. F. Luick is leader of the lesson on "Gospel Messengers in China."

The Living Room

THE room where mother darns stockings and dad smokes his long briar pipe. Where Sis studies Arithmetic and little Ned builds castles with his alphabet blocks. Its the room where most American families live the greater part ot their home life. To select a wall paper for your living room is truly a task. We are certain we have some papers in our store which will readily take their place on your living room walls and add their bit of warmth to your home life. Come in any time and see what we have to offer.

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MARCH 17

Belmond Local News

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

The American Legion members have been putting in some hard licks practicing for their home talent play this week, and the reports from the windows and the crack in the door indicate that it is going to begood.

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For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheriff, southwest of town, on last week Saturday night, by some friends and neighbors of the young couple. A very good time is reported by those present.

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

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This vicinity has had some pretty decent weather the past week, clear altho somewhat cold. Spring seems to be headed in this direction, and it cannot get here any too quick for the most of us.

—I—

Every citizen is interested in fire protection. Boost for the Firemen's Bazaar and Ball.
114*

—I—

L. J. Kalvig, of near Kanawha, was a visitor on last week Tuesday at the home of his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Kalvig.

—I—

FOR SALE.

Two corner lots on hill, four rods from paving. Inquire at this office.

—I—

The Herman Frohling sale last week was one of the most successful of the season. Very good prices were received for the goods offered, and especially for the stock. He had thirteen cows, which averaged $71.68 apiece, the prices received ranging up to ninety dollars.

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Joseph Patton was a caller in this city one day last week, from Rowan, attending to some business matters.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White returned on last week Saturday from their southern trip. They have been spending the winter in San Antonio, Texas, and other points.

—I—

For Sale—1 10-room house.
1 Bungalow, new, 24 x 42.
1 house and 2 lots, $2,500.
1 house and two lots, $1,200.
Inquire at this office. 132*

—I—

The meeting of the Community club last week Friday was very interesting and was attended by a good number of the members.

—I—

We donate ten years service to you. What are you going to donate toward your fire equipment March 17?

—I—

Miss Nelle Delaney enjoyed a visit from a lady friend, from Mason City, during the week end.

—I—

For Sale—Two cylinder Coven row boat motor, with or without 16-foot boat. Terms right to sell quick.—J. C. Pierce, Belmond, Iowa. tfc

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T. D. Rankins left on a business trip to Minnesota the first of the week.

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Geo. W. Potts will hold a public sale at his farm west of Belmond on March 11th. See his advertisement on another page of the Independent.

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Mrs. Wm. Brewer was a visitor several days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Norris. She returned home on Saturday.

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SPECIAL

Peaches and Apricots, three-pound can for 25 cents. Friday and Saturday.—B. K. Kinseth. 141c

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. James Libby loaded their car last week Saturday for Illinois, where they will make their future home. Belmond regrets to lose this estimable couple, for they have been residents of this city for many years. The best wishes of their many friends here go with them to their new home.

—I—

Henry Steinlicht returned last Saturday from his trip to Minnesota. He went to that place to bring back the car of goods for his brother-in-law, who is moving to this place to farm, but the brother-in-law had started with the car before his arrival.

—I—

Wanted—A good live correspondent from Grant township. A chance to make some extra pin money, and the work is easy and can be done in your spare time. Ask us for particulars. Call 115.—Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graephler, of Dows, was a visitor Sunday of this week at the Sullivan home here.

Mrs. C. J. Johnson and Mrs. Frank Baldridge were callers at Mason City one day last week.

—I—

If you have spring plowing or discing to be done, I am in a position to contract same.—H. G. Nordschow.

—I—

Fay Jenison returned home last week from the hospital here, where she was recently operated on for appendicitis. She is fully recovered.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

Miss Nettie Benson held a box social at her school house on Friday, and a fine program is reported being given by her pupils. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

—I—

If you have spring plowing or discing to be done, I am in a position to contract same.—H. G. Norschow.

—I—

Mrs. Kiplinger has been reported on the sick list for the past week or two. Mrs. O. Gartin is assisting in the care of her.

—I—

For Sale—Home grown, re-cleaned Timothy Seed from new meadow. Am taking orders now for March delivery. Phone 3217. O. D. Jenison. tfc

—I—

Clover and Timothy Hay for Sale. In good condition. $14.00 per ton. Ben J. Mehus, Phone 1506. 152*

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio potatoes, raised here only one year. Free from scab. Also some good rural New Yorkers. Phone 298.—H. H. Hawley. 14tf

—I—

Family Washings Wanted. Call a Granfield property north of the school house. 153c

—I—

Mrs. Colby and children, of Sioux City, are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. Bettin, proprietor of the Hotel Case. Mrs. Colby expects to stay for some time before returning to her home.

—I—

Donate anything from a baby chick to a good sound horse for the benefit for the fire equipment.

—I—

All proceeds go for fire equipment from the Firemen's Ball.

—I—

Found—American Legion button. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

—I—

Wanted—Boy for office work and to assist in dining room.—Hotel Case. 14tf

—I—

Wanted—Two women or girls for dining room and chamber work. Parties rooming at home preferred, but not essential.—Hotel Case. 15tfc

—I—

Rev. Edge, of the Methodist church, was in attendance at the district conference at Garner on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

—I—

Wanted—Good live correspondent in Grant township. A chance to make good pin money. Call or write Independent. tf

—I—

For Sale—John Deere corn sheller, No. 9. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 132*

—I—

For Sale—A few ton of good prarie hay. Phone 2004—C. C. Landon. tf

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Some of the fixtures for the new State Bank building arrived last week and are now being installed. The building is coming along in nice shape and presents a very attractive and pleasing appearance, greatly improving the appearance of Spruce street.

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Miss Golaxson, of Dows, who has been visiting relatives here for the past week or so, returned to her home Sunday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bishop drove to Alexander on Sunday of this week.

—I—

We expect to receive clover and timothy seed this week. Reasonable price.—Chris Rise, Phone 85. 151c

—I—

Miss Gretchen Blank was operated on at the Methodist hospital at Des Moines. Saturday morning. The surgeon found her trouble to be cancer. Altho her case is serious there is still hopes that she may be cured as it is thought that the nature of the cancer is such that it can be treated and the growth stopped by X-ray method. Her many Klemme friends sincerely hope that she may recover and be restored to health again.—Klemme Times.

Mrs. C. J. Boughton, who has been very ill with blood poisoning in one foot, is reported as recovering very nicely.

—I—

Mrs. L. Veeder went to Mason City Friday for the day.

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Mrs. Zok returned recently from Colorado, where she has been spending the winter months.

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Carl Braun was a caller at Klemme one day last week, attending to some business affairs.

—I—

A neighborhood dance and good social time was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Clark on last week Saturday night, southeast of town. A good time is reported by those who were present.

—I—

Married man wants work on farm. Call 138. 141 c

—I—

The Sunday school class of Mrs. Edge will hold a social in the church parlors on Saturday, March the 12th. Everybody is invited. A charge of one penny will be made for each letter in the name. Come and have a good time.

—I—

Miss Kathleen Berry is the new trimmer at the Tyrrell millinery. Miss Berry's home is in London, England, and she has only been in this country thirteen months. The ladies of Belmond who cannot wear imported hats, can at least wear hats made by an "imported" trimmer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thor Johnson's little son, Homer, who is in the hospital at Belmond, is at present suffering from rheumatism and not doing as well as wished.—Kanawha Reporter.

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AND
Thursday, March 3d

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

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11c and 25c

"Love's Harnest"

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

A Fox picture featuring

Shirley Mason

A real picture, and a good one, one that you will like and enjoy. Don't miss it.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

BOOKING NOT RECEIVED

But watch for a good one, we'll have it.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

Bryant Washburn

In the role of innocent Jack Temple, Mr. Washburn is pursued by a "vamp" of a designing type and has the misfortune to be locked for the night with this creature on the roof of a department store Of course, Jack knows, jealous Mrs. T. will not accept the true explanation of his absence, so he invents a Mr. Brown, with whom he claims to have spent the night. She is suspicious and sends a telegram to Brown. Jack induces his friend, Frank Fuller, to pose as Brown. The result is a gay mix-up of wives and husbands and an Italian manicurist that finally results happily.

MONDAY and TUESDAY
MARCH 7 and 8

"The Courage of Marge O'Doone"

A James Oliver Curwood story and a good one. If you have read the book you will know it, and won't want to miss this play, for the dramatic possibilities are unbounded and the action fast and furious.

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Neighborhood News

GRANT TOWNSHIP ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eimbrink and sons, Lou, Henry, and Carl, moved Friday of last week to their new home four miles southeast of Belmond. Brother Will Eimbrink, of near Goodell, came down to help with the moving.

The Sheriff Brothers, of near Rowan, will reside on the Perry Loomis farm, just vacated by Henry Eimbink and family.

Miss Nellie Quigley, who is employed in Fort Dodge, came up for an over Sunday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Quigley, southwest of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barry and little daughter, Rose, were in Mason City calling on friends between trains Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kaufman have moved to their new home on the old Fred Luick farm, southeast of town.

Mrs. Ed. Chapman and daughter, Sylvia, and Garnet visited at the home of her son, John W. Chapman, southwest of town.

The Misses Bessie and Grace Quigley were over Sunday visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Quigley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lalor have moved to their new home east of Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tillman and Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman and their families came up from Clarion, Sunday, to visit Mrs. Tillman's and Mrs. Chapman's mother, Mrs. John Lalor, before that family moved to Garner.

P. C. Coffer, who has been spending a few days with the George Barry family, left Thursday of this week for his home in Kanawha.

Ralph Thayer and family attended his brother's sale Friday of last week.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Carl Bohlen was a business caller at Meservey last Saturday.

Joe Veeder was a caller at Clarion one day last week.

Mrs. B. K. Kinseth and daughter, Oranna, visited at the Clarence Bohlen home the first of the week.

Miss Vivian Meierbachtol spent the week end at the Kennth Hagen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals returned home the first of the week after several weeks visit with relatives at various points in Texas.

Archie McCallum, of Thornton, was looking after business matters in this place last week.

Ben Arends was a visitor at Meservey, Saturday.

Mrs. Braden, of Dows, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl, who came to make its home with them last Sunday, Feb. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn were visitors at Mason City last Wednesday.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bohlen last Saturday, Feb. 26.

Mrs. Clay Klinefelter and Mrs. Leslie Reed will entertain the cemetery society at the Klinefelter home on Thursday afternoon, March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Douglas, of Hampton, spent the past week visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Otto Kieslich.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

County Superintendent H. J. Henderson visited our schools last Tuesday. We highly appreciate Supt. Henderson's visits and his good common sense advice pertaining to school matters.

Mrs. C. R. Clark is substituting in the 7th and 8th grades for Miss Dora Prince, and Miss Jessie Bell is taking the place of Miss Hettie Prince in the 5th grade.

Alice Peters, of the 7th garde, who has been a patient at the Lutheran hospital, was able to return home last Saturday and will again take up her school work.

Last Friday afternoon the pupils of the 3rd grade and their teacher, Miss Alvena Johnson, gave a farewell party for Gladys Anderson, who expects to move to another community.

The digging and scratching last week on the part of a few was not altogether due to poor class work, and the regular six week test.

The patriotic program given last Tuesday evening by the pupils of the 1st and 4th grades was well attended. The pupils acted heir parts well and gave evidence of much careful training by their teachers, Misses Hendrickson and Gartz.

GOODELL

The Elmer Kinnenberg family has moved into he property owned by Roy Bachman.

Carl Engeseth was a business caller at Klemme, Friday.

Ed. Bachman transacted business at Klemme, Friday.

George Avery, of Belmond, was in this town looking after farm interests and calling on friends Friday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Thursday, Feb. 10, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, of Belmond, were visitors at the T. R. Burgess home Friday.

L. A. Church, of Fort Dodge, visited friends and relatives here last week.

The United Brethern church choir met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snearly last Thursday evening, after which a fine supper was served, to which all did justice, voting Mr. and Mrs. Snearly royal entertainers.

H. O. Sandberg has been employed as collector for the Iowa Falls Electric Co. the past three weeks.

Martin Grover, of Leland, Illinois, is here looking after farm interests and visiting his many friends this week.

Several of the young folks have enjoyed the skating the past week.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kienenberger is reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. L. W. Wesenberg visited relatives at Charles City the fore part of last week.

The Farmers Elevator Co. reports a busy day last Thursday, besides loading out three cars of corn they took in 122 loads of shelled corn, besides some oats, filling their elevator. The capacity being 10,000 or 12 000 bushels. It is rumored they will put up a steel tank which will hold 15,000 bushels. As soon as weather conditions permit they will put up coal sheds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Dominy visited at the home of Sam Dominy at Estherville, Sunday.

Prof. Kutz was a Belmond visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark have moved into the Mrs. Goodrich property.

George Beard, of Belmond, transacted business in Goodell last Friday.

A very enjoyable time was had by about 20 or 30 couples at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buss, north of town, last Thursday night, it being a surprise on Frank. Refreshments were served, everybody having a good time.

Mrs. C. Christensen visited relatives at Garner, Monday.

L. W. Wilson transacted business at Garner, Monday.

Chas. Olsen, of Belmond, was a Goodell caller Monday.

Wm. Rhodes was a Garner caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffen were Garner visitors Monday.

J. N. Johnson, of Belmond, transacted business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brogan and son Deane, of Meservey, visited at the Earl Clark home Sunday.

Lyle Brogan, of Meservey, has been employed in the A. M. Braeber barber shop, Monroe being compe'led on account of health to get more outdoor work.

The Ladies Aid society met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Miller last Wednesday afternoon.

Carl Engeseth is moving his general merchandise stock into his new quarters on north Main street. When all settled he will have a first-class merchandise store.

The Jno. Daniels and Chester Chelsvig families left Saturday for Minnesota where they will make their home having purchased a farm last fall. Both families made many friend while here.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

A baby girl came to make its home with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Feb. 23.

Carlton Johnson and family spent Sunday evening at the Geo. Baxter home.

Miss Blance Baker and Miss Lois Morse, of Belmond, spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Clarence Scott. They also attended the box social given by Miss Benson and pupils.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor in Belmond.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Jessie Olson next time.

Alma Erickson visited with friends in Clarion last Thursday and Friday.

Grandpa Griffen was brought home from the hospital, Friday. He is doing nicely.

Among those who move this week are J. H. Coburn to a farm near Rowan; Tom Eckersley to the farm vacated by Coburn; J. Larson to the Eckersley place; Ed. Houge to the Louis Hauge farm; Christ Heinbach to Kanawha; and Orin Hanson to a farm recently tenanted by John Thayer.

KANAWHA ITEMS

Ole Thompson, of Belmond, was a visitor with relatives and friends here the first of the week.

Viva Rourk, of Belmond, visited here the first of the week with home folks.

Mrs. Nels Thorman and sister, Miss Grace Foster, returned home Monday from a very pleasant visit with friends at Des Moines.

Mrs. Ed. Johnson and Miss Clara Johnson returned home the first of the week from Cylinder, where they visited several days at the Elmer Hill home.

Miss Anna Mae Aldrich, of Belmond, was a visitor at the Peterson home this week.

Miss Edith Severson returned home from Fort Dodge, Monday, where she had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Kellog.

Miss Mae Carr, who has been visiting relatives at Waseca, Minnesota, for some time, retured home Thursday afternoon.

Miss Anita Cook, who has been ill the past week is somewhat improved at this writing.

O. C. Thompson and Benton Olson, of the South Garage, were business visitors in Minnesota this week.

C. O. Gorton left the first of the week for Des Moines, to attend the hardware men's conventron held there the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Perkins, of Corwith, were visiting relatives and friends here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rourk's son, Lloyd, was taken ill with pneumonia the latter part of this week, but is getting along as well as can be expected. A nurse is in attendance.

NORWAY NEWS ITEMS

T. H. Asbe helped his son, Henry, shell out the share of corn, Monday, selling it in Olaf.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig got its hands and face burned last Sunday. She was walking round the heater and put her hands on the side of the stove. Before anyone could reach her she fell with her face against the stove. She is recovering nicely, however.

Mrs. Stole was a caller at the T. H. Asbe home on Monday afternoon.

The prayer meeting was held at the E. E. Markus home on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wicks and family enjoyed a good dinner at the home of Mrs. J. Stole, Sunday.

Henry Asbe and Silas Sampson visited at the home of T. H. Asbe, Sunday.

Mrs. John Stole and daughter called on Miss Allen Anfison, Tuesday afternoon.

Melvin Wicks left for Montana on Tuesday, to look after business interests at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asbe's baby has been on the sick list the past week.

J. E. Kalvig and Henry Asbe moved the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kalvig to Kanawha last week Thursday.

T. A. Asbe was a business caller at Renwick, Friday.

S. Skouge shelled his corn on last Friday.

Mr. Fritz, of Clarion, was up this way Friday to look after business affairs.

Miss Sila Wicks came up from Eagle Grove to spend a few days visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martin Hill, this week.

Mrs. Pete Enga was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Jenson, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hill entertained a number of friends for supper on Thursday evening.

Mr. Louis Therdahl and Miss Vera Rust were united in marriage at Clarion, Wednesday afternoon. In the evening a reception was given at their home by the relations and friends. We wish them joy and happiness.

Miss Ardeall Espe left for Thompson, Iowa, to help her sister, Mrs. Berhow, with her household duties.

SNARL STREET NOTES

The Nels Olson sale was well attended. We certainly regret to lose these neighbors from our Street, and wish them great success in their new home.

Mr. Hausen, of Ellsworth, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Albin Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs will move to their new farm four and one-half miles east of Goodell, March 1. We greatly regret to lose these folks from our neighborhood, as they have lived here a good many years, but wish them great success in their new home.

Mrs. Harold Gates visited at the Earl Jacobs home Tuesday.

Mrs. Carl Steffens has been on the sick list the past week.

George Aldrich, Abe Johnson, Edgar Mantle attended the skating party at the old mill dam Monday evening.

Duncan Farran is visiting at the L. E. Aldrich home.

Mrs. Robert Keith and Mrs. Wm. Tressider visited at the Carl Steffens home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph and children and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings visited Wednesday evening at the J. E. Miller home.

Mrs. Fred Aldrich, Mrs. J. E. Miller and Mrs. Claude Jennings visited at the Earl Jacobs home Wednesday.

Carl Steffens, Rueben Cupp and Mrs. Claude Jennings were Dows callers between trains Thursday.

Mrs. Herb Hadley, Mrs. Sim Stout, Mrs. Lee Sellers, Minnie Aldinger and Mrs. Claude Jennings attended the shower in honor of Miss May Azeltine Friday evening.

Frank Carr is assisting Carl Steffens in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller ate supper at the Harold Gates home Saturday.

Lee and Nathan Aldrich delivered hogs to Rowan, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oramel Gates and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsey visited at the Carl Steffens home Sunday.

Mrs. William McCallum assisted in taking care of the new granddaughter at the Peter Math home over the week end.

Henry Iserman finished loading his car Tuesday, the family leaving on Wednesday for their new home in North Dakota.

Earl Jacobs shelled corn Monday and Wednesday.

Alfred Olson, of Springfield, Illinois, and Harry Johnson, of Rock Island, are visiting at the home of his brother and uncle, Nels Olson and family.

Albert Moellering visited at the Carl Steffens home Tuesday.

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to 'Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

CHAPTER III.—Cranston grossly insults the girl. Failing promises her he will punish him when he has fully recovered his strength, and the girl looks on the promise as a compact. A few days later Silas Lennox, while chopping wood in the forest, is pinned under a falling branch and badly hurt. "Snowbird" finds her father and gets him safely to the house and to bed.

CHAPTER IV.—The girl sets out across the Divide, in the darkness, to bring a physician. She has a sense that she is being stalked by some animal, and becomes uneasy. Dan, who had been shooting, arrives home and finds Lennox. Both Lennox and Dan fear for "Snowbird's" safety, and Dan at once sets out to overtake her. The animal stalking the girl is the cougar which had finished Hildreth, now become a hunter of man. Failing arrives only just in time to save the girl's life, and in that manner pays part of the debt he owes her. As evidence of Dan's returning strength he strangles the animal, which, though wounded by a revolver shot from "Snowbird's" weapon, was a most formidable enemy.

BOOK THREE—THE PAYMENT.

CHAPTER I.—Hildreth's disappearance is unaccounted for until Dan finds his mutilated body and near it the evidence which will send Cranston to the gallows and break up the outlaw gang. A record cold winter sets in. Cranston, suspecting that Hildreth's evidence is in existence, visits the Lennox home in the absence of Dan and "Snowbird," to search for it. He fails to find it, and in his rage and disappointment sets fire to the house, Lennox being powerless to stop him. The almost helpless man drags himself outside.

The scene didn't offer much in the way of clues. Of the body itself only a white heap of bones remained, for many and terrible had been the agents at work upon them. The clothes, however, particularly the coat, were practically intact. Gripping himself, Dan thrust his fingers into its pockets, then into the pockets of the shirt and trousers. All paper that would in any way serve to identify the murdered man, or tell what his purpose had been in journeying down the trail the night of the murder had been removed. Only one explanation presented itself. Cranston had come before him and searched the body himself.

Dan looked about for tracks, and he was considerably surprised to find the blurred, indistinct imprint of a shoe other than his own. He hadn't the least hope that the tracks themselves would offer a clue to a detective. They were too dim for that. The surprising fact was that since the murder had been committed immediately before the fall rains, the water had not completely washed them out. The only possibility remaining was that Cranston had returned to the body after the week's rainfall. The track had been dimmed by the lighter rains that had fallen since.

But yet it was entirely to be expected that the examination of the body would be an afterthought on Cranston's part. Possibly at first his only thought was to kill and, following the prompting that has sent so many murderers to the gallows, he had afterward returned to the scene of the crime to destroy any clues he might have left and to search the body for any evidence against the arson ring.

Dan's next thought was to follow along the trail and find Cranston's ambush. Of course it would be in the direction of the settlement from the body, as the bullet had entered from the front. He found it hard to believe that Hildreth had fallen in the exact spot where the body lay. Men journeying at night keep to the trail, and the white heap itself was fully forty feet back from the trail in the thickets. Perhaps Cranston had dragged it there to hide it from the sight of anyone who might pass along the lonely trail again; and it was a remote possibility that Whisperfoot, coming in the night, had tugged it into the thickets for dreadful purposes of his own. Likely the shot was fired when Hildreth was in an open place on the trail; and Dan searched for the ambush with this conclusion in mind. He walked back, looking for a thicket from which such a spot would be visible. Something over fifty yards down he found it; and he knew it by the empty brass rifle cartridge that lay half buried in the wet leaves.

The shell was of the same caliber as Cranston's rifle. Dan's hand shook as he put it in his pocket.

Encouraged by this amazing find, he turned up the trail toward Hildreth's cabin. It might be possible, he thought, that Hildreth had left some of his testimony—perhaps such rudely scrawled letters as Cranston had written him—in some forgotten drawer in his hut. It was but a short walk for Dan's hardened legs, and he made it before midafternoon.

The search itself was wholly without result. But because he had time to think as he climbed the ridge, because as he strode along beneath that wintry sky he had a chance to consider every detail of the case, he was able to start out on a new tack when, just before sunset, he returned to the body. This new train of thought had as its basis that Cranston's shot had not been deadly at once; that, wounded, Hildreth had himself crawled into the thickets where Whisperfoot had found him. And that meant that he had to enlarge his search for such documents as Hildreth had carried to include all the territory between the trail and the location of the body.

It was possibly a distance of forty feet, and getting down on his hands and knees, Dan looked for any break in the shrubbery that would indicate the path that the wounded Hildreth had taken. And it was ten minutes well rewarded, as far as clearing up certain details of the crime. His senses had been trained and sharpened by his months in the wilderness, and he was able to back-track the wounded man from the skeleton clear to the clearing on the trail where he had first fallen. But as no clues presented themselves, he started to turn home.

He walked twelve feet, then turned back. Out of the corner of his eye it seemed to him that he had caught a flash of white, near the end of a great, dead log beside the path that the wounded Hildreth had taken. For a moment he searched in vain. Evidently a yellow leaf had deceived him. Once more he retraced his steps, trying to find the position from which his eye had caught the glimpse of white. Then he dived straight for the rotten end of the log.

Into a little hollow in the bark, on the underside of the log, some hand had thrust a small roll of papers. They were rain-soaked now, and the ink had dimmed and blotted; but Dan realized their significance. They were the complete evidence that Hildreth had accumulated against the arson ring—letters that had passed back and forth between himself and Cranston a threat of murder from the former if Hildreth turned state's evidence, and a signed statement of the arson activities of the ring by Hildreth himself. They were not only enough to break up the ring and send its members to prison; with the aid of the empty shell and other circumstantial evidence, they could in all probability convict Bert Cranston of murder.

For a long time he stood with the shadows of the pines lengthening about him, his gray eyes in curious shadow. For the moment a glimpse was given him into the deep wells of the human soul; and understanding came to him. Was there no balm for hatred even in the moment of death? Were men unable to forget the themes and motives of their lives, even when the shadows closed down upon them? Hildreth had known what hand had struck him down. And even on the

Some Hand Had Thrust a Small Roll of Paper.

frontier of death, his first thought was to hide his evidence where Cranston could not find it when he searched the body, but where later it might be found by the detectives that were sure to come. It was the old creed of a life for a life. He wanted his evidence to be preserved—not that right should be wronged, but so that Cranston would be prosecuted and convicted and made to suffer. His hatred of Cranston that had made him turn state's evidence in the first place had been carried with him down into death.

As Dan stood wondering, he thought he heard a twig crack on the trail behind him, and he wondered what forest creature was still lingering on the ridges at the eve of the snows.

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The snow began to fall in earnest at midnight—great, white flakes that almost in an instant covered the leaves. It was the real beginning of winter, and all living creatures knew it. The wolf pack sang to it from the ridge—a wild and plaintive song that made Bert Cranston, sleeping in a lean-to on the Umpqua side of the Divide, swear and mutter in his sleep. But he didn't really waken until Jim Gibbs, one of his gang, returned from his secret mission.

They wasted no words. Bert flung aside the blankets, lighted a candle and placed it out of the reach of the night wind. His face looked swarthy and deep-lined in its light.

"Well?" he demanded. "What did you find?"

"Nothin'," Jim Gibbs answered gutturally. "If you ask me what I found out, I might have somethin' to answer."

"Then—" and Bert, after the manner of his kind, breathed an oath—"What did you find out?"

His tone, except for an added note of savagery, remained the same. Yet his heart was thumping a great deal louder than he liked to have it. Realizing that the snows were at hand, he had sent Gibbs for a last search of the body, to find and recover the evidence that Hildreth had against him and which had not been revealed either on Hildreth's person on in his cabin. He had become increasingly apprehensive about those letters he had written Hildreth, and certain other documents that had been in his possession. He didn't understand why they hadn't turned up. And now the snows had started, and Jim Gibbs had returned empty-handed, but evidently not empty-minded.

"I've found that the body's been uncovered—and men are already searchin' for clues. And moreover—I think they've found them." He paused, weighing the effect of his words. His eyes glittered with cunning. Rat that he was, he was wondering whether the time had arrived to leave the ship. He had no intention of continuing to give his services to a man with a rope-noose closing about him. And Cranston, knowing this fact, hated him as he hated the buzzard that would claim him in the end, and tried to hide his apprehension.

"Go on. Blat it out," Cranston ordered. "Or else go away and let me sleep."

It was a bluff; but it worked. If Gibbs had gone without speaking, Cranston would have known no sleep that night. But the man became more fawning.

"I'm tellin' you, fast as I can," he went on, almost whining. "I went to the cabin, just as you said. But I didn't get a chance to search it—"

"Why not?" Cranston thundered. His voice re-echoed among the snow-wet pines.

"I'll tell you why! Because some one else—evidently a cop—was already searchin' it. Both of us know there's nothin there, anyway. We've gone over it too many times. After a while he went away—but I didn't turn back yet. That wouldn't be Jim Gibbs. I shadowed him, just as you'd want me to. And he went straight back to the body."

"Yes?" Cranston had hard work curbing his impatience. Again Gibbs' eyes were full of ominous speculations.

"He stopped at the body, and it was plain he'd been there before. He went crawling through the thickets, lookin' for clues. He done what you and me never thought to do—lookin' all the way between the trail and the body. He'd already found the brass shell you told me to get. At least, it wasn't there when I looked, after he'd gone. You should've thought of it before. But he found somethin' else a whole lot more important—a roll of papers that Hildreth had chucked into an old pine stump when he was dyin'. It was your fault, Cranston, for not gettin' them that night. This detective stood and read 'em on the trail. And you know—just as well as I do—what they were."

"D—n you, I went back the next morning, as soon as I could see. And the mountain lion had already been there. I went back lots of times since. And that shell ain't nothing—but all the time I supposed I put it in my pocket. You know how it is—a fellow throws his empty shell out by habit."

Gibbs' eyes grew more intent. What was this thing? Cranston's tone, instead of commanding, was almost pleading. But the leader caught himself at once.

"I don't see why I need to explain any of that to you. What I want to know is this: why you didn't shoot and get those papers away from him?"

For an instant their eyes battled. But Gibbs had never the strength of his leader. If he had, it would have been asserted long since. He sucked in his breath, and his gaze fell away. It rested on Cranston's rifle, that in some manner had been pulled up across his knees. And at once he was cowed. He was never so fast with a gun as Cranston.

"Blood on my hands, eh—same as on yours?" he mumbled, looking down. "What do you think I want, a rope around my neck? These hills are big, but the arm of the law has reached up before, and it might again. You might as well know first as last I'm not goin' to do any killin's to cover up your murders."

"That comes of not going myself. You fool—if he gets that evidence down to the courts you're broken the same as me."

"But I wouldn't get more'n a year or so, at most—and that's a heap dif-

"You Just Lacked the Guts to Pull the Trigger."

ferent from the gallows. I did aim at him—"

"But you just lacked the guts to pull the trigger!"

"I did, and I ain't ashamed of it. But besides—the snows are here now, and he won't be able to even get word to the valleys for six months. If you want him killed so bad, do it yourself."

This was a thought indeed. On the other hand, another murder might not be necessary. Months would pass before the road would be opened, and in the meantime Cranston would have a thousand chances to steal back the accusing letters. He didn't believe for an instant that the man Gibbs had seen was a detective. He had kept too close watch over the roads for that.

"A tall chap, in outing clothes—dark-haired and clean-shaven?"

"Yes?"

"Wears a tan hat?"

"That's the man."

"I know him—and I wish you'd punctured him. That's Failing—the tenderfoot that's been staying at Lennox's. He's a lunger."

"He didn't look like no lunger to me."

"But no matter about that—it's just as I thought. And I'll get 'em back—mark my little words."

In the meantime the best thing to do was to move at once to his winter trapping grounds—a certain neglected region on the lower levels of the North Fork. If at any time within the next few weeks, Dan should attempt to carry word down to the settlements, he would be certain to pass within view of his camp. But he knew that the chance of Dan starting upon any such journey before the snow had melted was not one in a thousand. To be caught in the Divide in the winter means to be snowed in as completely as the Innuits of upper Greenland. No word could pass except by man on snowshoes.

Yet if the chance did come, if the house should be left unguarded, it might pay Cranston to make an immediate search. Dan would have no reason for supposing that Cranston suspected his possession of the letters; he would not be particularly watchful, and would probably pigeon-hole them until spring in Lennox's desk.

And the truth was that Cranston had reasoned out the situation almost perfectly. When Dan awakened in the morning, and the snow lay already a foot deep over the wilderness world, he knew that he would have no chance to act upon the Cranston case until the snows melted in the spring. So he pushed all thought of it out of his mind and turned his attention to more pleasant subjects. It was true that he read the documents over twice as he lay in bed. Then he tied them into a neat packet and put them away where they would be quickly available. Then he thrust his head out of the window and let the great snowflakes sift down upon his face. It was winter at last, the season that he loved.

He didn't stir from the house that first day of the storm. Snowbird and he found plenty of pleasant things to do and talk about before the roaring fire that he built in the grate. He was glad of the great pile of wood that lay outside the door. It meant life itself, in this season. Then Snowbird led him to the windows, and they watched the white drifts pile up over the low underbrush.

When finally the snowstorm ceased, five days later, the whole face of the wilderness was changed. The buckbrush was mostly covered, the fences were out of sight; the forest seemed a clear, clean sweep of white, broken only by an occasional tall thicket and by the great, snow-covered trees.

When the clouds blew away, and the air grew clear, the temperature began to fall. Dan had no way of knowing how low it went. Thermometers were not considered essential at the Lennox home. But when his eyelids congealed with the frost, and his mittens froze to the logs of firewood that he carried through the door, and the pine trees exploded and cracked in the darkness, he was correct in his belief that it was very, very cold.

But he loved the cold, and the silence and austerity that went with it. The wilderness claimed him as never before. The rugged breed that were his ancestors had struggled through such seasons as this and passed a love of them down through the years to him.

When the ice made a crust over the snow, he learned to walk on snowshoes. At first there were pained ankles and endless floundering in the drifts. But between the fall of fresh snow and the thaws that softened the crust, he slowly mastered the art. Snowbird—and Dan never realized the full significance of her name until he saw her flying with incredible grace over the snow—laughed at him at first and ran him races that would usually end in his falling headfirst into a ten-foot snowbank. She taught him how to ski and more than once she would stop in the middle of an earnest bit of pedagogy to find that he wasn't listening at all. He would seem to be fairly devouring her with his eyes, delighting in the play of soft pinks and reds in her cheeks, and drinking, as a man drinks wine, the amazing change of light and shadow in her eyes.

She seemed to blossom under his gaze. Not one of those short winter days went by without the discovery of some new trait or little vanity to astonish or delight him—sometimes an unlooked-for tenderness toward the weak, often a sweet, untained philosophy of life, or perhaps just a lowering of her eyelids in which her eyes would show lustrous through the lashes, or some sweeping, exuberant gesture startlingly graceful.

Lennox wakened one morning with the realization that this was one of the hardest winters of his experience. He began to be very glad of the abundant stores of provisions that overcrowded his pantry—savory hams and bacons, dried venison, sacks of potatoes and evaporated vegetables, and, of course, canned goods past counting. With the high fire roaring in the grate, the season held no ills for them. But sometimes, when the bitter cold came down at twilight, and the moon looked like a thing of ice itself over the snow, he began to wonder how the wild creatures who wintered on the Divide were faring. Of course most of them were gone. Woof, long since, had grunted and mumbled his way into a winter lair. But the wolves remained, strange gray shadows on the snow, and possibly a few of the hardier smaller creatures.

More than once in those long winter nights their talk was chopped off short by the song of the pack on some distant ridge. Sometime, when the world is old, possibly a man will be born that can continue to talk and keep his mind on his words while the wolf pack sings. But he is certainly an unknown quantity today. The cry sets in vibration curious memory chords, and for a moment the listener sees in his mind's eye his ancient home in an ancient world—Darkness and Fear and Eyes shining about the cave. It carries him back, and he knows the wilderness as it really is; and to have such knowledge dries up all inclination to talk, as a sponge dries water. Of course the picture isn't entirely plain. It is more a thing guessed at, a photograph in some dark part of an under-consciousness that has constantly grown more dim as the centuries have passed. Possibly sometime it will fade out altogether; and then a man may continue to discuss the weather while the Song from the ridge shudders in at the windows. But the world will be quite cold by then, and no longer particularly interesting. And possibly even the wolves themselves will then be tamed to play dead and speak pieces—which means the wilderness itself will be tamed. For as long as the wild lasts, the pack will run through it in the winter. They were here in the beginning, and in spite of constant war and constant hatred on the part of men, they will be here in the end. The reason is just that they are the symbol of the wilderness itself, and the idea of it continuing to exist without them is stranger than that of a nation without a flag.

It wasn't quite the same song that Dan had listened to in the first days of fall. It had been triumphant then, and proud with the wilderness pride. Of course it had been sad then, too, but it was more sad now. And it was stranger, too, and crept farther into the souls of its listeners. It was the song of strength that couldn't avail against the snow, possibly of cold and the despair and courage of starvation. These three that heard it were inured to the wilderness; but a moment was always needed after its last note had died to regain their gayety.

"They're getting lean and they're getting savage," Lennox said one night, stretched on his divan before the fireplace. He was still unable to walk; but the fractures were knitting slowly and the doctor had promised that the summer would find him well. "If we had a dog, I wouldn't offer much for his life. One of these days we'll find 'em in a big circle around the house—and then we'll have to open up with the rifles."

But this picture appalled neither of his two young listeners. No wolf pack can stand against three marksmen, armed with rifles and behind oaken walls.

Christmas came and passed, and January brought clear days and an ineffective sun shining on the snow. These were the best days of all. Every afternoon Dan and Snowbird would go out on their skis or on snowshoes, unarmed except for the pistol that Snowbird carried in the deep pocket of her mackinaw. "But why not?" Dan replied to Lennox's objection. "She could kill five wolves with five shots, or pretty near it, and you know well enough that that would hold 'em till we got home. They'd stop to eat the five. I have hard enough time keeping up with her as it is, without carrying a rifle." And Lennox was content. Dan had told the truth when he said that five deaths or even fewer, would repel the attack of any wolf pack he had ever seen. There was just one troubling thought. He had heard, long ago, and he had forgotten who had told him, that in the most severe winters the wolves gather in particularly large packs; and a quality in the song that they had heard at night seemed to bear it out. The chorus had been exceptionally loud and strong, and he had been unable to pick out individual voices.

The snow was perfect for skiing. Previously their sport had been many times interrupted either by the fall of fresh snow or a thaw that had softened the snow crust; but now every afternoon was too perfect to remain indoors. They shouted and romped in the silences, and they did not dream but that they had the wilderness all to themselves. The fact that one night Lennox's keen eyes had seen what looked like the glow of a camp fire in the distance didn't affect this belief of theirs at all. It was evidently just the phosphorus glowing in a rotten log from which the winds had blown the snow.

Once or twice they caught glimpses of wild life: once a grouse that had buried in the snow flushed from their path and blew the snow-dust from its wings; and once or twice they saw snowshoe rabbits bounding away on flat feet over the drifts. But just one day they caught sight of a wolf. They were on snowshoes on a particularly brilliant afternoon late in January.

He was a lone male, evidently a straggler from the pack, and he leaped from the top of a tall thicket that had remained above the snow. The man and the girl had entirely different reactions. Dan's first impression was amazement at the animal's condition. It seemed to be in the last stages of starvation: unbelievably gaunt, with rib bones showing plainly even through the furry hide. Ordinarily the heavily furred animals do not show signs of famine; but even an inexperienced eye could not make a mistake in this case. The eyes were red, and they carried Dan back to his first adventure in the Oregon forest—the day he had shot the mad coyote. Snowbird thought of the beast only as an enemy. The wolves killed her father's stock; they were brigands of the worst order; and she shared the hatred of them that is a common trait of all primitive peoples. Her hand whipped back, seized her pistol, and she fired twice at the fleeing figure.

The second shot was a hit: both of them saw the wolf go to its side, then spring up and race on. Shouting, both of them sped after him.

In a few moments he was out of sight among the distant trees, but they found the blood-trail and mushed over the ridge. They expected at any moment to find him lying dead; but the track led them on clear down the next canyon. And now they cared not at all whether they found him: it was simply a tramp in the out-of-doors; and both of them were young with red blood in their veins.

(Continued next week)

Belmond Local News

John Lalor and family have moved to a farm west of Garner, going on Monday of this week.

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Mrs. Snyder entertained her Sunday school class on Monday afternoon of this week.

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J. H. Neal, of Mason City, was calling on old friends here last week Saturday. He is a former resident of this place.

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The Aid society of the Methodist church gave a farewell party for Mrs. A. D. Stockwell on last Tuesday evening, at the parsonage. A token of their friendship was present Mrs. Stockwell. Light refreshments were served and a social evening enjoyed.

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Joseph Bohning and family have moved into rooms at the Rierson home for the present.

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Miss Viva Rourk, the teacher of the third grade at school, was called home to Kanawha, Saturday, by the illness of her brotner.

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The Stockwell family moves on Wednesday of this week to their new home at Wesley, Iowa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nelson returned from Clear Lake last week Wednesday, where they have been visiting for several weeks.

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A. F. Bradley, of Minneapolis, was a visitor at the Tom Tyrrell home over Sunday.

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W. L. Wilson, of the Star Cleaner establishment, has arrived back from Kentucky, where he spent the winter months visiting at his old home town. He reports that they had 10 below weather down there some of the time this winter.

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The committee of the M. E. Ladies Aid society, composed of Mrs. Wolle, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. Mac J. Thompson, and Mrs. Daisy Pierce, wish to thank all those who helped them in the serving of the sugar company banquet last Wednesday evening.

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Dr. McClellan, the Chiropractor from Belmond, is making regular visits here every Saturday. —Kanawha Reporter.

—I—

Mrs. Martin Johnson, residing south west of town, who recently underwent an operation at the Steele hospital at Belmond, is improving.

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N. B. Olson, from near Rowan, was a business caller here one day last week. Mr. Olson recently held a closing out sale, and reports that he received very good prices for his articles all the way thru.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cought it is unsurpassed.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

C. J. Baxter, of Olaf, was a business caller in town on last week Saturday.

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Cobs For Sale—Triple-box load, $3.00, delivered. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 132*

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams gave a card party at their home on last week Tuesday, the 22nd., for a number of their friends. A delightful time is reported by everybody present.

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COMBINATION SALE

A number of farmers have suggested that a combination sale be held in Belmond, and I have therefore concluded to hold such a sale on Tuesday, March 8th. If you have anything for sale, commence listing it at once with

T. D. Rankins. tf

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Mrs. Gus Johnson went to Sioux City last week, where she will spend a couple of weeks visiting her daughter, Clara, who is attending Morningside college.

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LEATHER FROM HIDES

We have made arrangements with a reliable tannery to tan hides for leather. Come in and let's talk it over.—E. M. Lathrop. 132*

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The W. F. M. society of the M. E. church will meet Thursday of this week with Mrs. Wallace Ramsay on north Filbert street.

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Make your donating count, for the town benefit Firemen's Bazaar and Fall, March 17.

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Rev. and Mrs. Edge drove to Alexander, Sunday afternoon, where Rev. Edge delivered the Sunday sermon.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson returned last week from a visit at Waverly.

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Dr. and Mrs. Barth drove over from Garner on Sunday, to spend the day at home of Mrs. Barth's mother, Mrs. Newgord.

Howard Wolle returned to his duties with the Sioux City Telephone company last Wednesday, after a few days spent at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle.

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The Independent has been more than rushed the past week or two, trying to fill job orders on time. A cattle catalogue for Patton & Mathiason, of Rowan, has taken all the spare hours night and day and Sunday for the past week, which, aside from the rest of the work, has kept the force on the jump. Even the ed has had to stir around some.

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For Sale—A few choice high grade Duroc Jersey bred sows, due to farrow in April and May. Also a few high grade Holstein cows and heifers, to be fresh soon.—D. H. Delaney. 152*

—I—

Henry Anderson went to Iowa City on Sunday, to bring back his wife, who has been at the hospital there for several weeks having a cataract removed from her eye. She is reported as recovering very nicely.

—I—

Ask your grocer for Belmond Bakery Bread. It satisfies! 114*

—I—

Miss Lyna Pierce left the first of the week for Des Moines, to resume her duties as nurse, after a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pierce.

Mrs. Martin Johnson, who was recently operated on at the hospital here for appendicitis, is reported as getting along nicely. She was very ill for a time and her life was feared for, but she is now recovering nicely.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson returned Sunday from Indianapolis, where they visited friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been spending the winter in the south and visited in Indiana on their way home.

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Wm. Cox was a business caller at Fort Dodge a couple of days last week.

Ole Thompson was a visitor with friends and relatives at Kanawha one day last week, also attending to some business affairs.

Wm. Voiles leaves this afternoon for Des Moines, where he was called by his house to attend a conference of the agents of the state.

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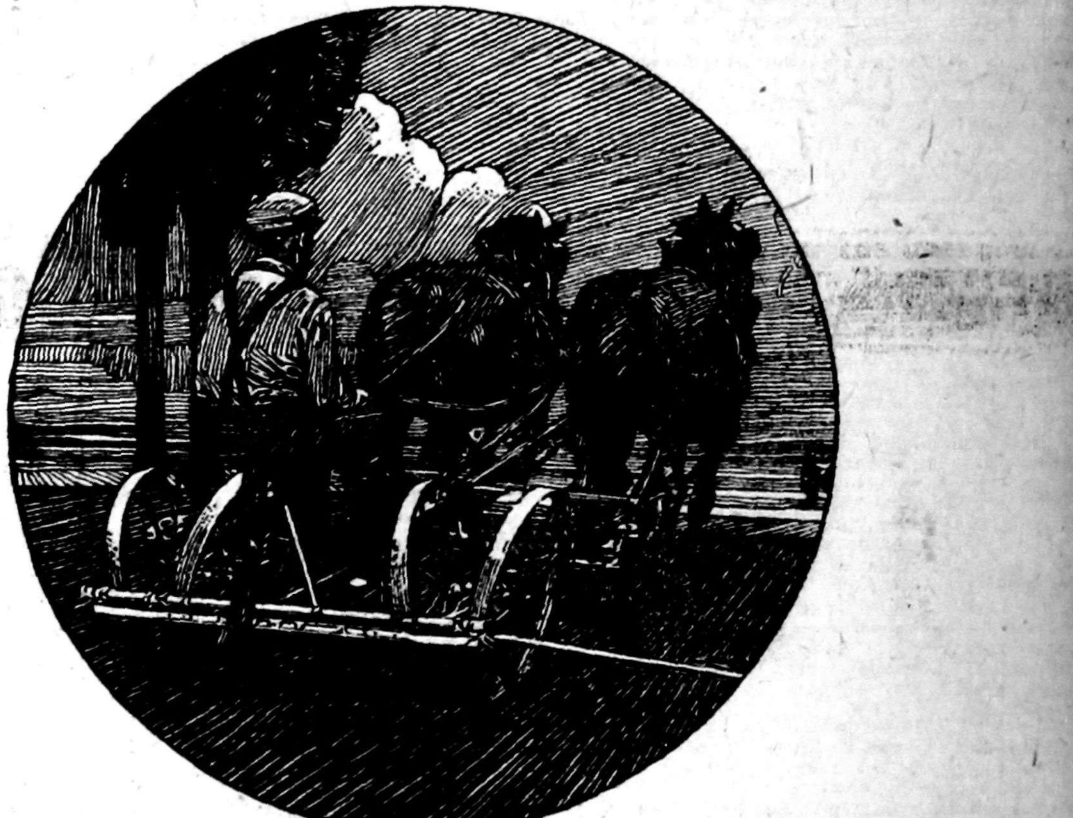

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This great planting device is now sold with a Big Crop Guarantee which says that if you do not get a better stand of corn, you may return your planter and your money will be refunded.

Why take any chances at all? Come in and place your order now for the planter that guarantees you a bigger crop.

Cato C. Griesy

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MANY MOVES ON FARMS FIRST OF MARCH

Belmond Wins First Place At Sub District

Carol Tyrrell Takes First Place At Britt With Selection "The Lion And The Mouse."

GOES TO EMMETSBURG FRIDAY

On Friday night, March 4, Belmond was represented in the sub-district contest held at Britt by Carol Tyrrel. She gave the selection, "The Lion and the Mouse," and won first place in the dramatic class. Next Friday she goes to Emmetsburg to the pre-district. The winners were go to the Northwest District Contest. B. H. S. is proud of Carol and feel that she has shown what she can do, even if she did lose in the county contest.

Friday night of this week the Belmond girls will play their last game of the season at Rowan. In the game here last Friday our girls won from Rowan 31 to 6, which was largely due to the size of and experience of our team. Miss Josten of Garner acted as referee.

The personal of the lower grades is undergoing a change. Several pupils have moved away, as well as others moving to Belmond. The total enrollment has slightly increased, but will be decreased considerably between now and April 15, judging from reports.

We wish parents to pay particular attention ao the following notice, as it may vitally effect the promotion of your child. Several pupils have made it a practice this year to be absent on the days the examinations are held on ccount of sickness, but these same pupils were seen on the street after school.

Hereafter, if the pupil expects credit for examination, he must be present at time test is given.—E. S. Fyler.

The boys' basket ball team accepted the invitation of the T. C. Club to attend the Iowa State Teachers College tournament at Cedar Falls on March 4 and 5.

We didn't play as long as we had hoped, for we were defeated in the first round by a team that played better basket ball than we did. However, we have won from teams that played better ball than Dike played last Friday a. m.

There are at least two causes for our defeat. One is that our gym ceiling is much higher than that of the court our game drew, while we understand the Dike gym has a low ceiling. Anyway, many of our longer shots hit the ceiling, while Dike had little trouble that way. The other cause is that old-tie enemy of green sportsmen—luck fever.

It was extremely bad during the first half, as we made more points than Dike did the second ten minutes.

All the boys feel that they learned more about basket ball than they would allow a coach to teach them in a season, and are sure they will be able to play a greatly improved game next season.

We saw some very good basket ball and are very glad we were able to go. The boys making the trip were Irving Madsen, David Luick, Wm. Vestweber, Wm. Tyrrell, Clifford Johnson, Everet Parsons, Merrill Stapley and Lewis Parsons. They all say that whoever keeps them from taking the trip next year will have to work hard for a place on the team. Their slogan for next year has been adopted: "Let's Go."

The regular meeting of the Normal Training club will be held on Saturday evening, March 12, at 8 o'clock. Miss Ramsay will give a demonsration of primary reading and phonics. Let every member be present.

The Annual staff has let the contracts for the engraving and printing of the B. H. S. Anual. The John and Ollier Engraving Co. of Chicago will make the cuts and the Belmond Independent has the contract for the printing. Mr. Thoe has about finished taking the pictures and they will soon be ready for the engraver. The Business Manager and Advertising Manager will visit the business houses this week to get the advertisements. We will appreciate prompt response, so that we may get our copy out on time.

SECOND GRADE

Hans Jorgenson, Tony Wietzel and Mary Siskow entered the second grade.

Frank Metzic moved to Garner last week.

Court House News

Judge Wright convened court Monday and heard several equity and probate cases. Adjournment was taken until Thursday, when the work of the term will be completed.

Sheriff Fisher was operated on for gall stones yesterday at Rochester. A message from L. L. Kirkpatrick, who is with Mr. Fisher, came yesterday stating that the patient came out from the operation in fine shape.

Marriage licenses for the past week are as follows: Martin Christensen and Nora A. Hansen, Cecil Myers and Myrtle Azeltine, G. W. Fletcher and Grace L. Fitz, Fred Halfpop and Lydia A. Gartz, A. O. Echelberger and Mrs. Fern Pond, Benj. Silke and Emma Kniewasser, Lewis Tesdahl and Vera Fern Rust.

Last week the board of supervisors let the contract to the Iowa Bridge Co. for the erection of a fine new bridge over the Boone river at the park in Goldfield. The cost will be $34,250. The new structure is to be of the cantilever deck girder type and the plans in Engineer Hilton's office call for a nice looking bridge. It will be set to the north of the old structure and an attempt made to take some of the curve out of the road at this point. A pathway for pedestrians is provided on the south side of the structure and eight electroliers will furnish light for the same. It will require at least six months to construct the new bridge after which the od one which has done service for over twenty years, will be dismantled and rebuilt as a smaller bridge on new piers on the Iowa river north of Belmond.—Monitor.

POLICE MAKE RAID FOR BOOZE ON THE HILL

On Monday of last week, about 5 in the afternoon, the city authorities made a raid on the house at the top of the hill west of the river, occupied by John Ruhl, in search of bootleg booze. Despite the protests of the occupants, a thoro search of the premises was made, but nothing in the nature of booze was located. Ruhl was away at the time, but his wife was present and protested the entire innocence of her husband in the illegal handling of whiskey in any way. The place has been under suspicion for some time.

SOME NEWS OF SOME OLD-TIME RESIDENTS

Garner Signal: The first word we have had from our old time friend, Art Finch. came Monday afternoon when we were engaged in conversation with W. S. Pritchard of the Garner Auto Company. Walt had been to Belmond a few days previous and learned at that time that Art had been there a short time before visiting relatives and friends. Art and his brother, John, are engaged in the grain and lumber business at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and we understand are doing well. At the outbreak of the war, John's fighting spirit was so tense that he could not wait for Uncle Sam to get into the fight so enlisted with a Canadian regiment, and went overseas. The way we get the story, he was subjected to all the trials of real warfare—was bullet wounded, gassed, but managed to get back with all his limbs intact. We inquired further about the family and learned that Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Finch were making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Bertha Maben. Mrs. Maben and her two sons are operating a farm near Elk River. Minnesota. We learned. too, that Aunt Rose had suffered an attack of paralysis some time ago, and is now practically helpless.

Legion Play Goes Through In Fine Shape

Crowded Houses Both Nights Witness One of The Best Home Talents Ever Given.

SKOVLIN, AS "NEVADA," STARS

"Nevada," the home talent play put on by the local Post of the American Legion on last week Wednesday and Thursday nights, was universally pronounced one of the best shows of the kind ever given in this city.

The characters were very good, not a slip-up in lines being noticable or a hesitation in speech. The various parts were excellently rendered, and the actors deserve full measure of credit for the way they carried thru their parts.

Adolph Skovlin, in the difficult character of "Nevada," was beyond question the star of the play. He looked and acted his part in a manner that was close to professional, and his acting was excellent.

Much credit is due to Mrs. McAlpine for her training of the various actors, and for her management of the performance, which was carried thru without a hitch.

The "awkward squad" part of the program provoked many hearty laughs and much amusement. They were certainly "green" at the business in their acting, and if the people did not know that they had seen the real article and been thru faultless drill, they would have sworn that a real soldier couldn't have been made from the whole squad.

The Legion cleared a comfortable amount from the two nights, which Belmond will rejoice in, and hope that their future efforts, which will be heartily welcomed, will be as successful. The Post plans on further entertainments of various kinds, and will use the funds realized in maintaining club rooms, furthering the best interests of the town and the Post.

CHARLEY ROE, FORMER RESIDENT HERE, DIES

Charley Roe, well known to Belmond people, died at the hospital in Hampton on February 25, from a disease of the abdomen, after months of illness and suffering.

He was 74 years of age at his death, and was a resident of this city for several years, where he was for some time night clerk at the Case hotel. He was born in Syracuse, New York, and came to Iowa when but a young man, going into the railroad business, working first for the I. C. and later for the Ia. C. He was for a number of years conductor on the first road built thru Belmond, the Iowa Central branch from Hampton, which was built first to this place and later to Algona. He quit railroading and for a time lived at Dows where he trained and drove racing horses. Later he came to Belmond where he made his home.

Funeral services were held on last week Sunday, with the Masonic lodge of Hampton assisted by the local lodge, in charge, interment being in Franklin Grove cemetery.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

Mrs. E. D. Jenison spent the week end with relatives at Latimer.

August Rabe and O. D. Jenison attended a registered hog sale at Forest City last Thursday.

Raymond Frislie and bride from Dows spent the week end at the S. A. Anderson home. Mr. Frislie is a brother of Mrs. Anderson.

August Rabe is suffering from an attack of blood poison in his hand.

Clarence Busick had the misfortune to get his arm caught in the gasolene engine last week. Altho no bones were broken he suffers with a lame arm.

Esther Hardwick spent Sunday at the O. D. Jenison home.

R. H. Klemme was in Des Moines last week a number of days on business.

SPEAR GOES TO ANAMOSA TO BEGIN SENTENCE

Garner Signal: Elmer L. Spear, the bigamist, was brought before the court and plead guilty. He was given an indeterminate sentence not to exceed five years, and Sheriff Hanson took him to Anamosa last evening, Tuesday.) Wife number 2 and her baby were in the court room yesterday when Spear received his sentence.

GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA WITH THE DYER COMPANY

Last Sunday the Thos. Brooks family entertained some relatives and friends in honor of Arthur Nelson, who left that evening for Honduras, Central America, where he is employed by the Dyer Construction Co. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carol Eckstrom, of Moline, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Mons Skouge and family, of Kanawha, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson, of Belmond, Ludwig Nelson, of Belmond, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson, of Kanawha, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Martin and Harriett, and other friends.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Independent district of Belmond, in the county of Wright, state of Iowa, that the Annual Meeting of said district will be held at city hall of Belmond, Iowa, on the second Monday in March, 1921, at one o'clock p. m. and closing at six o'clock p. m.

A director will be named for a term of three years to succeed L. C. Johnson, one for three years to succeed E. F. Bailey.

The meeting will be open for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

Dated March 1, 1921.

Cato C. Griesy, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of the Independent District of Belmond.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Received from district tax	$20,986.70
Received from semi-annual apportionment	1,419.24
Received from state	1,450.00
Received from tuition	3,371.92
Received from other sources	229.03
Curren warrants outstanding	7,449.90
Total receipts	$30,906.79
	34,906.79

Disbursements

Current warrants outstanding	$ 5,956.62
Paid teachers, males	4,514.76
Paid eachers, females	16,595.05
Paid for secretaries	125.00
Paid for library books	144.16
Paid for rent, fuel, repairs, insurance, janitors and general supplies	6,262.49
Paid for records and apparatus	101.97
Paid for other purposes	1,206.74
	34,906.79

SCHOOLHOUSE FUND

Receipts

Amount on last statement	$ 3,102.50
Received from district tax	4,317.77
	$ 7 420.27
Paid interest on school bonds	3,222.13
Paid intestest on overdrafts	380.10
Paid for other purposes	501.28
Balance on hand	2,313.93
	$ 7,420.27

Bonds	$70,000.00
Int. Warrants	$ 9,962.15

Cato C. Griesy, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder have removed from Des Moines to Newton. Iowa, where Carl will have charge of an office for the Holland Furnace company. He will also have the supervision of the company's business at Colfax and Grinnell as manager and director. Carl is making good in fine shape and his many Belmond friends will rejoice in his advancement.

Dr. McClellan goes to Kanawha every Sunday for the practice of his profession.

SOME OF THE CHANGES ABOUT BELMOND

Many Of The Changes On Neighboring Farms Chronicled By The Wolle Land Agency.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS HERE

Many Improvements Made On Town And Country Property During The Past Year.

The following article was written for the Independent by W. H. Wolle, of the Wolle Land Agency, and gives most of the changes that occured in this vicinity on the first of March. The list, while not complete, nevertheless gives many changes, and the Independent would appreciate it if any mistakes, or any additions are pointed out and sent in.

Rise & Furuseth have dissolved partnership, and as a duck takes to water so Furuseth is taking to a farm, and has leased the Tom Brooks place south of Morse Lake.

Mr. Dalgreen moves on the farm vacated by E. Hauge, Hauge going on the J. R. Thayer farm.

Fred Wirtz moved to the Ellison farm six miles north of Clarion, and the Brown Brothers will work their father's place.

Jim Siskoff leaves the Sorenson farm, which, at this writing, has not been rented.

Stockwell moved to Wesley, Iowa, John Thayer expecting to occupy the house vacated.

Carl Daniels moved to Villard, Minnesota, from the H. F. Luick farm, and P. W. Kaufman moves to this place, Arvin Ellis moving to the place vacated by Kaufman.

McDermott Brothers moved on the J. N. Johnson farm northwest of the city, and Henry Weide moved to the Mennenga place, Theo Bonte, who was on that place, moving to town.

L. VanBuskirk is occupying the home place, and a party from Illinois will work the Kenefick place.

Mr. Fatjland will work the Christie farm west of Hickory Grove.

A Mr. Thompson moves to the place vacated by Lalor, and Lalor to a farm four miles est of Garner.

O. Hanson moves to the old N. Reese farm.

Mr. Espe will work the C. P. Luick farm, and Mr. Bohlman moves to the place vacated by Frohling. Frohling, Senior, moves to town where they have a fine residence.

J. D. Baker and family move to town, Max Baker working the home place, Nearing going onto the place vacated.

Otto Madison will work the Hake farm southeast of town, L. V. Sharp, who was on the place, moving to the town.

Hugh Sharp moved to the Pritchard farm east of Morse Lake

A Mr. Daniels moves to the Will Kent farm, and the Sheriff Brothers, from the Kent farm to the Loomis land, Henry Eimbrink moving from the Loomis farm to the Cullinan place southeast of town, which he has purchased.

Tom Guest is at home on the Sullivand land north of town where W. Weigands formerly resided.

Mr. McAlpine moved to the N. B. Olson farm on Snarl Street.

The following buildings have been erected or remodled in the city thus far:

Mrs. Ludtke. Mr. Frohling, Allison, Home Building, 14, Mennenga Greenlander, Dorenkamp, Guest, Robinson, Christie, Simerson, Maitland Larson, Dybdahl 2, Morse. Parsons Krag. Rierson, Kramer, Ducherman, Davenport, Pullin 2, Bohning, Meacham, Sullivan, Madison, Schultz.

Mr. Wolle says there were 50 or so houses erected during the past year, besides those that were remodled. This year he estimates there will be 25 new ones built if everything goes well.

The Independent was forced to leave out four or five columns of news this week, owing to the heavy advertising. Some of the 'stuff" including this, is "set solid," however so that there is still the usual amount in the paper, only packed in tighter.

FREE AIR!

That Mexican bread we were telling you about last week isn't so awful, when you come to try it. Robinson brought us down a sample one day last week, and we gave it the once over, and down.

It looks good, smells good, and it tastes good. It wasn't half bad.

But he said it wasn't the real genuine stuff; it had some civilized dough mixed with it, which may account for it.

Tasted sort of sweet and yeasty. On the top was a sort of frosting, of dough, containing plenty of sugar, which gave it a taste something like coffee cake.

But at that, the name sort of sets us against it; funny what a name will do. Old Bill Shakespeare once inquired what there was in a name, but there's a lot in one. Not that it makes any difference to the owner what his name is: take Win Dziewanowski, f'rinstance, Win's a fine fellow, and liked by everybody, but if you met that name on a stranger, you'd start thinking of Bolsheviks and begin looking for whiskers and bombs.

One thing about stage plays, they aren't natural. Take f'rinstance the American Legion play last week. You remember the character, Tom Carew, and the girl he became sort of moony about, Agnes. Now, the two characters were well played, and all that, but the actors were married. To each other. And you remember how Tom raved about her, and told what a wonder she was, and got kind of sentimental. In reality she was everything Tom said, but did you ever hear an old married man talk like that about his wife?

Plays are plays, but they aren't really natural.

Then there was that remark that was pulled about "Verdun dice, they shall not pass." Not over half a dozen in the house got it all. Which works two ways: Either they were ignorant of the game, or they were not overly familiar with the sayings and history of the late war.

Earl Miller and Hizzoner had a litle game last week. Miller lost $8.85.

It was like this: Miller was at the Rock Island depot, with his car. A traveling man suddenly discovered that he had left his coat at the hotel, and the train was whistling in. He asked Miller to drive him back to the hotel to get his coat, and Miller, being a good hearted soul, obliging and charitable, consented. So they drove back. Naturally, as the train was then pulling in, they had to get there and back right pert. Which they did.

Coming back home from the depot, the cop comes out from supper, with his mouth still full, and says he:

"You're pinched."

"Me? What for?" says Miller.

"For speedin'," says the cop. "See Hizzoner."

Which Miller did, and pays eight eighty-five.

And the train didn't leave for 45 minutes.

Miller says the town can congratulate itself on one thing anyway: It has a police force that never allows meals to interfere with duty.

And he says also, that he's gonna lay off this Good Samaritan stuff: it's too expensive.

And he wants the city dads to go and get some of the other birds who have been flying too fast.

The city dads started cleaning up the streets the next day. If it was because they had a little money in the treasury, then we hope they bag a bunch of speeders from this on.

Friends of John and Elizabeth Rule of New Salem, North Dakota, received word recently of the death of their little daughter, Ruth, at the age of 9 months. Mrs. Rule was formerly Elizabeth Bond of his city. Mr. Rule being a son of J. H. Rule, former proprietor of the Case Hotel. Their many friends here extend their sympathy to the bereaved parents in their loss.

The boys basket ball team of the high school went to Cedar Falls last week to participate in a tournament held there Friday and Saturday.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

LINCOLN MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The Lincoln township Farm Bureau meeting which was held at Center school Friday evening, March 4, was very well attended, in fact, the school house was so crowded that scores of people were unable to get into the main room and were required to stand in the hallway.

The communiy spirit which is characteristic of Lincoln township was well in evidence at this community gathering and everyone who attended felt well repaid for the effort made to attend this entertainment.

The mingling of people in their home community in this fashion is one thing which is surely going to build toward a stronger Farm Bureau federation because the national president of the federation says himself that the township farm bureau is the keystone of the National Farm Bureau Federation.

The feature of the evening's entertainment was the splendid address given by Mr. I. W. Van Nice, assistant county agent leader, who spent considerable time in the discussion of the importance of a strong township farm bureau organization. In speaking of farmers not signing the Farm Bureau, Mr. Van Nice said· "Any farmer who does not join the Farm Bureau has had poison injected into his system or he has been mis informed or he has never taken the trouble to inform himself on Farm Bureau activities." He also mentioned some of the important accomplishments of the farm bureau of the past and touched upon some of the great issues which will come before this great organization in the near future An interesting program which was arranged by the program committee was enjoyed by all. Short readings, recitations and dialogues were given by school children and others in the township. A short talk about the early history of the Wright county praries was given by Frank W. Meacham, which proved to be interesting to the old settlers of the community.

BOONE FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Boone township farm bureau meeting was held at the Luni school February 1, for the purpose of planning next year's work and for the election of officers. The election of officers gave the following results: Mrs. H. W. Eastman, lady township chairman, and W. H. Helmke, secretary-treasurer. A committee of 3, consisting of Mrs. Alfred Price, Miss Lucy Boge and r. Albert Nelson was appointed by the chair to take charge of social affairs in the township and a lively box social is being planned by this committee for the evening of Friday, March 11.

The matter of boys' and girls' club work was discussed at this meeting and the people of the township feel quite interested in this line of work.

GRANT WILL HOLD SOCIAL

C. L. Hall and Mrs. F. M. Peck, township chairman for Grant, announce a afternoon meeting at the Center school for Friday, March 11, at 2 p. m.

A interesting program is being arranged by the program committee and a lively time is being planned for those who will find it possible to attend. I. W. Van Nice, assistant county agent leader. will give the pricipal address of the occasion and all members of Grant are urged to turn out and make this meeting the best of the season.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR TWINE?

Arrangements are practically completed for handling the twine for all of Wright county in one big order, thru the farmers' elevators and dealers of the county. The general plan as decided upon by the board of directors of the Farm Bureau is as follows: Orders will be taken by the Farm Bureau thru its officers and co-operators and by the elevator managers and dealers for so many pounds of twine, the brand and price of which shall be decided by the farm bureau with the understanding that the elevator managers or dealers who handle the twine shall receive one-half cent per pound for handling same for cash at the car on the day of unloading. But those who do not pay cash at the car a small margin of one-fourth cent per pound per month will be allowed the elevator managers or dealers who carry accounts on their books.

Every Farm Bureau member will be given an opportunity to sign up for his twine for the season by an order blank being sent him either thru the mail or in the April issue of the Farm Bureau Exchange. This order blank when signed by the farmer will authorize the elevator manager or dealer with whom he wishes to place his order to order his twine from the company that is decided upon by the Farm Bureau and these orders will be collected and turned over to the firms with which the farmers wish to deal in making their twine purchases.

BILLS OF IMPORTANCE TO FARMERS

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation members will watch the progress of the bills for collective bargaining and bonded warehouses, recently introduced in the legislature, with keen interest.

If these two bills can be passed as drawn it will clear the way in Iowa for a broad general plan of marketing farm products in a manner more businesslike and orderly than the present system, something along the line recommended by the committee of seventeen.

These two bills are companion measures, being closely related and dependent upon each other for support and in their probable influence upon marketig conditions in he future. The first would authorize producers of agricultural products—grain, livestock, fruits, dairy, etc.—to associate themselves collectively for business purpoes and to make agreements and to impose penalties for breech of contract between an association and its members, and it also carries strict provisions for dealing with attempts at profiteering or unfairly exploiting the public.

Under the provisions of the second bill elevators and storage houses thruout the state would be bonded and utilized for storing grain to be carried on warehouse receipts. Receipts of this kind showing ownership of grain that has been inspected and graded,would be satisfactory security and enable the grower to do business with his banker in case he needed money in advance of the sale of the grain.

Following these bills, of course, must come a definite systematic plan of financing the proposition on a comprehensive scale, and in a way that will not conflict with the constitution of the state. A bill covering his very essential feature is being drawn and will probably be introduced in the legislature the first of the week.

GOVERNOR JOINS FEDERATION

Governor Shoupe, of Colorado, has joined the Farm Bureau Federation in his own state and will do his bit as a private in this great army of agricultural workers. The governor has been an acive worker for the livestock industry in his state, among other things being a breeder of purebred Percheon horses.

SHIPPING ASSOCIATION COMING IN

February proved a fairly busy month for the Iowa Federation of co-operative livestock shipping associations, twenty-six local shiping associations taking out membership in the state organization during the 28 days of the month. Inquiries looking to affiliation are coming in rapidly, indicating a growing sentiment on the part of individual associations to avail themseles of the benefits accruing from membership with the parent body.

On Friday, March 4th, a conference was held at the state federation headquarters in Des Moines, participated in by officials of the shippers association and representatives from local organizations in different counties. The principal topic discussed had to do with developing wider interest and closer co-operation between individual associations and the central organization, which in turn is now under he direct supervision of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

TRAFFIC CONFERENCE

Invitations have been sent to the different state Farm Bureau federations by the American Federation asking them to send representatives to a traffic conference which will be held in Chicago, March 4th. Railway executives and railway labor organizations have also been invited to send spokesmen, all with the hope of developing some plan of immediate and amicable adjustment of the present exhorbitant freight rates that operate to keep middle west producers out of the eastern markets. An early downward revision of rates is of vital importance to the American public in general, as well as to farming interests, and it is to be hoped that this conference will start what everybody knows must be done, and that soon.

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2 Head of Horses 2

1 Bay Horse, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1600 lbs. 1 Black Mare, 7 yrs old, wt. 1600

Both of the above are sound.

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Machinery

1 John Deere 14 in. Gang Plow with two sets of Bottoms. This Plow is nearly new.
1 Hay Loader in good condition 1 set of work harness with breeching. Some horse collars.

Free Lunch at Noon

Sale to Start Immediately After the Lunch - - - -

TERMS OF SALE: All sums of $10 and under, cash; above that amount 10 months time on bankable paper at 8 per cent. All property to be settled for before leaving the premises.

George W. Potts

Louis Hauge, Auctioneer State Bank of Belmond, Clerk

Rowan News

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The marriage of Miss Myrtle May Azeltine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Azeltine, and Mr. Cecil Murtell Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers, took place Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church, performed the ceremony at 8:00 o'clock, in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends. Miss Esther Fowler, cousin of the bride, played Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride who looked very pretty, wore a white silk shiffon dress and carried a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. Immediately after the ceremony, luncheon was served, after which the happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to Des Moines, Indianola, and other points in the south of the state. Out of town guests were Mrs. Hatheway, of Mitchell, South Dakota, and Miss Van Note, of Iowa Falls. The bride was an honored guest at one or two prenuptial courtesies last week.

The pastor of the M. E. church had the glad experience of receiving into the church last Sabbath eleven of the fine young people of his church.

Mrs. Annie Avard, mother of Mrs. Harold Tomkinson, has returned from Jacksonville, Florida, where she has been spending the winter.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph visited at the Ormal Gates home Tuesday.

Mrs. George Barnes, of Buffalo, New York, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Ballou, for the past six weeks, returned to her home Monday.

Jim Langdon's moved Wednesday to the farm vacated by Eddie Haupt, who has moved near Coulter. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval moved to the house vacated by the Langdons.

Charles Emerson and family moved to he A. C. Rietz house, vacated by Harvey Lineweaver.

Mrs. Geo. Parkenson, of Dows, arrived Monday to spend several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and daughter, Marion, of Clarion, visited her mother, Mrs. Snyder, at the Fred Brooks home Tuesday.

J. F. Howell and Lem Rowen were business callers at Fort Dodge, Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Williams and Miss Lottie Williams have started a dressmaking shop in town. This will be a benefit to any one wishing sewing done as there are so few people in town who do sewing for anyone. We wish them success in their undertaking.

Mr. Jones, of Mason City, and Glen Cannon, of Belmond, agents for the Universal Milking Machine, have been installing one of these machies on the Edwin Nelson farm east of town this week. Mr. Nelson is milking 20 cows with it and it has been giving good satisfaction so far.

Mrs. Steve Bailey, of St. Laurence, S. D., and her daughter, Mrs. John Calhune, of Wall Lake, was in town Thursday transferring from Hampton to Dows, and called on several old friends. Mrs. Bailey has been in the hospital at Hampton for the past week where she had an operation.

Edgar Mantle is staying with G. R. Stumph until the school year is out, so that he can finish out his contract as bus driver.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson entertained at a party Wednesday night. Those present were: Thelma and Marjorie Brooks, Mrs. Roy Ryder, Blanch Box, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Chester Moellering, Edgar Mantle and George Aldrich. They report a fine time. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The Home Missionary society of the Cong. church met with Mrs. E. Bingham, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. L. A. McCallum was leader. The lesson was on the colored schools of the south. There were five interesting papers on the subject. There was a good attendance.

The M. E. Aid society met with Mrs. A. C. Rietz, Thursday afternoon, for a work meeting. There was a large crowd and they accomplished a nice lot of work.

The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Fred Sheldon, Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Willard McCallum as leader. The subject of the lesson was "Our Leadership." It was an interesting lesson and there was a good attendance.

MYERS-AZELTINE

Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock occured a very pretty home wedding, when Miss May Azeltine and Cecil Murtell Myers both of this place, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Azeltine. As Miss Fowler played the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the happy couple came down the stairs and took their place under the arch, decorated with pink roses and smilax, where Rev. Tomkinson of the M. E. church, spoke the magic words which made them one. Miss Fowler continued to play softly thru the ceremony. The ring service was used. The bride was dressed in white and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The groom was dressed in the conventional black. About 30 relatives and friends were present. After the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served to the guests, after which the newlyweds drove to Clarion to take a train for Des Moines where they will spend a short time before they start to keep house on the farm they have rented from the bride's father. They received many beautiful gifts, among which was silver ware, cut glass, china, and a set of dishes. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Hathaway, grandmother of the bride, of Mitchell, South Dakota, and Miss Gladys Van Note, of Eldora. These young people are well known here. May has spent her childhood days at this place. The past year she has been teaching the 3rd and 4th grades in the Rowan school. She intends to finish her year's work. Myrtel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers and is an industrious young man. He is an ex-service man, having served in the navy. The many friends of this young couple wish them much happiness.

Another wedding of interest to Rowanites occured in Clarion, Wednessday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz, when their daughter, Grace, was united in marriage to Gay Fletcher of this place. Only immediate relatives were present. Those from out of town attending were Dan Fletcher and Izetta, of Rowan, father and sister of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sullivan, of Fort Dodge, another sister of the groom. This couple met Mr. and Mrs. Myers at the train in Clarion and both couples went to Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs Fletcher will start housekeeping in the Bert Harris house. Grace is a young lady who makes friends wherever she goes and the people of Rowan will be glad to have her among them again. Gay is in partnership with his father in the drayage business. He is an ex-service man, being one of the first to enlist from this place. He was in the navy. These young people have many friends in and around Rowan who wish them success and happiness.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The hot lunches have been discontinued due to the weather being so nice and only a few asking them. They have been a good success and enjoyed by all the pupils.

Six weeks exams are being held. Some are receiving high grades, while others are low.

The last basket ball game of the season will be held here March 11. Belmond girls will play. The Rowan girls were defeated Friday evening, March 4, with a score of 31-7. Let everyone come out to see a peppy game. The girls expect to hold them to a close score.

C. G. Morrison spent the week end in Hampton.

Miss Frances Farran visited at the home of Vey Ketchum over the week end.

Fred Moellering was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

A grade program consisting of patriotic numbers is to be given in the near future. Watch for the date.

Charles Keith and Duncan Farran visited school Friday afternoon.

Miss May Azeltine, one of our teachers, was married to Myrtel Myers at the home of her parents, on Wednesday morning, March 2. She will finish the year teaching.

Mrs. Floyd Whitten, of Thornton, spent Sunday of last week at the home of her brother, Clay Klinefelter of Alexander.

Al Robinson, of Council Bluffs came Wednesday for a visit with his brother, Roscoe, and also to attend o business matters.

Mrs. Morris Sullvan, of Fort Dodge came Wednesday to spend a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher, and with other relatives.

Charley Martin arrived with his c[illegible] of household goods Wednesday. [illegible] is moving to the Steve Ferguson farm north of Rowan.

Eugene Harson, of Kanawha, visited his mother, Mrs. Edith Harson, Thursday of this week.

John Richardson is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. F. Howell, who has had an operation in the hospital at Iowa Falls, is doing as well as can be expected.

Friday evening at the Keith home the 7th grade assisted by Miss Mullins and Miss Newman, entertained the 8th grade. The house was beautifully decorater in green and white memory of St. Patrick. The Blarney stone furnished much amusement during the evening. A two-course luncheon was served which also carried out the St. Patrick idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Parliament and Mr. and Mrs. Bonett were over Sunday guests at the H. J. C. Box home.

Mr. and Mrs. Parliament expect to leave soon for Canada to visit their son.

Mrs. Anderson was entertained at the A. E. Emerson home Sunday.

Help make your home news interesting. Phone your items to 62.

Joe Patton, Jr., was a business visitor at Clarion, Monday.

Georgia McCallum, of Thornton, spent Sunday of last week at the Will Bingham home.

Harvey Lineweaver moved Monday from the A. C. Rietz house north of Main street to the R. K. Keith property vacated by Fred Hackley.

Friend Aldrich moved from their house in town to their farm, Monday.

Chester Bailey moved Monday from the W. A. Hoke house to the Nels Hansen house. Ben Hackley from near Dows moved in the Hoke house Tuesday.

Jack Peddle moved from their residence in town to their farm, which was vacated by Charley Peddle, who has moved to the Theo. Hansen farm near Coulter.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Stout moved in the Jack Peddle house. Mr. Stout has charge of the Standard Oil station in Rowan for the coming year.

Clint Kercheval moved to the Frank Kercheval farm near Harvey vacated by Less Andrews. The Andrews fmily moved to the place known as the old John Brooks farm. Nels Olson moved to the Clint Kercheval house in town.

W. A. Hoke and wife and Miss Bujordon, of Forest City, were in town Tuesday and Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Mrs. Willard McCallum and Mrs. R. L. Robinson drove to Clarion, Monday.

Charles Groft, of Polo, Illinois, came Tuesday and will assist Earl Jacobs with his farm work the coming year. The Jacobs family moved to their farm between Meservey and Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph entertained about 15 young people Monday night. The evening was spent in games. Light refreshments were served and the guests left at a late hour after a very plesant evening.

Monday evening Rev. Harold Tomkinson delivered his lecture, 'The Humor and Pathos of the Halifax Explosion," in the M. E. church. The church was crowded. Before the lecure we had the privilege of listening to a piano solo by Miss Esther Fowler, a solo by Mrs. Bert Pelley entitled "The Radiance of Your Eyes," and also a piano duet by Anna and Nina Rietz. The lecture was an account of the actual experiences witnessed by the pastor and his family. One cannot imagine yet the terrible experiences thru which the people of Halifax passed at this terrible time. The lecturer made one think how thankful we should be to be spared such terrible experiences. And how thankful we should be that we live in a country that is ready to send help and relief to the suffering victims.

TO THE MOTORING PUBLIC

It is our desire at all times to furnish the motoring public with the best possible service at the lowest figures consistant with good work.

In order to do this, and keep our prices down, we must eliminate collection costs.

We find it necessary to place our shop on a cash basis. This is not in any way a reflection upon your credit but a sincere desire on our part to serve you at the lowest possible cost.

We believe that you will heartily endorse this plan to eliminate lost time and needless expense, which matures to your benefit as well as to ours.

We will, therefore, from and after March 1st., expect all work to be settled for upon is completion, and there will be no book accounts.

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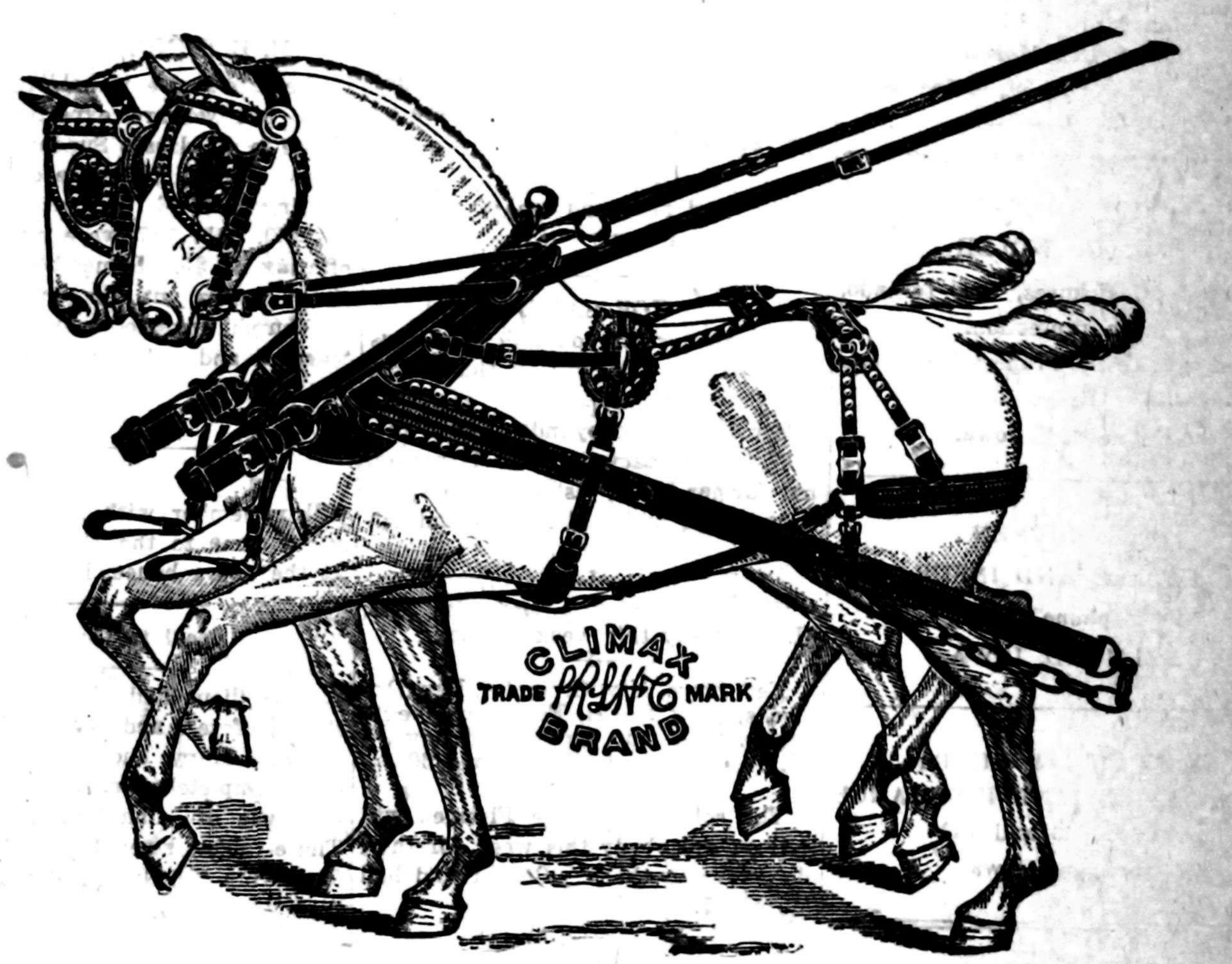

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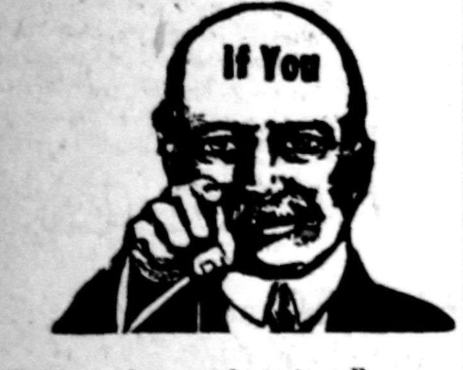

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Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White are the happy parents of a fine new baby boy, Robert Kendall, who arrived at their home on Sunday, March 6. Both mother and child are doing nicely, and Joe is starting the training of the future express agent already.

—I—

For Sale—Reed baby carriage. Call 325. tf

—I—

F. Nelson, of Jewell, Iowa, father of Arthur Nelson, was called here on business last week.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

FOR SALE.
Two corner lots on hill, four rods from paving. Inquire at this office.

—I—

For Sale—Two cylinder Coven row

Mrs. Lee Stacy went to Hampton, her former home, last week, to spend a few days with old friends and relatives.

—I—

The Chain of Ten met with Mrs. H. L. Gowdy this week Monday.

—I—

New Store, New Groceries, New Dry Goods, New Prices, Fruits and vegetables. We buy butter and eggs.—W. A. Parsons & Co. Phone 30.

—I—

The solicitors of the Firemen will call on everybody this week for their donations to the big Bazaar and ball March 17.

—I—

The ex-firemen are cordially invited to be the guests of the firemen at their dance on March 17.

—I—

The M. E. Missionary society had a very interesting meeting last week Thursday at the Ramsay home. Thirty ladies were present. The study was 'China," impersonated by four women in costume, each telling their own story. Delicious refreshments were served.

—I—

All the doings of the firemen on the 17th of March will be held in the opera house, the dance, supper and auction. Be sure to be there if you want a good feed and a good time.

—I—

EASTER COMES EARLY
The ladies are reminded that Easter comes early this year, and you will do well to turn to the Tolstrups Ready To Wear ad, of Mason City, to be found in another page of this issue. 61c

—I—

D. W. Rapp and wife departed the first of the week for Chicago where Mr. Rapp will go into business for himself.

—I—

For Sale—Two-burner Perfection oil stove. Phone 229. 62c

—I—

Eggs for Sale—Single Comb White Plymouth Rock, $1 per 15. $5 per 100. John Mack, Phone 3306. 62*

—I—

Mrs. T. A. Townsan had an operation at the Steele hospital last week for the removal of her tonsils.

—I—

Wm. Gotz, of Chaska, Minnesota, visited with friends here last week.

—I—

Mrs. Henry Eimbrink was at Austin, Minnesota, last week where she was called by the death of a relative.

—I—

Mrs. R. M. Cameron and daughter, Miss Daisy, went to Cedar Rapids last week to visit relatives.

—I—

F. J. Tuffree, who took charge of the Star Cleaning establishment during Mr. Wilson's absence, has rented the Martin building south of hospital and has opened another cleaning establishment.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m. led by Harold Claussen.

A welcome awaits you at any and all of the services of the church.

The Womens Foreign Missionary society held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Wallace Ramsay, last Thursday, some thirty members being present, besides several visitors. The pastor conducted the devotional meeting. After the business meeting Mrs. H. F. Luick presented a very interesting lesson on the work in China. One of the features of the program was a series of impersonations by four of the ladies. Mrs. Ramsay served delicious refreshments The society is beginning to make arrangements for their annual Thank Offering which will be taken in the near future.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The attendance is holding up very good, but we are expecting an increase in all classes Sunday and there after. Sunday 138 were out with an offering of $6.06. A year ago, March 7, 1920, only 117 were out with an offering of $5. Remember our latch string hangs out for you who have no church home of your own. Our teachers and officers will welcome you.

S. E. Cretary.

If you want a good supper, one you will remember with sighs of enjoyment, come to the Firemen's supper at the opera house, March 17.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sympathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach, invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. When you have any trouble with your stomach, give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Suits For Easter

So many styles are represented in our large stock that description is almost impossible, but you may select from the full flare ripple back with the new Tuxedo collars, some having full length sleeves, many are plain tailored, while many are shown in fancy embroidery trimming, beaded and button trimmings. Navy blue will be the favored color for spring. For the Misses we have the popular Box suits if desired. You'll find them exceptional values at

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Spring Coats

"Beautiful" hardly describes the new spring coats this season. There is such a wide range of colors and styles in both full and 3-4 lengths that you are sure to find the coat you want at a very moderate price. Many are silk lined and remarkable values at

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A very serviceable coat is the Utility Coat now shown at this store. Colors or mixtures, tan and grey, full length and are guaranteed water proof. These make an ideal auto or alround serviceable coat. Very moderately priced.

Spring Frocks

In this fascinating display of skillfully fashioned dresses for spring are found styles for every occasion. Every type that is new and individual and includes Taffets, Messaline, Crepe de Chein, Crepe Mateur, Canton Crepe, Charmause, etc. They are beautifully trimmed and the prices indicated above are so much cheaper than in the past.

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Belmond Local News

For Sale—A few choice high grade Duroc Jersey bred sows, due to farrow in April and May. Also a few high grade Holstein cows and heifers, to be fresh soon.—D. H. Delaney. 152*

—I—

Tom Kalvig went to Kanawha on Saturday, to spend the week end with friends and relatives. He was on the jury at Garner last week, and had the pleasure of serving with two lady jurors, the first to be drawn in that county.

—I—

Fong Park, a Chinaman from Belmond, has rented a portion of the Lewis Battery Station building and will soon open a laundry in Clarion. —Monitor.

—I—

ROAD GRADING WANTED

Will do road grading, and furnish tractor. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 134*

—I—

Mrs. C. J. Papousek returned home last week from Garner, her former home, where she had spent a week or so visiting the home folks and old friends.

—I—

Wanted—Good live correspondent in Grant township. A chance to make good pin money. Call or write Independent. tf

—I—

BASKET SOCIAL

At the Plum Grove school, Grant township, on Friday night, March 11. Program starts at 8:00 o'clock sharp. Ladies please bring baskets.

Ruby Shahan, Teacher. 1t

—I—

Wanted—Two women or girls for dining room and chamber work. Parties rooming at home preferred, but not essential.—Hotel Case. 15tfc

—I—

Will Wolle was a visitor last week Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle. Will is now located at Sioux City, where he is connected with Moringside college.

—I—

Mrs. Moon was a caller here on last week Saturday, from Rowan, on business matters.

—I—

For Sale—A few ton of good prarie hay. Phone 2004—C. C. Landon. tf

—I—

Lee Sacy went to Hampton on last Friday, to attend to some business affairs in that city.

—I—

T. D. Rankins returned last week Thursday from Minnesota, where he had been on business.

—I—

Found—American Legion button. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

—I—

Wanted—Boy for office work and to assist in dining room.—Hotel Case. 14tf

—I—

Ole Thompson went to North Dakota last week to look after his interests there.

—I—

A PLAYER PIANO at a bargain if taken at once. Party near Belmond can not make payments. Write Wellemeyer Department Store, Klemme, Iowa. 153c

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks and son-in-law, Arthur Nelson, were callers at Des Moines last week.

—I—

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church presented Mrs. Stockwell with a silver thimble last Tuesday evening at a social gathering, as a token of their friendship and esteem.

—I—

Mrs. Lindberg left for Boston, Massachusetts, last week Monday, to join her husband. They will make their future home at that place. Mrs. Lindberg was formerly Miss Mable Nelson.

Cato C. Griesy was circulating a petition last week, for Herman L. Schultz and E. F. Bailey, as candidates to fill the vacancies on the school board of directors.

—I—

boat motor, with or without 16-foot boat. Terms right to sell quick.—J. C. Pierce, Belmond, Iowa. tfc

—I—

Wanted—A good live correspondent from Grant township. A chance to make some extra pin money, and the work is easy and can be done in your spare time. Ask us for particulars. Call 115.—Independent.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

For Sale—Home grown, re-cleaned Timothy Seed from new meadow. Am taking orders now for March delivery. Phone 3217. O. D. Jenison. tfc

—I—

Clover and Timothy Hay for Sale. In good condition. $14.00 per ton. Ben J. Mehus, Phone 1506. 152*

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio potatoes, raised here only one year. Free from scab. Also some good rural New Yorkers. Phone 298.—H. H. Hawley. 14tf

—I—

Family Washings Wanted. Call a Granfield property north of the school house. 153c

—I—

The Priscilla Club will serve a banquet to heir husbands in the library basement on Wednesday, March 16.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baldridge visited at the Clarence Scott home at Olaf over the week end.

—I—

Mrs. Jennings, who has been visiting her son the past week, returned to her home in Thorburg, Iowa, last Thursday. Mrs. Clyde Jennings accompanied her as far as Cedar Rapids, where she is visiting friends this week.

—I—

Harry and Maude Newgord went to Garner, Saturday, to spend the week end with their sister, Mrs. Barth.

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All the world likes to laugh and "Jack Straw" hasn't a sad second in it. The action is set at a rapid gait. The fun is good and wholesome. The story is of the type that answers an emphatic "No!" to the old question, "Is Romance Dead?"

11c and 25

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

"Rose of Nome"

A Fox picture featuring

Gladys Brockwell

There is romance aplenty in this picture and a clean touching story of a woman's regeneration and the influence of a good man in a community composed of the riff-raff of the world.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11

BOOKING NOT RECEIVED

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

"My Ladies Garter"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

An exciting chase after a notorious international crook and the adventures and romance that follow in its train forms the theme of the play. The criminal is known as "The Hawk," and his identity is a mystery. Following his theft of the famous jeweled garter of the Countess of Salisbury, he transfers his field of activities to the estate of an American railroad magnate. A corking good mystery story that will hold the breathless attention.

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Neighborhood News

NORWAY NEWS NOTES

There was a prayer meeting at the T. H. Asbe home Sunday afternoon.

There are a few farmers who are moving this week in this neighborhood. Joe Larson moved Monday to his farm east of the St. Olaf church, and Tommie Johnson moves on the place Joe had.

Henry Holm had the misfortune of having one of his fingers hurt in an elevator Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holm went to Eagle Grove, Monday, to look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbe entertained Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wicks at supper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Enge visited the latter part of the week at the home of her parents in Eagle Grove.

Little Leona Stole called on her friend, Iola Enge, Sunday.

Mrs. John Stole was a visitor at the T. H. Asbe home Sunday.

T. H. Asbe was a business caller at Clarion, Monday.

Mrs. T. A. Asbe called on Mrs. Henry Asbe, Saturday.

Quite a number in this vicinity are ill with the chicken pox.

Joe Larson was a business caller at Clarion, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wicks and son, Hans, and family, went to Clarion to attend to some business affairs Tuesday.

Hans Sampson is helping his brother-in-law, T. A. Asbe, this week to cut wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Olsen went to Clarion, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Enge and Mrs. John Stole were Eagle Grove business callers Wednesday.

Mrs. Severt Thompson came up from Eagle Grove, Wednesday, to look after business interests on her farm.

Miss Wava Holm called on her cousin, Mildred Holm, Wednesday.

Hans Wicks underwent an operation for appendicitis on Thursday.

The St. John's Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Abe Thompson on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pete Enge was a visitor at the home of Mrs. John Stole on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Asbe and Hans Sampson were business callers at Clarion, Thursday.

Mrs. Eli Olsen was a visitor at the Knute Munson home on Thursday.

Martin Hill transacted business at Eagle Grove on Thursday.

Mrs. E. E. Markus, who has been with her daughter, Selma, in Briceland, Minnesota, since Christmas, is expected to arrive home this week.

T. A. Asbe autoed to Clear Lake, Wednesday, to visit with his parents.

Harold and E. Holm were Eagle Grove callers on Friday.

Miss Ethel Shillington spent the week end with her brother, E. J. Shillington, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Knute Munson were business callers at Clarion on Friday.

E. E. Markus was a business caller at the T. A. Asbe home on Friday.

Tom Wicks came up from Eagle Grove the forepart of the week to look after business interests on his farm, returning home on Thursday.

H. Wicks, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday, is reported as doing nicely at this writing.

GRANT TOWNSHIP ITEMS

Oscar Thayer has been helping his brother, Ralph, three or four days of this week.

The Sheriff Brothers moved up from Rowan the first of the week, to the Perry Loomis farm southwest of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheriff are not making their home with their sons this year.

Peter J. Barry made a business trip to Coulter on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Ellis and family have moved onto their farm, recently vacated by Peter Kaufman. This family are strangers in the vicinity, having come here from Minnesota.

Miss Rose Barry has been on the sick list since Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dipple, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dipple and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dipple visited Wednesday at the Ralph Thayer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Thompson, formerly residing near Eagle Grove, moved the first of the week to the farm vacated by John Lalor and family.

Mrs. Geo. Barry went to Mason City, Tuesday of last week. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Barry and little Miss Mary Elizabeth Blake.

The Misses Bess and Grace Quigley and Marie Leavy were over-Sunday visitors at the Pat Quigley home southwest of town.

Pat Quigley and son, James, were in Goodell, Wednesday, calling on Frank Quigley and family.

Ralph Thayer and family spent Friday of last week at the Irving Dipple home east of town.

The new Belmond Tailor Shop makes old clothes look like new. Garments called for and delivered. Phone 28.—F. J. Tuffree, Prop.

KANAWHA ITEMS

Jefferson Yeakel, who has been visiting relatives and friends here several days, left Thursday for his home at Ames.

T. L. Johnson, of Clear Lake, was a business caller here the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rourk's son, Lloyd, who has been quite ill with pneumonia the past week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson, of Fort Dodge, came Saturday for an over Sunday visit with relatives and friends here.

Henry Anderson, of Belmond, was a caller here Friday.

Mrs. James Yeakel and little sons left Friday for a visit with relatives at Ames.

R. J. Cullen, of Fonda, is assisting at the Mark Baker barber shop.

G. M. Skouge left Monday for Hadley, Minnesota, where he has purchased a farm and will make that his home. Mrs. Skouge and children, after visiting friends here several weeks, will leave for their new home.

Dale Wagoner, who owns a farm near Owatonna, Minnesota, left on Monday for that place to look after his interests.

Wm. Benzler, of Britt, is doing interior decorating at the Star theatre this week.

The town and community were saddened when they learned of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook's only daughter, Miss Anita, who passed away early Sunday morning at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Ellingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Carllston and little daughter visited relatives and friends at Belmond, Saturday, between trains.

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OLAF ITEMS

C. J. Johnson and Ole Scott came out from Belmond, Thursday, to attend the directors' meeting of the Farmers Elevator company.

Miss Lulu McLeod, of Dows, was a business caller in Olaf, Thursday

The box social given by Esther Thorman and pupils was a success both socially and financially, as the sum taken in from the sale of boxes netted them over $78.

We hear that P. Swenson has purchased a fine new home in Belmond and is thinking of leaving the farm after this year.

Mrs. Clarence Scott is having dental work done in Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson spent Sunday afternoon at the Geo. Baxter home.

Several from here attended the play given by the American Legion in Belmond last week, everyone who saw it praising the way it was given.

Miss Agnes Rikenshrud was an over Sunday visitor at the Ollie Tomson home.

Grandpa Griffen will go with his daughter, Mrs. Barton, to Illinois. this week. to make his future home.

Henry Lein and family were business callers in Clarion last Saturday.

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Sat., March 12th

Commencing Sharply at 1 o'clock, the following described property:

11 Head of Horses 11

1 black mare, wt. 1800, 7 yrs. old
2 grey geldings, wt. 1400, 7 yrs. old
1 dark brown horse, wt. 1300, 12 yrs. old
1 bay mare, wt. 1300, 10 yrs. old
1 black mare
1 black team of mares, well matched, wt. about 1300 each
1 bay mare
1 stable mare, black
1 bay mare

6 Head of Cattle 6

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2 wagons, gears only
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1 beet box, hand made
1 mower, 5 ft. cut
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1 International hay stacker
1 4-row beet cultivator
1 2-row beet cultivator
1 2-section spring tooth drag
1 manure spreader
1 corn cultivator
2 bob sleds
1 seed beet marker
1 4-horse evener
2 sets dump boards
2 riding beet lifters
2 sets work harness, with collars
1 pair horse blankets
3 sets curry combs and brushes
1 grind stone
1 emery grinder
1 fence wire stretcher
2 hay forks
1 cross cut saw
1 wagon jack
1 pair sweat pads
1 6-ft galvanized hog trough
1 pair pruners
1 barn sprayer
1 hand ax
6 fire pails and barrels
1 garden seeder
1 DeLaval cream separator
1 5-gal cream can
16 qt-milk bottles
12 pt-milk bottles
1 Old Trusty Brooder
2 Lanterns
1 Deere sulky plow
1 2-row corn planter
1 Case sulky plow
2 sets heavy work harness, breeching, with Concord hames

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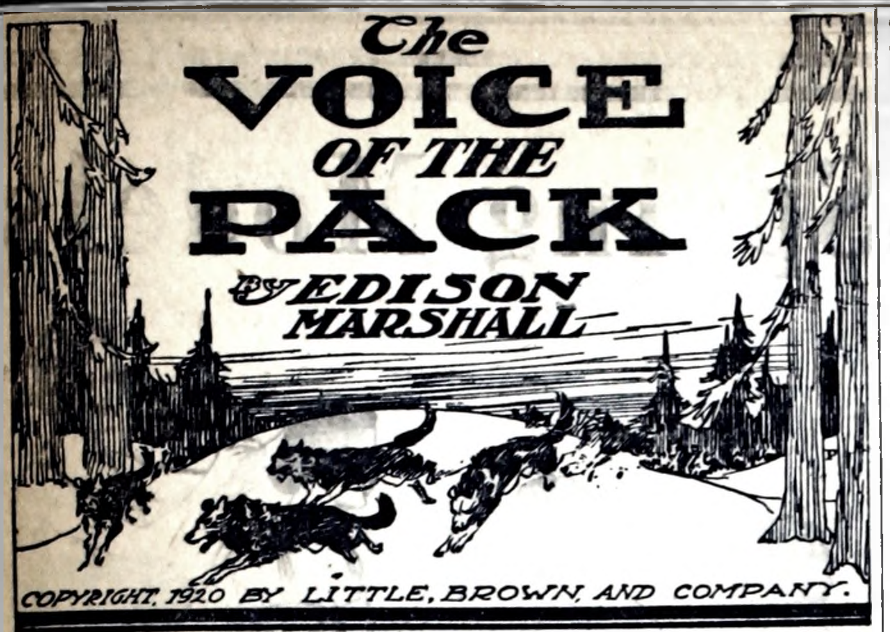

But all at once Dan stopped in his tracks. The girl sped on for six paces before she missed the sound of his snowshoes; then she turned to find him standing, wholly motionless, with eyes fixed upon her.

It startled her, and she didn't know why. A companion abruptly freezing in his path, his muscles inert, and his eyes filling with speculation, is always startling. When this occurs it means simply that a thought so compelling and engrossing that even the half-unconscious physical functions, such as walking, cannot continue, has come into his mind. And it is part of the old creed of self-preservation to dislike greatly to be left out on any such thought as this. If danger is present, the sooner it is identified the better.

"What is it?" she demanded.

He turned to her curiously intent. "How many shells have you in that pistol?"

She took one breath and answered him. "It holds five, and I shot twice. I haven't any others."

"And I don't suppose it ever occurred to you to carry extra ones in your pocket?"

"Father is always telling me to—and several times I have. But I'd shoot them away at target practice and forget to take any more. There was never any danger—except that night with a cougar. I did intend to—but what does it matter now?"

"We're a couple of wise ones, going after that wolf with only three shots to our name. Of course by himself he's harmless—but he's likely enough to lead us straight toward the pack. And Snowbird—I didn't like his looks. He's too gaunt and he's too hungry—and I haven't a bit of doubt he waited in that brush for us to come, intending to attack us—and lost his nerve the last thing. That shows he's desperate. I don't like him, and I wouldn't like his pack. And a whole pack might not lose its nerve."

"Then you think we'd better turn back?"

"Yes, I do, and not come out any more without a whole pocket of shells. I'm going to carry a rifle, too, just as Lennox has always. He's got only a flesh-wound. You saw what you did with two cartridges—got in one flesh-wound. Three of 'em against a pack wouldn't be a great deal of aid. I don't mean to say you can't shoot, but a jumping, lively wolf is worse than a bird in the air. We've gone over three miles; and he'd lead us ten miles farther—even if he didn't go to the pack. Let's go back."

"If you say so. But I don't think there's the least bit of danger. We can always climb a tree."

"And have 'em make a beautiful circle under it! They've got more patience than we have—and we'd have to come down some time. Your father can't come to our help, you know. It's the sign of the tenderfoot not to think there's any danger—and I'm not going to think that way any more."

They turned back and mushed in silence a long time.

"I suppose you'll think I'm a coward," Dan asked her humbly.

"Only prudent, Dan," she answered, smiling. Whether she meant it he did not know. "I'm just beginning to understand that you—living here only a few months—really know and understand all this better than I do." She stretched her arms wide to the wilderness. "I guess it's your instinct."

"And I do understand," he told her earnestly. "I sensed danger back there just as sure as I can see your face. That pack—and it's a big one—is close; and it's terribly hungry. And you know—you can't help but know—that the wolves are not to be trusted in famine times."

"I know it only too well," she said.

Then she paused and asked him about a strange grayness, like snow blown by the wind, on the sky over the ridge.

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Bert Cranston waited in a clump of exposed thicket on the hillside until he saw two black dots, that he knew were Dan and Snowbird, leave the Lennox home. He lay very still as they circled up the ridge, noticing that except for the pistol that he knew Snowbird always carried, they were unarmed. There was no particular reason why he should be interested in that point. It was just the mountain way always to look for weapons, and it is rather difficult to trace the mental processes behind this impulse. Perhaps it can be laid to the fact that many mountain families are often at feud with one another, and anything in the way of violence may happen before the morning.

The two passed out of his sight, and after a long time he heard the crack of Snowbird's pistol. He guessed that she had either shot at some wild creature, or else was merely at target practice—rather a common proceeding for the two when they were on the hills together. Thus it is to be seen that Cranston knew their habits fairly well. And since he had kept a close watch upon them for several days, this was to be expected.

He had no intention of being interrupted in this work he was about to do. He had planned it all very well. The elder Lennox was still helpless. Cranston had noticed that when Dan and Snowbird went out, they were usually gone from two to four hours; and that gave him plenty of time for his undertaking. The moment had come at last to make a thorough search of Lennox's house for those incriminating documents that Dan had found near the body of Landy Hildreth.

The only really dangerous part of his undertaking was his approach. If by any chance Lennox were looking out of the window, he might be found waiting with a rifle across his arms. It would be quite like the old mountaineer to have his gun beside him, and to shoot it quick and exceptionally straight, without asking questions, at any stealing figure in the snow. Yet Cranston felt fairly sure that Lennox was still too helpless to raise a gun to a shooting position.

He had observed that the mountaineer spent his time either on the fireplace divan or on his own bed. Neither of these places was available to the rear windows of the house. So, very wisely, he made his attack from the rear.

He came stealing across the snow—a musher of the first degree. Very silently and swiftly he slipped off his snowshoes at the door. The door itself was unlocked, just as he had supposed. In an instant more he was tiptoeing, a dark, silent figure, through the corridors of the house. He held his rifle ready in his hands.

He peered into Lennox's bedroom first. The room was unoccupied. Then the floor of the corridor creaked beneath his step; and he knew nothing further was to be gained by waiting. If Lennox suspected his presence, he might be waiting with aimed rifle as he opened the door of the living room.

He glided faster. He halted once more—a moment at the living-room door to see if Lennox had been disturbed. He was lying still, however, so Cranston pushed through.

Lennox glanced up from his magazine to find that unmistakable thing, the barrel of a rifle, pointed at his breast. Cranston was one of those rare marksmen who shoot with both eyes open—and that meant that he kept his full visual powers to the last instant before the hammer fell.

"I can't raise my arms," Lennox said simply. "One of 'em won't work

"I Can't Raise My Arms," Lennox Said Simply.

at all—besides, against the doctor's orders."

Cranston stole over toward him, looking closely for weapons. He pulled aside the woolen blanket that Lennox had drawn up over his body, and he pushed his hand into the cushions of the couch. A few deft pats, holding his rifle through the fork of his arm, finger coiled into the trigger guard, assured him that Lennox was not "heeled" at all. Then he laughed and went to work.

"I thought I told you once," Lennox began with perfect coldness, "that the doors of my house were no longer open to you."

"You did say that," was Cranston's guttural reply. "But you see I'm here just the sa[illegible] [illegible]n't you? And what are you going to do about it?"

"I probably felt that sooner or later you would come to steal—just as you and your crowd stole the supplies from the forest station last winter—and that probably influenced me to give the orders. I didn't want thieves around my house, and I don't want them now. I don't want coyotes, either."

"And I don't want any such remarks out of you, either," Cranston answered him. "You lie still and shut up, and I suspect that sissy boarder of yours will come back, after he's through embracing your daughter in the snow and find you in one piece. Otherwise not."

"If I were in one piece," Lennox answered him very quietly, "instead of a bundle of broken bones that can't lift its arms, I'd get up off this couch, unarmed as I am, and stamp on your lying lips."

But Cranston only laughed and tied Lennox's feet with a cord from the window shade.

He went to work very systematically. First he rifled Lennox's desk in the living room. Then he looked on all the mantels and ransacked the cupboards and the drawers. He was taunting and calm at first. But as the moments passed, his passion grew upon him. He no longer smiled. The rodent features became intent; the eyes narrowed to curious, bright slits under the dark lashes. He went to Dan's room, searched his bureau drawer and all the pockets of the clothes hanging in his closet. He upset his trunk and pawed among old letters in the suitcase. Then, stealing like some creature of the wilderness he came back to the living room.

Lennox was not on the divan where he had left him. He lay instead on the floor near the fireplace; and he met the passion-drawn face with entire calmness. His motives were perfectly plain. He had just made a desperate effort to procure Dan's rifle that hung on two sets of deer horns over the fireplace, and was entirely exhausted from it. He had succeeded in getting down from the couch, though wracked by agony, but had been unable to lift himself up in reach of the gun.

Cranston read his intention in one glance. Lennox knew it, but he simply didn't care. He had passed the point where anything seemed to matter.

"Tell me where it is," Cranston ordered him. Again he pointed his rifle at Lennox's wasted breast.

"Tell you where what is? My money?"

"You know what I want—and it isn't money. I mean those letters that Failing found on the ridge. I'm through fooling, Lennox. Dan learned that long ago, and it's time you learned it now."

"Dan learned it because he was sick. He isn't sick now. Don't presume too much on that."

Cranston laughed with harsh scorn. "But that isn't the question. I said I've wasted all the time I'm going to. You are an old man and helpless; but I'm not going to let that stand in the way of getting what I came to get. They're hidden somewhere around this house. I've watched, and he's had no chance to take them into town. I'll give you—just five seconds to tell me where they're hidden."

"And I give you," Lennox replied, "one second less than that—to go to h—ll!"

Both of them breathed hard in the quiet room. Cranston was trembling now, shivering just a little in his arms and shoulders. "Don't get me wrong, Lennox," he warned.

"And don't have any delusions in regard to me, either," Lennox replied. "I've stood worse pain from this accident than any man can give me while I yet live, no matter what he does. If you want to get on me and hammer me in the approved Cranston way, I can't defend myself—but you won't get a civil answer out of me. I'm used to pain, and I can stand it. I'm not used to fawning to a coyote like you, and I can't stand it."

But Cranston hardly heard. An idea had flamed in his mind and cast a red glamor over all the scene about him. It was instilling a poison in his nerves and a madness in his blood, and it was searing him, like fire, in his dark brain. Nothing seemed real. He suddenly bent forward, tense.

"That's all right about you," he said. "But you'd be a little more polite if it was Snowbird—and Dan—that would have to pay."

Perhaps the color faded slightly in Lennox's face; but his voice did not change.

"They'll see your footprints before they come in and be ready," Lennox replied evenly. "They always come in by the back way. And even with a pistol, Snowbird's a match for you."

"Did you think that was what I meant?" Cranston scorned. "I know a way to destroy those letters, and I'll do it—in the four seconds that I said, unless you tell. I'm not even sure I'm goin' to give you a chance to tell now; it's too good a scheme. There won't be any witnesses then to yell around in the courts. What if I choose to set fire to this house?"

"It wouldn't surprise me a great deal. It's your own trade." Lennox shuddered once on his place on the floor.

(Continued next week)

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PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The township schools were closed Monday, due to election.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Halfpop, of near Meservey, and Grace Gartz were Mason City callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters and tlle daughter, Harriett, were Sunday visitors with relatives near Olaf.

The Pals family from near Meservey, were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Fol Mennenga home.

M[illegible]. and Mrs. John Blau, of Alexander, visited at the home of Jake [illegible] Thursday.

A quiet wedding was solemnized last Thursday evening at 6:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A Gartz, when their daughter, Lydia Annette was united in marriage to Fred D. Halfpop, of Meservey, Rev Waalkes officiating. Mrs. Waalkes played the march for the impressive ring ceremony, little Leona Halfpop a niece of the groom, being ring bearer, while Grace Gartz and John [illegible]midt attended the bride and groom The bride was becomingly attired in white tricolette and georgette crepe beautifully embroidered in pink and the bride carried a bouquet of pink roses. After the ceremony, a dinner was served. The house and tables were decorated in pink and [illegible]e.

Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present.

[illegible] Mrs. Halfpop will go to housekeeping on his father's farm, southeast of Meservey.

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Belmond Local News

HOME TALENT PLAY

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—I—

Don' forget the Firemen's big bazaar on March 17.

—I—

Mrs. Clara Collinske and two sons from Clear Lake were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson, last week before going to Beebee, S. D., to keep house for her brother, Walter.

—I—

See us about Tailor Made Skirts. —Belmond Tailor Shop.

—I—

Chester Sorenson and his father and sister were visiting at the home of relatives in Cornelia last week.

—I—

Potatoes for Sale—A. W. Martin, Phone 2914. 63c

—I—

Dr. and Mrs. Young, of Thornton, visited Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Osbon Young.

—I—

Mrs. Thos. Wheelan had to return to Rochester, Monday, on account of her health, and another operation is feared.

—I—

For Rent—Four room flat, modern, ready March 15.—C. S. Robinson.

—I—

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield, of Fort Dodge, came Sunday of this week to visit old friends and look after business matters.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen, of Alexander, spent Sunday at the A. W. Martin home, west of town.

—I—

Mrs. A. W. Martin was a visitor part of last week at Mason City.

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

Wanted—Plain sewing.—Mrs. Colby. 62*

—I—

Mrs. Huntington, who has been spending the winter at Vermillion, S. D., helping in the care of her new grandchild, Huntington Jackson, retured home last week.

—I—

See us about Tailor Made Skirts. —Belmond Tailor Shop.

Mrs. Snyder, of St. Joe, Missouri, is the new trimmer at the Dorenkamp millinery shop.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Voiles was a visitor at Clarion Friday and Saturday of last week.

—I—

Bennett Neal, of Mason City, was calling on old friends here last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Quandt were visitors at the home of her mother in Klemme the first of the week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stebbleton and daughters, of Britt, drove down on Sunday to spend the day at the home of Wallace Ramsay.

—I—

Miss Bell, from Illinois, an aunt of Miss Stedman, the domestic science teacher in the local school, spent the week end with her niece.

—I—

The Standard Bearers met this week Saturday with Leona Smith.

—I—

Miss May Roseman, who teaches at Klemme, visited her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Davenport, over the week end.

—I—

The box social recently held by the school taught by Miss Nettie Benson, of this place, realized a total of about fifty dolrars, which is going some, and speaks well for the progressiveness of the teacher.

—I—

C. N. Hildebrand was a caller at Meservey one day last week, looking after some business matters.

—I—

E. L. Bailey, who has been carrying mail on one of the rural routes, is moving to Rowan to make his future home.

HOUSEWIVES!

Note These Prices

Golden Rod Washing Powder	18c
Borax Naptha Soap, 5 bars	25c
Matches, 6 Boxes for	40c
Plantation Blend Coffee, per lb.	30c
Rolled Oats, bulk, per lb.	5c
Rice, per lb.	10c
Red nKdeiy Beans, Best Quality	15c
Cocoa, per lb.	40c
Salmon—3 cans for	25c
Prunes	12 1-2c
1 pt. Maple Syrup	30c
Powdered sugar, blk.	15
Karo syrup, gal. 80c, 1-2 gal.	40c

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts including rediscounts	$226,853.55	
Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold)	64,161.98	162,691.57
Overdrafts, secured		none
Overdrafts, unsecured		190.83
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bond par value)	10,000.00	
Pledged as collateral for State or other deposits or bills payable	23,100.00	
U. S. Government securities owned and unpledged	2,050.00	
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	1,054.04	36,404.00
Securities, other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged		5,817.45
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		1,100.00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered		10,000.00
Furniture and fixtures		3,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		13,447.36
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	6,910.41	
Net amounts due from other banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States	3,600.00	
Exchanges for clearing house		none
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than exchanges for clearing house)	617.12	11,126.53
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.		500.00
Other assets, if any		1,471.27
Total		$245,750.05

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		$ 30,000.00
Surplus fund		6,000.00
Undivided profits	5,617.62	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	4,110.68	1,506.94
Circulating notes outstanding		9,700.00
Net amounts due to banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries	5,203.68	
Cashiers' checks on own bank outstanding	3,372.62	8,576.30
Individual deposits subject to check	71,609.32	
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	15,821.23	87,430.55
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	79,107.15	
Other time deposits	2,629.11	81,736.26
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank		20,800.00
Total		$245,750.05
Contingent Liabilities		64,161.98

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF WRIGHT, ss.

I, O. L. Varland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. L. Varland, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1921

C. M. MORSE, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: T. A. Davenport, Henry Groen, W. T. Gfeller, directors.

Wanted—Single man to work on farm. Best of wages. Inquire at this office.

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Mrs. Wm. Busick, of Canton, South Dakota, has been visiting old friends and relatives here the past week or so, and attending to some affairs of business. She was formerly a resident of this place, having moved to her present home from Belmond a couple years ago.

Mrs. Edges' Sunday school class will hold a social in the church parlars Saturday, March 12. A charge of one cent will be made for every letter in the name. Everybody is invited.

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Rev. Edge acted as one of the judges of a declamatory contest at Rowan recently.

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Mr. nd Mrs. Geo. Avery returned from their California trip last week.

Have Your Car "Tuned Up" Now

Don't Wait Until the Spring Rush

Bring your Car in now and have it overhauled by expert mechanics. In a few weeks we will be crowded with work, so by bringing in your Car NOW we can give it better attention and can get it out in plenty of time before you will use it for spring driving.

If you have a casing that looks like the advance agent of a "blow-out" come in and get a "spare"-casing and tube. A thought in time may save you nine miles on the rim--and save the rim, too.

And if you are considering a new car this spring, don't forget that we

Sell the Studebaker---A Real Automobile

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New Store, New Groceries, New Dry Goods, Fruit and Vegetables. We buy butter and eggs.—W. A. Parsons & Co. Phone 30. 61c

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cought it is unsurpassed.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

THE BEDROOM

A light, cleanly and cheerful style is most appropriate in the bedroom. Likewise a greater degree of contrast may be admitted in the wall paper than in any other apartment of the home, as the bed forms a sufficient mass of neutral white to balance a tint of equal intensity on the walls.

We shall be pleased at all times to help you plan suitable decorations for your home.

Schultz Drug Co.

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Moderate in Price

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New Spring Ready-to-Wear

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Comes Early. March 27th

Just two weeks from Sunday, so we advise selecting at Kersey's soon, and from the most complete stock it has ever been our pleasure to show. The qualities of the materials in all ladies ready-to-wear are better, the linings in the coats and suits are beautiful and more attention is given to the small details of finishing that has been the custom in the past several years, and you find in addition to a complete stock here, prices from

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Suits Coats Dresses Blouses, etc.

At Kersey's you have the satisfaction of knowing that the style is exclusive, for we buy only one of each number, prices are moderate and you get REAL SERVICE.

BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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BUSINESS MEN FORM CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Farmers And Business Men Gravel Roads

Over Three Hundred Dollars Is Sum Given By Belmond Firms To Put Roads In Shape.

GRAVELING ABOUT COMPLETED

The business men of the city, the merchants and various business establishments, chipped in last week and the week before, and donated seven dollars and fifty cents apiece to aid in graveling some of the roads leading into town.

This sum paid for a man and team for one day, to haul gravel to the roads. The gravel was secured from the pit south of town, where the city has a right of taking same for the purposes of improvement.

The business men worked in co-operation with the farmers, on the proposition. Many of the farmers on the roads donated their teams and services to the purpose, and the money put up by the business men went to hire more men and teams to assist them.

The roads graveled were those running west from the hill to the town line, about a mile, and the road going east past the Allison farm, a distance of about two miles.

This will be a great improvement, as both roads were badly in need of the graveling. The farmers are to be congratulated on their progressive spirit and co-operation, and the business men of the city for their public spiritedness and willingness to go half way. Belmond has had the best roads of any town around, and this improvement helps make them still better. The spirit of co-operation between town and country in this affair is a splendid thing, and it is to be hoped that such co-operation may be the rule.

BIRTH RECORD

Monitor

Feb. 17—Dorotha Anna, To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Root, Blaine township.

Feb. 9—Freda Agnes, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Hall, Eagle Grove.

Feb. 20—Robert John, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Winslow, Galt.

Feb. 17—Carol Elizabeth, to Mr and Mrs. Peter Matnieson, Rowan.

Feb. 12—John Warren, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Kitley, Eagle Grove.

Feb. 15—Lyle Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Younglove, Eagle Grove.

Feb. 11—Myrian Milford, to Mr. and Mrs. Emilie H. Malaise, Woolstock.

Feb. 21—Robert George, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Winslow, Eagle Grove.

Feb. 25—Donald Frederick, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Clarion.

Feb. 25—Leroy, to Mr. and Mrs. William Cottengan, Golfield.

THIEVES ATTEMPT ANOTHER ROBBERY AT GOLDFIELD

Eagle Grove Eagle: The night marshal at Goldfield, Axel Matson, routed out some robbers in the Charlson & Holt store at Goldfield, Monday night. He saw a pair of shoes on the counter in front where they did not belong and went around to the rear of the store to investigate. While he was attempting to get into the store the robbers broke out the plate glass in the door and when Mr. Matson got around on the street again, they were more than a block away. He was unable to overtake them. He called help and the town was thoroly searched. An abandoned Ford was found and a guard placed nearby who arrested a man who came along and got into the car. He was a stranger and when he could not give satisfactory account of himself, he was taken to Clarion, where he is being held awaiting action by the grand jury.

Miss Cornelia Eckersley is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. M. Thatcher, at Fort Dodge. She will remain for a couple of weeks.

MOTOR COMPANY CHANGES NAME; NEW PARTNER

The Belmond Auto Company is the new name of the Heginger Motor Co. Geo. Heginger and Louis Tokman have gone into partnership and are proprietors of the new firm, which is now doing business. Mr. Heginger and Mr. Tokman will handle the Ford line of cars, trucks and tractors and will be a direct agency, instead of a branch or sub-agency as heretofore. Both gentlemen are live wires and a successful business will undoubtedly be the portion of the new firm. They will have their headquarters in the same place as the old firm.

NEW COUNTY FAIR OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

At the stockholders' meeting of the Wright County Agricultural society, held at the Hotel Moore last Thursday evening, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

F. P. Wilson, President; O. J. Pardun, vice president; J. H. Moore, secretary; Geo. W. Young, Jr., treasurer. Directors: H. C. King, D. B. Jackson, L. L. Kirkpatrick, Charles Shupe.

It is proposed to spend between $7,0000.00 and $8,000.00 on the coming fair, which will include payment of premiums, race purses, and amusements. The new officers propose to put on a good fair and hope to have the support of all. H. M. Stanbery, J. H. Moore and Frank P. Wilson represented Clarion at a meeting of officials of district, county and state fair associations held at Fort Dodge last week. Dates were set for an early summer racing meet at various cities in Iowa and dates were chosen for county and district fairs in central and northern Iowa for next fall.

The Whight county fair will be held on August 9 to 12.—Monitor.

DIRKS-STANDTLANDER

A quiet wedding was solemnized last Wednesday, March 9th., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harm Dirks, when their daughter, Grace, was united in marriage to Carl Standtlander. Both of the contracting parties are from Meservey. The bride was becomingly attired in blue crepe de chine. Mr. and Mrs. Dirks attended the bride and groom. After the ceremony a dinner was served. Only the immediate relatives of the couple were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Standtlander will go to housekeeping on a farm west of Meservey, which the groom has rented for the coming year. The Independent joins in extending congratulations.

UNITED MANUFACTURING PLANT BEING OPERATED

The plant of the United Manufacturing company is now being gotten into shape for operation, according to E. F. Wege, president of the company, who states that he has rented the plant for the time being and is running it on his own capital and that of the men associated with him. A. Mr. Rise has been secured as the factory manager, having been for a number of years production manager with the Waterloo Gas Engine company. Mr. Miller, another of the employees hired by Mr. Wege, will be factory superintendent, in charge of the manufacturing of pumpjacks. A Mr. Ness, of Waterloo formerly the chief engineer and pattern maker of a Waterloo tractor concern, is another man on the force. All three of these men. Mr. Wege states, have invested in the plant. Mr. Wege says that he has orders now on hand to keep the factory operating for several months. The plant is not being operated by the directors. but has been rented to Mr. Wege for the time being.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO START DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Community Club meeting for Friday, March 25, has been postponed until Friday April 1 The club starts a membership drive today. Mrs M F. Christie, Mrs. A. E Martin Mrs. Pat Fillon and Miss Mary Gealow, as captains, with four helpers each, are making the drive. For each five members an Easter egg will be placed in the nest. which will be in the window of the Klemme furniture store. The drive ends March 29th.

If you want your plowing and discing done don't wait until the last minute to hire someone, you may be too late.

Nordschow Motor Co.

First National And State Bank To Consolidate

Two Banks Will Be Merged Into One Which Will Be Known As The State Bank of Belmond.

WILL MOVE IN NEW BUILDING

The First National Bank of Belmond and the State Bank of Belmond have made definite arrangements for the consolidation of the two institutions in the near future, and it is expected to complete the merger in a few weeks.

The consolidation of the two banks is now an assured fact, the directors of the State Bank having made their decision on March 4th and those of the First National on the 10th.

The new bank will be known as the State Bank of Belmond, and will occupy the new building now being completed on Spruce street, next to the present State Bank building.

The capital of the new bank, it is announced, will be $80,000.

The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy between the 11th and 15th of April, when the consolidation of the two banks will occur.

That the two banks would merge has been rumored for some time, but the first official notice of their consolidation was given out this week, as no definite annoucement could be made until the directors of the First National Bank held their meeting to decide the question, on last week Thursday.

COMBINATION SALE HAS GREAT QUANTITY OF GOODS

The combination sale held on last week Tuesday was a good example of the pulling power of advertising. The only advertising of the sale that was done, was a few small "readers" in the Independent, yet there was the greatest number of articles listed that have ever been listed at similar sales in the past. The sale was a very good success, the prices received being very good all the way thru, chickens for instance selling as high as $2.40 apiece. Auctioneer Ericson of Kanawha, and Jack Munnis, of Clarion, assisted T. D. Rankins with the sale as there were too many articles to be handled by one auctioneer.

MARRIED

Lewis Raymond Fryslie and Miss Edna Galke were united in marriage on March 2nd, at Iowa Falls. Miss Galke will be remembered by the Belmond ladies as a former trimmer at the Dorenkamp and Greenlander millinery shop. Her home was in Dows. Her pleasing personality won her many friends here, who wish her the best of happiness. The newly-weds will be at home after April 1st at the groom's farm near Dows.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage licenses for the past week:

Arthur Larson and Alice Bell.

Tommy Anfison and Lily M. Nervig.

Alva Fuller and Hilen C. Schaffer.

The April term of the district court will open on the 4th day of the coming month. Judge G. D. Thompson of Webster City will preside.

Contracts were also awarded by the board for the following drainage districts: No. 191, in Iowa and Grant; No. 192, Dayton, No. 197, Dayton; No. 199, Eagle Grove township.

Miss Edith Vaughn, county recorder, reports less than half the number of papers filed for record at his time as compared with former years. The biggest day in March so far is seventy-two papers.

The board of supervisors awarded the graveling contract yesterday to I. C. Schroeder, of Webster City, for surfacing secondary road district No. 7, two and one-half miles in length and running southwest from

Very little opposition developed to the improvement of drainage district No. 3 and on Friday the board awarded the contract. It is a large project and includes land in Blaine. Vernon, Lincoln and Wall Lake townships, in addition to the town of Galt.

The January term of court furnished considerable entertainment in the divorce line. Evidently we are always to have this evil with us, for closely following the anouncement of the opening of the April term comes the petition of Pauline Hesler, who seeks a separation from Paul Hesler. The plaintiff alleges she was married to defendant at Woolstock last November and soon after becoming his wife, she learned that he was addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors; that he had large quantities of intoxicating liquors in his cellar; that he calls in neighbors and they have drinking parties in the home; that she objected to this conduct and asked him to refrain from using intoxicating liquors to the extent of becoming intoxicated and that he discontinue his drinking parties; that defendant became angry at these requests and called her vile names, telling her to leave the place and if she did not he would shoot her; that because of his conduct she did leave the home one evening and stayed at the neighbors and when she returned home the next morning he refused to admit her. In addition to a divorce plaintiff asks the court to allow her $40 per month for support.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

The Misses Virgie, Vida and Cloe Jenison, accompanied by Mrs. Ed. Jenison, were visitors at Mason City last Saturday. While there they had the pleasure of calling on Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vesterby, who are former residents of Belmond.

Vida Jenison was on the sick list one day last week. Mrs. O. D. Jenison acted as her substitute.

Miss Grace Mennenga left last Monday for Ackley on business.

The annual meeting of the directors of Pleasant township was held in the Center school house last Monday afternoon. Fred Loats was elected as director at large.

The Misses Beatrice and Cecilla Barry were among the many Mason City callers Saturday.

The August Rabe family spent Sunday at the Otto Neuhring home.

Last Sunday, about four o'clock, the farmhouse of Ralph Jenison was discovered to be on fire. The telephone was brought into service and the neighbors responded promptly, succeeding in extinguishing the fire in short order. It originated in the second story and was caused by some bedding coming in contact with some bedding. Aside from the loss of the bedding and a hole burned in the floor, no serious damage was done.

HAMPTON MAN COMMITS SUICIDE BY SHOOTING

Hampton Chronicle: G. T. McCrillis, one of the well known residents of Hampton and Franklin county, shot himself at his office in the Myers block, last Monday morning. He was found at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon by R. H. Woodburn, who had gone to the office to see Mr. McCrillis about some business matters. The dead man was leaning forward in his office chair, with his overcoat and muffler still on, which indicated that he had committed the deed soon after he had reached his office that morning. A large revolver was lying by his side.

The coroner was promptly called, and he had the body removed to he Paul undertaking rooms, and Tuesday morning an inqust was held,with E. E. Clock, D. L. Stonebraker and Fred Nancolas as jurors. The verdict was that he came to his death by a bullet fired by his own hand. The bullet from the revolver entered the side of his head, and death must have been insantaneous. Close friends knew that he had worried considerably recently over financial troubles, and the recent death of his son, was also a blow to him.

MORE BELMOND WOMEN DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY

Twenty women and nearly three times as many men have been drawn for jurors in the next term of the district court at Clarion. Among the men and women drawn from this vicinity are the following:

Belmond: S. M. Morse, May Tracy, Otto Madison, Mary Gealow, Margaret Mennenga, L. Pals, Laura McGuire, Arthur Nelson, Mrs. A. E. Martin. N. A. Nelson, Geo. Baxter, Guy Baker.

Rowan: Guy Stumph, C. H. Lindsay, R. H. Keith. R. E. Lee Aldrich,

Alexander: Chas. Hopkey.

Kanawha: J. C. Johnson, John Veldhouse. Bert Brouwer.

OVER TWENTY MEMBERS HAVE JOINED IN WEEK

Incorporation Will Be Means Of Putting All Business On A More Substantial Basis.

ALL CITIZENS TO BE RATED

Every Citizen Of Town And Every Farmer Will Be Given Credit According To Rating.

Last week Thursday evening the first meeting was held of the Belmond Business Men's Credit Association.

This association will be composed of the business men of the city, and of all others who are in business here, and will be for the collection of accounts and the rating of all those who do business in Belmond, as well as the settling of any differences between business man and customer.

Mr. Hersman, of Clarion, was in town last week organizing the association, and found a ready field. Some fifteen of the business men were in attendance at this meeting, and a temporary board of directors, consisting of Ben Johnson, W. W. Goetz, Adolph Skovlin, Bert Anfison, Conrad Nissen, Herman Schultz, and Cato C. Griesy.

This board later met and elected as the temporary officers of the association the following:

W. W. Goetz, President; Adolph Skovlin, vice president; Bert Anfison, secretary; Ben Johnson, treasurer.

The association will be incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa, and the necessary papers have been filed with Secretary of State W. C. Ramsay. Being a corporation, the association can sue and be sued, own any real estate and conduct its affairs the same as any corporation.

It will work in co-operation with similar organizations in other towns, such as those at Clarion and Eagle Grove, and those associations in the same manner with the one here.

The principle of the association will meet with the approval of all business men. Any member who has an account which he has been unable to collect, may turn it over to the association, which will endeavor to collect for him, and in case the party refuses to pay may bring legal action to collect same. All citizens of the community will be rated, and in case any one refuses to pay a just debt that party will be placed on the "doubtful list,"and each member of the association will be under obligations to the association to refuse this party any credit whatsoever until his accounts have been squared up.

At this writing there are some twenty-two members among the business men of the city, who have joined the organization, and quite a number of others have signified their intention of joining as soon as the organization is perfected. The Independent was authoritatively informed Saturday that over two thousand dollars in accounts had been turned in to the association for collection, and this amount will doubtless be increased several hundred dollars within a few days.

Under the obligations of the association, any person or person who refuses to pay his debts will be denied credit for the purchase of anything he may want from any member of the association. He will be unable to secure anything unless he pays cash Should he move to another town, his rating will be forwarded and he will be refused credit in his new home until he has shown that he is worthy.

The credit association is not intended in any way to work a hardship on anyone but is simply to put the "dead beets" which every business man runs up against sooner or later where they cannot beat their honest obligations. The association will have a Clerk. whose busines it will be to collect the accounts turned in by the members.

Similar organizations at Clarion and Eagle Grove have proven their worth and have been very successful

SCHOOL NOTES

Teachers and pupils are looking forward to the spring vacation which will be the week of Easter, beginning March 28. School will resume April 4th.

Considerable interest is being manifested in base ball and track. The real handicap is the lack of an athletic field close to the school building. We hope to have the use of the ball grounds in Mr. Luick's pasture again this year, but as yet nothing has been done. However, it will only be the course of a few years until this field will be sold into lots and then no place will be available. Why shouldn't the city of Belmond get an option on the block to the north of our high school? It would make an ideal playground in every respect and can be purchased much cheaper now than later, when houses are built upon it. The time is not far distant when something will have to be done. Think it over. Express your opinion concerning a playground for our boys and girls.

Community night, which was postponed Tuesday night of this week will be held tonight, Wednesday. Make an effort to be present and enjoy the evening. You don't know what you are missing. Plan to attend. Regular night every Tuesday.

We ask the parents to co-operate with the school in the matter of attendance. There has been considerable tardiness and absence during the past few weeks, some of which I am sure could have been avoided. Please make an extra effort to get your children to school and not tardy. Watch the report cards which are sent home and if not satisfactory, please consult the teacher now. Don't wait until the pupil fails next May and then find fault. Now is the time to prevent many failures.

The following pupils are elegible to graduate at the close of the school year, if they maintain their present standing or improve:

Ennis Alle. Grace Allen, Inez Boughton, Olive Butts, Wm. Chase, Agnes Dillon, Helen Enger, Leona Jacobs, Donald Thiltgen, Beatrice Leavy, Lyle Jenison, Wava Jenison, Magdeline Johnson. David Luick, Glenn Morris, Nellie Murphy, Dorotha Okrueg, Marvyl Robinson, Alma Ruka.

Carol Tyrrell went to Emmetsburg, Friday, to take part in the predrict declamatory contest. At this contest winners of the various subdistricts contests competed. It was a very strong contest and well worth hearing. Altho Belmond did not take any honors at this contest, we are glad to compete.

The Emmetsburg school was very hospitable. The Home Economics class entertained all the contestants and their coaches at a dinner on Friday night. The visitors were met at the trains with automobiles and were entertained in the homes.

Saturday night the Normal Training club held its regular meeting. Miss Ramsay gave a demonstration of first grade reading and phonic drill. Every one who missed the program missed something well worth while.

Mrs. Amy Peterson visited language classes in the fourth grade room on Thursday.

Mrs. Ben Johnson and Miss Julia Johnson were Kindergarten visitors Friday of last week.

GOODELL SCHOOL ELECTION QUITE LIVELY AFFAIR

The election of schoool officials at Goodell this week was the cause of much interest, there being four candidates in the field to fill the vacancies of two retiring members. A large crowd was in town, and the vote was heavy, 298 votes being cast. A. N. Ahrenkiel received 108, Wm. Beiers 92, W. H. Monoghen 49, and Henry Chistenson 49. The retiring members of the board were T. N. Hamilton and C. H. Conklin.

T. A. Eckersley visited the Whitman boys last Saturday at Clarion. They are getting along just fine, altho they had a close call. They were black with gas and smoke, and when they were crossing the street to the hospital the flesh on their hands and fingers hung down two inches from the end of their fingers and their faces were badly burned. They were in the recent explosion at Clarion.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White are in receipt of a letter from Governor Kendall, recently, congratulating them on the birth of their first son, Robert Kendall who was named after the Governor. Mrs. W. H. White grandmother of Robert Kendall, and the Governor were school mates. Governor Kendall sent his autographed photograph to his namesake.

A letter received from Arthur Nelson, says that he sailed from New Orleans for Honduras, Central America, with the Dyer Construction company.

The night express service on the Great Western, promised some time ago by the officials of the American Express company, started on Tuesday night of this week.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

GRANT HEARS COUNTY AGENT LEADER

Grant township was fortunate in having Mr. I. W. Van Nice, Assistant County Agent Leader for Iowa, with them at their township meeting at the Center school Friday afternoon, March 11.

The afternoon program was opened by a short business session during which plans for carrying on the township work were discussed and special attention was given to the consideration of definite plans for the booth exhibits at the county fair. This was followed by a splendid address by Mr. Van Nice who until the last year has been a practical farmer himself and who at present owns and operates a half section of land in Benton county of this state.

The program committee has decided to hold a box social on the afternoon of Friday, April 1, and the proceeds will go to bear the expenses of arranging the booth for the ladies exhibits at the county fair.

The ladies of Grant township are asked to take notice of the announcement of the date for their regular meeting of the ladies division of the Farm Bureau which has been set for the last Thursday afternoon in each month.

WILL COME TO BAT AGAIN

An illustration of the difficulty frequently encountered in attempting really meritorious legislation was afforded recently when the Iowa lawmakers swatted Senator Campbell's farm mortgage bill to the tune ot 27 to 18.

This is a Farm Bureau federation measure. It is still in the house, however, and an amended form will be sent back to the senate and be allowed to come to bat again. It is a good bill and entitled to pass on its merits, regardless of who or what influences may be backing it.

The meat of this measure lies in the provision requiring 30 days' notice to be given before instituting foreclosure proceedings on farm mortgages. To the average person this may seem of small consequence, but it is really of large importance, in connection with the present law in Iowa, for it would protect land owners against an insidious form of financial insolence and exploitation growing out of the recent advance in interest rates.

Under the laws of Iowa if the interest on a farm mortgage is not paid promptly on the date specified both interest and principle become due and subject to foreclosure. There are thousands of mortgages executed three, four, five or more years ago as the case may be, with more or less time to run yet. Mostly they draw five per cent which doesn't look good to money lenders just now.

Many of these mortgages have been sold and resold, passed from hand to hand and in many intances wind up in the possession of interests in some of the eastern states. Since holders of mortgages are not required to notify the makers of such instruments in case of transfer land owners often lose track of their notes for the time being. Consequently interest-paying day may arrive and the owner not know where to send the money for both principle and interest of mortgages are payable where the holder of the mortgage resides, whether in Iowa or in some other state. Under the circumstances all a man can do is to hold the money until he finds out where it should go. The time slides by. Meanwhile the mortgage is subject to foreclosure because the interest was not delivered on the day appointed. Then, after the customary "three days of grace", the holder of the mortgage is at liberty to start something for the owner.

This is not mere idle conjecture. It is going on right along. Numerous instances of such exploitation have been brought to the notice of federation officials. No actual forclosures of course, that is, the land has not acually been taken, for the law gives an owner one year in which to scratch round and redeem his fortunes. It is worked this way:

The owner is graciously given an opportunity to "compromise." He is given to undersand that foreclosure proceedings can be stayed, provided he is willing to make a new mortgage for the balance of the term at higher rate of interest and, incidently, stand for being mulched for a stiff commission on top of it.

If Senator Campbell's bill to require thirty days notice to property owners before foreclosure proceedings are instituted can be made the law it will put an everlasting crimp in this newest form of graft.

NORWAY NEWS NOTES

Hans Wicks

Hans Wicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wicks, who underwent an operation at the Sams hospital in Clarion last Thursday, died Sunday night at ten o'clock.

His mind was clear until his death and most of the family were at his bedside. He prayed, and asked those who were with him, to pray with him and for him. He seemed to be so happy to move to a better home.

He bid all his relatives farewell, and his last words were that Jesus was coming for him, then he closed his eyes with a smile for he knew that he was saved.

Hans was well liked by all who knew him. He had many friends, who will miss him and who extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

He was 22 years, 9 months old at the time of his death. In 1919 he was united in marriage to Neva Parr, in which union a daughter was born. He leaves his wife and child, his parents, two brothers, six sisters, his grandparents and various other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the house at 11 o'clock and at the church at 12:30, conducted by the Rev. Trelstad, interment being in the Norway township cemetery.

Miss Anna May Stole visited with her sisters, Mrs. John Engh and Mrs. Geo. Neibe, over Sunday, returning to Clarion, her home, that evening.

Miss Cora Anfinson came home on Friday from Clarion, returning to her duties Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Markus's daughter, Mrs. Highland, and baby, came up from Briceland, Minnesota, last week for a visit.

Joe Asbe called on his brother T. H. Asbe, Sunday, and from there he went to his sisters' to assist with the work for a few days.

Mrs. Stole went to her sisters Mrs. T. Wicks, Sunday to help with the house work during the preparing for Hans Wicks' funeral.

T. H. Asbe was a business caller at Goldfield, Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Maage attended the funeral of Martin Reysetters at Thor on Monday, returning home the next day.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the funeral of Miss Crooks at Kanawha, Tuesday.

Holger Kalvig visited with his brother, J. E. Kalvig, and family on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. T. A. Asbe visited at the T. H. Asbe home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig and family visited with his brother, Elmer and family, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Johnson's baby has been on the sick list the past week, but is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kalvig were guests at the T. H. Asbe home on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Hannah Stole, who was called home by the death of her cousin, Hans Wicks, returned to her duties in Des Moines, Friday.

The St. John's Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Harold Holm, Friday afternoon.

GOODELL NEWS

J. E. Savogue has had the ceiling of his restaurant painted a light color, greatly adding to the appearance and throwing more light.

Dan Miller will have a closing out sale the 15th of March.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Conlon were Hampton visitors Sunday.

"Speck" Houghton went to Hampton, Wednesday, where he will receive treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth were Klemme visitors Monday.

P. C. Lowenberg transacted busines at Klemme, Monday.

Mrs. Joe Heginger is visiting relatives at Belmond this week.

Ed. Bachman transacted business at Garner, Saturday.

The members of the United Brethern choir met at the home of Miss Iva Ahrenkeil, Thursday, and were very highly entertained.

Mrs. A. N. Ahrenkeil was a Klemme visitor Sunday.

A. C. Carpenter went to Hampton on Wednesday and underwent an operation for cancer in the ear. He is reported as doing nicely.

There has been considerable moving this spring in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Elmer Schneider is serving on the jury at Garner this week.

A. D. White and H. Rust are doing jury duty at Garner for this term of court.

Mrs. Ed. Hughes was a Garner visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Busick transacted business in Garner, Wednesday.

Mrs. John Ellsworth was a Garner visitor Friday.

Mrs. Mamie Costello, of Forest City, visited relatives here Friday.

Wm. Jenison, of Belmond, was visiting Goodell friends Friday.

Wm. Nelson, of Belmond, transacted business here Friday.

M. P. Skow, of Bricelyn, Minnesota is visiting friends and relatives here this week. He states that Mr. Gram, done real well last summer. Mr. Gram formerly lived here.

Ellis Burke, of Belmond, visited friends and relatives here Thursday.

Mrs. Dave Finn spent Sunday at Rolf visiting her daughter.

Orick Rhodes was a Belmond visitor Friday.

Mrs. Leo Wilkens and children visited her mother at Meservey the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Johnson, of West Lake, Harold Smith of Belmond, and Mat Smith were Sunday visitors at the T. R. Burgess home.

Jos. Heginger went to Belmond on Monday where he consulted Dr. Steele as to a growth in his breast.

Johnnie Conlon returned from the southern states Saturday.

A very large crowd was seen on the streets last Saturday. There were not enough places for the farmers to tie their teams. The stores report a big business.

Mesdames G. W. Butts and E. M. Shifffield, of Belmond, were Goodell callers Tuesday.

Henry Griffin attended a meeting of section foremen at Lakota, Tuesday.

Jno. Dominy transacted business at Belmond, Tuesday.

Frank McNutt was a Belmond visitor Tuesday.

C. H. Conklin and S. G. Houghton returned from Hampton, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. F. Beier visited relatives at Garner, Wednesday.

Dan Miller was a Klemme visitor Wednesday.

Elmer Kennenberger was having dental work done at Garner last week Tuesday.

Gus Okrueg transacted business at Klemme, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bohler, of Belmond, were visiting relatives here Wednesday.

Sam Johnson, of Belmond, visited his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Lester, of this place Wednesday.

W. D. Lester was a Klemme visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. T. O. Letch, accompanied by Miss Mardel Avery, went to Rochester, Wednesday, where Mrs. Letch will receive treatment.

The Kelso company appeared March 2 and were greeted by a packed house. Their program was enjoyed by all present.

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Joe Colles, of Dows, and F. E. Martin, of Estherville, were transacting business in Goodell Thursday.

Bell Lyman was a business visitor at Neils, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wilson transacted business at Garner, Friday.

The U. B. choir was pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Maude Griggs on Thursday evening.

Fred Blank, of Klemme, was a visitor at the A. N. Ahrenkeil home Friday.

Miss Finn visited relatives at Britt over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hall, of Moline, Illinois, are here this week looking after farm interests and visiting old friends.

J. E. Savogue was a Belmond caller Saturday.

Joe Heginger was a business caller at Belmond, Saturday.

Fred Nolte was transacting business at Belmond, Saturday.

Mesdames Robert McNutt and Earl Clark were Belmond callers Saturday.

Mesdames Savogue and Reed were Belmond visitors, Monday.

Miss Pearl Engeseth was a Belmond caller Monday.

CLARION MAN SWIPES DOC'S "MEDICINE"

One of Clarion's doctors had occasion recently to move some of his personal effects to another place in town, and among the said effects was a jug o' rum, or alcohol. The doc got it moved all right, but when night was on the spirits moved, and moved the spirits, which were spirited away. In a couple of days the evidence began to turn up in the way of drunks, which led the authorities to suspect several young men of the city of having been holding seances with the spirits, using the doc's jug as a medium. One young fellow was arrested and plead guilty, admitting there were others in on the deal but refusing to devulge their names. He is awaiting the pleasure of the grand jury.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sympathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the boweus. When you have any trouble with your stomach give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Belmond Savings Bank

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, March 7, 1921.

Regular meeting of Town Council held in Town Hall, Mayor Barry presiding.

Members present: Greenlander, Gfeller, Johnson, Thompson, Wright.

Members absent: None.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Clerk's financial report received.

Petition of John D. Barry, et al., asking that a road be established in north Belmond between Filbert and Market streets, received and placed on file.

Above petition was referred to the Street Committee.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Iowa Falls Eectric Co. Feb. power ------------(W)$ 37.80
Iowa Falls Electric Co. Feb. light -------------(L) 117.96
Nordschow Motor Co., grading with tractor ----------(G) 75.25
Thos. Brooks, dragging road ---------------------(D) 4.00
Andrew Jacobson, labor on street --------------(R) 2.50
Ella B. Cleveland, meals for prisoner ------------(C) 1.10
Lewis Shaw, labor on street ---------------------(R) 2.00
The Electric Store, 1 lamp ---------------------(C) 1.10
G. F. McBurney, medical attendance ------------(H) 2.00
Belmond Prtg. & Pub. Co., printing ------------(C) 3.56
Wm. Guest, Jr., labor on fire alarm --------------(C) 5.00
W. Dziewanowski, dragging road ---------------(D) 3.00
Tom Maitland, labor on street ---------------------(R) 3.50
Bert Butterfield, labor on sanitary sewer ----------(C) 12.50
J. H. Nourse, Feb. salary (C) 30.00
I. V. Earheart, draying --(C) 2.50
J. D. Walton, labor in park ---------------------(P) 4.90
Vet Luick, hauling gravel (R) 4.50
M. Allen, loading gravel (R) 6.00
Harry Forrestall, labor on road, grader ------------(G) 8.40
Guy Lynch, labor on road grader --------------(R) 3.00
Mark Finn, labor on street, removing snow --------(R) 5.00
Henry Groen, hauling gravel, leveling gravel ------(R) 5.00
Henry Smith, hauling gravel ---------------------(R) 29.75
A. E. Galloway, hauling gravel ---------------------(R) 3.00

On motion and second council adjourned.

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Rowan News

ROWAN CHURCH NOTES

Union meetings will be held in the town churches next Sunday, March 20th. The morning service, which will be held in the Congregational church, and conducted by Mrs. Ada Anderson, will be addressed by the Rev. Harold Tomkinson, his subject being "The Right of the Child." At the joint session of the Sunday school, to be held at the close of the public service, Miss Umbrait, of Clarion, will deliver an address on "The Standardizing of Sunday School Methods." Discussion will follow. The evening service will be held at the M. E. church and the speakers will be Mrs. Ada Anderson and Dr. J. F. Jamieson, of Clarion, the former speaking on "The Child We Teach" and the latter on "The Book We Teach." A day of special pleasure and profit is anticipated. Let every Congregationalist and Methodist be in their place.

The Easter supper of the M. E. church will be held in the dining room of the church next Friday, March 18. The ladies of the church intend to serve a delicious supper and send a special invitation to the people and friends of the town and country. Wil you kindly make preparations to be there.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church held their annual social gathering last Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Guy Sheldon, and it proved to be a very pleasant occasion. Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Hatheway Mitchell, S. D., and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon, of Rowan. About forty ladies were present. The following delegates to the annual convention, which is to be held in Clarion in April were elected: Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Mrs. Guy Stumph, Mrs. Herb Hadley, Mrs. Roy Ryder, Mrs. Willard McCallum and Miss Esther Fowler.

The Womens' Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church were entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Robert Keith. A large number of the ladies were present and spent an enjoyable afternoon together.

The Farm Bureau of Blaine township met last Wednesday at the hom of Mr. Hubbell. One of the best meetings of the year was the unanimous opinion of the members. County Secretary Edwards gave a fine review of the work of the Farm Bureau and spoke most enthusiastically of the present and future prospects of this splendid organization The Rev. Harold Tomkinson, of the M. E. church, Rowan, gave an address on the "Farmer and Education," which was folowed by another address on the same subject by Blanche Bock, of Clarion. Other items on the program were a solo by Mrs Cundall, and a reading by Mrs. H Tomkinson. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Evan Patton, who proved to be an excellent chairman.

Miss Lottie Williams visited her sister, Mrs. Peter Schreck, at Hayfield, this week.

Joe Patton, Peter Mathiason, of Rowan, and John D. Meinders, of Goodell, held a Polled and Horne cattle sale in he Rowan Sale Pavilion Wednesday, March 9. The sale was well attended and the stock sold fair.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society will hold their annual Easter sale on March 26.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society met with Mrs. Elsie Allen at her home on Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of Clarion, visited her mother, Mrs. M. M. Snyder, at the Fred Brooks home Wednesday.

Edgar Manlte, Daniel Whitten, Roscoe Robinson, Bill Whitten and Fred Hackley started Thursday night for Forest City to a wrestle, but owing to bad roads they were unable to get there.

Fred Brooks and daughters, Thelma and Marjorie, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley motored to Eagle Grove on Thursday to shop.

Theo. Hansen is a Chicago shopper this week.

Mrs. R. H. Keith entertained the members and friends of the M. E. Home Missionary society on Friday of last week.

The C. I. C. class of the Congregational church expects to give a "fine" social in the near future. Watch for the date. , The fines will be as printed in the last issue of the Independent.

Mrs. Guy Stumph and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson were Fort Dodge callers on last Friday.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Almond Drury, of Des Moines, have a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Jurden Brinkman and son, Merrill, of St. Peter, Minnesota, are visiting friends and relatives in this city this week. Greatgrandpa Bingham is wearing a broader smile nowadays.

Miss June Burt is on the sick list this week.

Edgar Bingham visited his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Howell, who is in the hospital at Iowa Falls, Saturday. Mrs. Howell is doing fine.

The Junior class of the Rowan high school entertained the other three classes Wednesday evening at the school house. The gymnasium was decorated in the colors of the four classes. The evening was spent in games of interest to high school pupils. After the games were over a two-course supper was served. They had a very enjoyable evening and declared that it was the best high school party that had been given for some time.

Friday evening occured the last basket ball game of the season. The Belmond girls played the Rowan girls in a good game. The Rowan girls put up a good fight and held them to the close score of 26-27, in favor of Rowan.

Mrs. M. A. Baker, of Kanawha, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lieuwen, one day last week.

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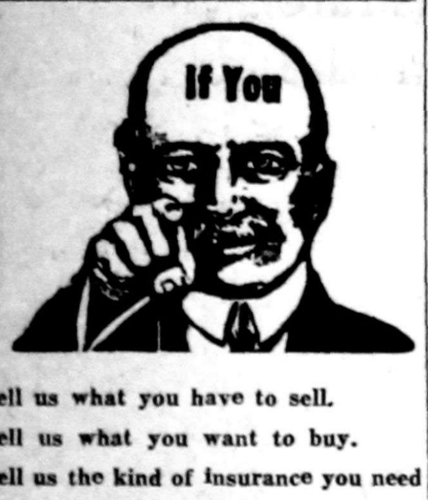

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Belmond Local News

DON'T FORGET THE FIREMEN

Tomorrow is the big day of the city firemen. Don't forget their program for the day: Supper, auction, and dance.

The firemen are deserving of every boost that can be given them, in any way. They are putting on this affair on their own hook, to raise money to purchase needed equipment for better fire protection. They are volunteers, and spend ten years in the service of the community. The community can do nothing else than to be fair with them when they ask for necessary equipment for better service.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

The usual services next Sunday beginning at 10 a. m. with Sunday school. Next Sunday will be observed as Decision Day in our Sunday school. Parents ought to be enough interested in their boys and girls to talk earnestly with them about the importance of their making a public decision and confession of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Better yet, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and go that way yourself."

If a stranger in the community or without a church home you will find a welcome at any or all of these services of the church. Make your life good, and make it count for good in the community where you live.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

We beat every record Sunday in attendance, much to the joy of the officers and school. We had 156 out with an offering of $6.00, despite the bad weather. A year ago, March 14, 1920, we had 123 with an offering of $4.58. On May 13, 1917, we had an attendance of 155, being a record never excelled except by Sunday's attendance.

If you have no church home of your own, you will find a welcome in any of our classes. Go to Sunday School.

S. E. Cretary.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

There will be the regular services on next Sabbath. Sunday school at 10 a. m., the morning worship at 11, and evening services at 7:30.

The quarterly business meeting of the congregation will be held in the church parlors on March 22. All who expect to come into the church either upon confession or by letter, will please speak to the pastor before that time if possible.

Easter promises to be a great day in the church. The Sunday school will be as usual but the morning worship will include the Lord's Supper, members will be received and adults and children will be baptised. The choir is working hard on the Cantata which will be rendered in the evening. This will be the climax of the day's worship and we hope to see all the members and friends as well as many who do not attend worship any where present. Come and let us help you make the most out of life.

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For Sale—Overland 90 and Baby Grand Chevrolet, both 1919 models and in exvcellent condition.—Nordschow Motor Co.

REGISTERED CATTLE FOR SALE
Two registered one-year-old Hereford bulls. Phone 2806.—Geo. G. Dipple. 73*

For Sale—Maxwell 5-passenger car. Cheap.—Ben F. Fetrow. 72tf

—I—

If you want the best in Clover Seed, Timothy Seed and machinery, we have it.—Chris Rise, Phone 85. 1

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Charley Meyers returned to his home at Staurt last week, after a two weeks' visit with his brother, Jake Meyers, and family.

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MARCH 17

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The Buyer of the Outlet Store just returned from New York with the Best Bargains that Money Can Buy. Don't Miss It.

Sale on Ladies' Ready-to-wear Big Bargains

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Ladies' Dresses

$18.00, now	$9.50
15.00, now	7.50
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Ladies' Silk Hose

2 pair now	$1.00
Cotton hose, now 8 pair for	1.00
Ladies silk hankerchiefs, 8 for	1.00

Boys' Suits

from 4 to 17 years at 3.95 $6.95
Boys Overcoats now 5.00
Boys shoes 95c and up.

Men's Suits

$50.00 now	$25.00
35.00 „	18.50
25.00 „	16.50
20.00 „	12.50
15.00 „	10.00

Ladies' Suits

$ 25.00, now	$ 9.50
35.00, now	17.50
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Patent leather and tan and black, pumps and straps, latest style - $4.49

Boys Shirts $1.00

Mens hankerchiefs 12 for $1.00
Mens Rockford hose and cotton hose 8 pair 1.00

Men's Pants

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Mens all wool pants, 6.50 5.00 and 3.95

Ladies' Waists

Silk Waists	$1.00
Georgette Waist	$1.00
Voile Waists	1.00

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Ladies' Shoes

Ladies high top shoes, Military, low and highheel, all colors and styles - $4.95

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Lace curtains 1 pair	1.00
Curtain goods 8 yds	1.00
Children's wool caps 4 for	1.00

Men's Shoes

All mens shoes, English and Bull toe dress shoes - $4.45
All work shoes 3.49 and 3.95

Announcement!

To the Public:

Our business is increasing at such an extent that we find ourselves unable to carry credit accounts on our books any longer. The amounts due total such a large sum that we find ourselves seriously handicapped. We have endeavored to give you the very best of meats and service and we mean to continue this policy in the future. In order to do this, however, to maintain our high quality of meats and low prices, we must place our business on a cash basis. We are, therefore, beginning, on April 1st placing our business on a

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Belmond Local News

Fred Mortimer and son, Ralph, visited at Minneapolis on Sunday of this week, returning the next day with Mrs. Mortimer, who had been visiting relatives there for the past week or so.

—I—

Miss Mary Barry was a visitor over the week end at the home of friends in Fort Dodge.

—I—

Family Washings Wanted. Call a Granfield property north of the school house. 153c

—I—

William Tyrrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, has been very ill the past week with scarlet fever. He has been very seriously ill some of the time and a trained nurse is in attendance. He is reported as being somewhat better at this writing.

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio potatoes, raised here only one year. Free from scab. Also some good rural New Yorkers. Phone 298.—H. H. Hawley. 14tf

—I—

The Misses Roland, Hunt, and Rorick were visitors at Fort Dodge on last week Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. Edges' Sunday school class had a very enjoyable party in the church parlors on last week Saturday evening. The one cent charge for every letter of their names brought the class in quite a nice sum.

—I—

Clover and Timothy Hay for Sale. In good condition. $14.00 per ton. Ben J. Mehus, Phone 1506. 152*

—I—

NOTICE!

All parties who have not received premium checks for the short course are requested to call at the Savings Bank for them, so that the committee may balance the accounts.

Cato C. Griesy, Chairman.

—I—

The Kings' Heralds will meet at the home of Ardell Johnson next Saturday, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

—I—

Fore Sale—Yearling Scotch Short Horn bull, weight 815 pounds, dark roan in color. Extra good individual. Price $125. Worth $200.—John Mack. 72c

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NOTICE!

There will be a special meeting of of the electors of Pleasant Township held at the Center schoolhouse on Monday, March 28, from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., for the purpose of voting on a $1,200 schoolhouse tax for the construction of a new schoolhouse in District No. 6.

O. D. Jenison, Secretary.

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FOR THAT EASTER SUIT

Come in and get our Smashed Prices All the latest models.—Star Cleaner.

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Wanted To Rent—Furnished house or rooms. Box 247. 1t*

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Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Note These Prices

Golden Rod Washing Powder---18c
Borax Naptha Soap, 5 bars----25c
Matches, 6 Boxes for----------40c
Plantation Blend Coffee, per lb.--30c
Rolled Oats, bulk, per lb----------5c
Rice, per lb. ------------------ 10c
Red nKdeiy Beans, Best Quality ------------------ 15c
Cocoa, per lb. ------------------ 40c
Salmon—3 cans for ------------25c
Prunes ------------------ 12 1-2c
1 pt. Maple Syrup ------------- 30c
Powdered sugar, blk. --------- 15
Karo syrup, gal. 80c, 1-2 gal. -- 40c

Watch our Bargain Counter

It Pays to Trade at ROBINSON'S

Mrs. George Hill, of Clarion, was in Belmond on last week Thursday in the interests of the district missionary convention.

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For Sale—A few choice high grade Duroc Jersey bred sows, due to farrow in April and May. Also a few high grade Holstein cows and heifers, to be fresh soon.—D. H. Delaney. 152*

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Mrs. Fred Mortimer gave a surprise party on her son, Ralph, last Tuesday evening, in honor of his birthday. Sixteen boys, all members of his Sunday school class, gathered at his home. A very enjoyable time is reported by the boys. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Mortimer.

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ROAD GRADING WANTED

Will do road grading, and furnish tractor. Phone 3608.—Henry Eide. 134*

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For Sale—Four-piece Parlor Set, mahogony, rocker, chair, settee, and pedestal, nearly new. Inquire of M. Cuber, Belmond, or at this office. 72*

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C. Sharon went to Iowa City last week, to consult medical authorities about his health, which is not very good.

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Mr. and Mrs. Streby have rented the Saatoff residence on south Market street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. James Libby, who moved to Illinois.

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Wanted—Good live correspondent in Grant township. A chance to make good pin money. Call or write Independent. tf

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Wanted—Two women or girls for dining room and chamber work. Parties rooming at home preferred, but not essential.—Hotel Case. 15tfc

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If you want your plowing and discing done don't wait until the last minute to hire someone, you may be too late.

Nordschow Motor Co.

Miss Eva Johns, who lives in Iowa Falls, was a guest over the week end at the home of Ole Scott.

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Wanted—Boy for office work and to assist in dining room.—Hotel Case. 14tf

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Rev. Bushnell, the district superintendent of the M. E. church, was in the city on Sunday and gave the address at the church on Sunday evening.

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A PLAYER PIANO at a bargain if taken at once. Party near Belmond can not make payments. Write Wellemeyer Department Store, Klemme, Iowa. 153c

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Miss Clara Anderson, of Huxley, Iowa, arrived on last week Saturday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Scott.

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See us about Tailor Made Skirts. —Belmond Tailor Shop.

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The ladies of the Methodist church staged a play, "The Old Maids' Convention," at the opera house on Tuesday night.

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R. G. Isenberger, from Latimer, was a visitor at the home of his aunt here, Mrs. Allen, over the week end.

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For Rent—Four room flat, modern, ready March 15.—C. S. Robinson.

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Miss Sharon was a visitor on last week Saturday at Fort Dodge.

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Harry Newgard left on Tuesday of this week for his home in Canada, after several weeks here visiting his mother and other relatives and old friends.

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Wanted—Plain sewing.—Mrs. Colby. 62*

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Mrs. Clyde Jennings returned last Wednesday from Cedar Rapids, where she had spent a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Special Prices!

4 pounds of 40 to 50 prunes for ------------------ .60c
5 pounds of red onions for ------------------ 25c
5 pounds of white beans for ------------------ 40c
3 pounds of rice pop corn for ------------------ 25c
1 pound of good Pea Berry coffee for ------------------ 25c
1 can of corn for ------------------ 10c
1 bottle of catsup for ------------------ 10c
1 jar of strawberry perserves for ------------------ 25c

Good line of fruit and vegetables at a cheap price this week. Also a special sale on some work shirts and percales. We also buy eggs and butter. We also deliver. PHONE 30.

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Phone 30

Specials for Saturday

Jelly Bismarks, per doz. - - 25c
Jelly Buns, per dozen - - - 25c
Raisin Bread, loaf - - - 12c
Cream Puffs, per doz. - - 40c
Lady Fingers, per doz. - - 25c

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

"APRIL FOLLY"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

MARION DAVIES

The picture is a story within a story. April Poole, a brilliant young woman novelist, is the heroine. She has just written a new book. As she shows it to her publisher, the events in it are thrown on the screen. The publisher figures as the hero, his editor as the villain, and the girl the heroine.

In the main story, April takes the place of Lady Diana Mannister, about to sail to South Africa with a precious jewel. April is trailed by diamond thieves and detectives and is saved from a fatal encounter with the former by a young man, Kerry Sarle, who falls in love with her. By a clever trick she defeats her enemies and brings the adventure to a successful close.

Also FATTY ARBUCKLE

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

"A WORLD OF FOLLY"

A Fox picture featuring

VIVIAN RICH

Also a two-reel Larry Lemen comedy.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

A Goldwyn picture featuring

WILL ROGERS

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

"EXCUSE MY DUST"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

WALLACE REID

Based upon an original magazine article by Byron Morgan. Wallace Reid is again "Toodles" Walden, manager of the western branch for "Darco" cars. The "Darco" engineers have a new motor, a marvel for speed and power, which their rivals, the "Fargot" people, are anxious to inspect by fair means or foul. To prevent "Toodles" who is his son-in-law, from racing, J. D. Ward, the "bear," and president of the "Darco" concern, has his driver's license taken away for sixty days and sells the three "Darco' racing cars. But when the "Fargot" company challenges the "Darco" to a road race from Los Angeles to San Francisco, "Toodles" secretly buys back one of the cars and enters the race. The other two "Darcos" have been purchased by the "Fargot" people and disguised as their own cars.

11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

MARCH 21 & 22

"THE BRANDED WOMAN"

A First National picture featuring

NORMA TALMADGE

This is the story of a girl who is forced to the very brink of the abyss from which no woman ever ecapes and of what happens when her husband learns the truth.

11c and 30c

Neighborhood News

GRANT TOWNSHIP ITEMS

(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. A. M. Axen and little daughter, Geralda, went to Fort Dodge on Friday for an over-Sunday visit with relatives.

The Misses Ruth and Esther Brooks were Mason City callers between trains Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman and baby visited Sunday, at the George Norris home.

Miss Daisy Chapman visited Saturday and Sunday at the home of her brother, John, and family.

Miss Rose Barry returned to school Wednesday, after a week's illness with tonsilitis.

The combination sale in town last Tuesday seemed to be the Mecca of all the farmers in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Loomis visited at the Sheriff home on Wednesday afternoon.

The friends and neighbors of the Sheriff Brothers got together Saturday evening and put up quite a surprise party. Everyone present reports a very pleasant time.

Dr. Steele was a professional caller in our neighborhood Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry and the Misses Mary Barry and Maye Tracy, Elizabeh and Kathryn Blake were visitors Sunday at the Geo. Barry home.

KANAWHA

Sam Stueland, of Fort Dodge, was a business caller here Monday.

Gerhard Olson, of Britt, was visiting relatives and friends here Thursday.

Harry Harson, of Rowan, spent several days here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Perkins, are the proud parents of a baby girl.

George Ansel, Charles Deibler and Melvin Severson went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, on a business trip last Monday.

Miss Dorothy Mac Kellar returned home from Forest City, Tuesday where she spent several days with relatives and friends.

Miss Lyona Baldridge, who has been attending school at Des Moines, has completed her course and returned home the first of the week. Miss Norman, of Charitan, accompanied her home and will spend a few days here.

Jefferson Yeakel, of Ames, was visiting friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. L. S. Poor, wife of the new manager of the Lampert Lumber Co., arrived last week from their former home in South Dakota.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

There has been no school in the Carlton Johnson school, the teacher, Miss Goldie Chrisie, having been exposed to the scarlet fever, and it was thought best to close school for several days to see if she took sick of the disease.

A series of meetings was begun Sunday by the members of the St. Olaf congregation. Ministers will be here to help conduct them.

Geo. Thompson was a business visitor between trains in our little burg last Wednesday.

Geo. Baxter spent last Thursday in Belmond on a business mission.

The members of the Farmers Elevator company will hold their annual meeting Saturday, March 19.

S. O. Windecker was an over-Sunday visitor with his parents in Iowa Falls.

Mrs. C. J. Johnson came out from Belmond, Monday, to help her daughter, Mrs. Julius Johnson.

Miss Frances Anderson, of Belmond was an over Sunday visitor at the E. N. Ericson home.

School began Monday for a three months' term, with Miss Gladys Larson, of Kanawha, as teacher. She will stay with Mrs. S. O. Windecker while teaching here.

Carlton Johnson's and E. Ellingston's had their babies christened last Sunday by Rev. Jensen, at the St. Olaf church.

Miss Alma Ericson went to Hampton and stayed with her brother, Arthur, who is taking treament of a chiropractor at that place.

ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

Held over from last week..

Rev. and Mrs. Mohr were callers at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heit Penning of Ackley, are visiting at the Bohlen homes this week.

Lewis Bell and Albert Larsen were business callers at Hampton last Saturday.

Dr. Warner, of Dows, was a professional caller here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth and son, Raynold, of Belmond, were Sunday visitors at this place.

John Johnson returned home last Thursday after spending the past several weeks at Arkansas.

Clarence Murphy was a business visitor at the county seat last Saturday.

A fine baby girl came to the Geo. Dirksen home last Sunday, March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Mohr are enjoying a visit from the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston, of Polk City.

Mrs. Joe Veeder, Mrs. Charles Winwood and Miss Addie Larsen were among the Hampton shoppers last Saturday.

Alfred Ammerman is on the sick list at this writing.

John Arends, Ben Arends and A. B. Arends were business callers at Hampton Tuesday.

Albin Johnson, of Hampton, was calling on friends at Alexander the first of the week.

J. C. Arends was at Dows on Tuesday on a mission of business.

A. B. Arends was a Belmond caller last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder were business callers at Clarion on Monday.

John F. Bell was a caller at Dows last Tuesday.

Frank Bohlen was a Hampton caller Monday.

H. B. Adams of Iowa Falls, was visiting with friends in town last week.

Fred Greenfield was a caller at Belmond Tuesday.

Mrs. L. C. Peters and two children left Saturday for a two-week's visit with her parents at Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Aldinger and two children were Hampton visitors last Wednesday.

Herbert Mallory and Theo. Beenen were Belmond callers last Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Klinefelter and Mrs. Leslie Reed were visitors at Hampton, Friday.

Miss Alvena Johnson spent the week end with relatives at Latimer.

Mrs. Christena Hatt, of Ottumwa, Minnesota, spent the past week visiting with friends in Alexander.

Oscar Hensel, who has been one of the leading merchants in this city, has sold his general merchandise stock to Joe Veeder, possession to be given this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steffer and son Cornelius, were among the Hampton callers Saturday.

Frank Bohlen was a visitor at the county seat Wednesday.

Louie Peters was a caller at Hampton between trains last Saturday.

Miss Grace Gartz spent the week end with her parents near Belmond.

John F. Bell was a business caller at Hampton, Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two children, of Hampton, are visiting with relatives at this place.

Miss Wilma Foughty spent the last of the week at the Benson home in Belmond.

Mrs. Theo. Beenen, Miss Anna Beenen and Theodore Beenen were among the callers at Hampton last Saturday.

Fred Greenfield has been on the sick list the past week.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will hold an Easter sale, consisting of baked goods and home made articles at the home of Mrs. Fred Larsen next Wednesday afternoon, March 23. All ladies are welcome.

Dr. Steele, of Belmond, was a professional caller in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larson and daughters, Esther and Velma, spent Sunday with relatives in Hampton.

Dr. J. J. Buchnell, district superintendent of the Methodist church, delivered the sermon Sunday afternoon.

Theodore Beenen was a caller at Belmond last Sunday.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Mable Pague, fifth grade teacher, spent the week end visiting friends in Hampton.

The teachers are contemplating the giving of a play in the near future, the title being "The Voice of Authority."

The physics class is performing some very interesting experiments in the subject of heat.

The agricultural class begins testing milk this week. The object is to see whether "Bossy" is paying her way or just an ordinary boarder.

Our new secretary of school board is H. J. Bohlen. He succeeds H. C. Hansen, who relinquished the office on account of other business affairs that made it inconvenient for him to continue in the office.

Joe Pals, of the manual training department, is having a "kiddie kar" made. Melbourne Cross is doing the work.

Mrs. Dora Prince and daughter, Hattie, departed for their home in Ohio last Friday. We are sorry to lose them from our teaching force and from our community. Their friends here are numbered by the population of our school district.

Easter plans are maturing rapidly. They range from colored eggs for the little tots to new hats and gowns for their instructors.

Miss Berninghausen, of Eldora, is the new 7th and 8th grade teacher. She succeeds Mrs. Dora Prince, who resigned on account of the sickness of her daughter, Hattie. Miss Berninghausen is adapting herself to the work in a very pleasing way.

The pie social last Friday night was well attended. Proceeds were nearly $23. After those that ate pies in the boiler room, pay it will be considerable more. Each pie sold at one-half cent per pound weight of the owner. Mrs. Leslie Reed's pie brot into our treasury the neat sum of $1.13. Part of the proceeds go to the lyceum course fund and the remainder to the movie fund.

SNARL STREET ITEMS

Held over from last week.)

Friend Aldrich moved to his farm vacated by Norris Nettles.

Mrs. Rail and son Eddie moved to the Lee Aldrich farm last week, vacated by Henry Iserman.

Mrs. Tillie Andrews was called to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, last Saturday by the death of a realtive.

George Davis and family moved to the Penning farm, vacated by the Earl Jacobs family.

Lester Andrews and family moved to the Jenkins' farm, vacated by Howard Tressider.

Clint Kercheval and family moved to the Frank Kercheval farm, which was vacated by Lester Andrews.

Percy Smith is visiting at the Wm. Spears home in Waterloo.

John McAlpine and family moved to the Nels Olson farm Saturday, recently vacated. Mrs. McAlpine will [illegible] Anna Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swope are the [illegible] of a fine baby girl, born Friday, Feb. 27.

Rueben Cupp is visiting at the J. E. Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller ate dinner at the G. R. Stumph home Sunday.

Miss Margaret Butterfield, of Belmond, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lillian Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. C.: W. Jennings visited at the Earl Jacobs home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings and daughter Burnetta, visited at the Glenn Jennings home in Clarion, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates and Edgar Mantle and Marjorie Brooks visit at the Earl Jacobs home on Sunday, at Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith and children and Reuben Cupp visited at the Jake Aldinger home, Sunday.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen visited at the home of her daugter, Mrs. Lee Aldrich, over the week end.

Duncan Farren is visiting at the Lee Aldrich home.

Mrs. Phyllis, of Clarion, is assisting Mrs. Ray Swope in the house work.

Gerald Jennings is visiting at the Carl Steffens home.

Carl Steffens has been very sick of late, being unable to be around the at the Nathan Aldrich home.

Lee Aldrich was a Galt caller several days last week.

John McAlpine was a Belmond visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Peddle met with a painful accident Sunday evening, when the horse which she was driving became frightened and ran away, throwing her out of the buggy and fracturing several ribs. We hope for her rapid recovery.

John Smith delivered hogs to Rowan, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. Oramel Gates, Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, Mrs. Frank Drury, Mrs. Claude Jennings and Mrs. Herb Hadley attended the missionary society at the home of Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. Claude Jennings, J. E. Miller and Albin Anderson were Clarion callers Saturday.

Harold Gates visited at the J. E. Miller home Moday.

Lottie Williams and Cecil Harris visited with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings Friday.

Mrs. Claude Jennings visited at the G. R. Stumph home Tuesday.

Mrs. Jake Aldinger and son, Chas., visited at the J. E. Miller home on Thursday.

Mrs. Claude Jennings visited at the Harold Gates home Thursday.

Mr. Butterfield, of Belmond, is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lillian Aldrich, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates visited at the Lindsay home Saurday.

Chas. Martin and family moved to the Steve Ferguson farm north of Rowan, Monday. Mrs. Earl Patton is assisting them in getting settled.

Frank Carr was a Hampton caller Wednesday.

Mr. nd Mrs. C. W. Jennings and family were Rowan callers Wednesday.

Ray Swope, Lester Smith and Less Antdrews were Rowan callers Wednesday.

Mrs. Vow is keeping house for Friend Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drager and daughter visited at the H. Charlesworth home Saturday.

Nels Olson and son, Russell, stayed at the John McAlpine home Sunday evening.

Clarence Curray visited over the week end in Des Moines.

James Kercheval staved Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval in Rowan.

Clarence Jennings was a Belmond caller Thursday

Frank Kercheval is visiting at he Clint Kercheval home.

The annual meeting was held at the Solsburg elevator Saturday. Harland Hill, Joe Lukens, Henry Wasson, J. E. Miller, Jack Munnis, Harry Charleworth, Harold Sheplee, Albert Drager, John Burt were elected directors, O. R. Myers president, Bennie Hyden secretary, O. Isenberger manager.

Mr. and C. W. Jennings visited at the home of Mrs. Lillian Aldrich on Friday.

Albin Anderson is enjoying a visit from his brother from Nebraska.

Garnette and Bernard Stumph of Rowan, visited at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller entertained to dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Gates,' birthdaay.

Herb Aldrich, of Galt, stayed Saturday night at the home of his brother, Lee Aldrich.

Claude Jennings visited at the home of C. W. Jennings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval assisted the Fred Kercheval family in Rowan move Tuesday.

Mrs. Lester Andrews returned from Sioux Falls, South Dokata, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parliman, of Vinton, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box ate dinner at the Carl Steffens' home Tuesday.

Effie Olson is assisting her sister, Mrs. John McAlpine, in getting settled.

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kindly present the enclosed coupon to the Johnson and Wright Hardware Store on

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I guarantee satisfaction in Style, Fit and Quality of Materials. You can't go wrong on an E. V. PRICE TAILORING CO. Garment.

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to 'Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

CHAPTER III.—Cranston grossly insults the girl. Failing promises her he will punish him when he has fully recovered his strength, and the girl looks on the promise as a compact. A few days later Silas Lennox, while chopping wood in the forest, is pinned under a falling branch and badly hurt. "Snowbird" finds her father and gets him safely to the house and to bed.

CHAPTER IV.—The girl sets out across the Divide, in the darkness, to bring a physician. She has a sense that she is being stalked by some animal, and becomes uneasy. Dan, who had been shooting, arrives home and finds Lennox. Both Lennox and Dan fear for "Snowbird's" safety, and Dan at once sets out to overtake her. The animal stalking the girl is the cougar which had finished Hildreth, now become a hunter of man. Failing arrives only just in time to save the girl's life, and in that manner pays part of the debt he owes her. As evidence of Dan's returning strength he strangles the animal, which, though wounded by a revolver shot from "Snowbird's" weapon, was a most formidable enemy.

BOOK THREE—THE PAYMENT.

CHAPTER I.—Hildreth's disappearance is unaccounted for until Dan finds his mutilated body and near it the evidence which will send Cranston to the gallows and break up the outlaw gang. A record cold winter sets in. Cranston, suspecting that Hildreth's evidence is in existence, visits the Lennox home in the absence of Dan and "Snowbird," to search for it. He fails to find it, and in his rage and disappointment sets fire to the house. Lennox being powerless to stop him. The almost helpless man drags himself outside.

"I wouldn't have to worry about those letters then, would I? They are somewhere in the house, and they'd be burned to ashes. But that isn't all that would be burned. You could maybe crawl out, but you couldn't carry the guns, and you couldn't carry the pantry full of food. You're nearly eighty miles up here from the nearest occupied house, with two pair of snowshoes for the three of you and one dinky pistol. And you can't walk at all. It would be a nice pickle, wouldn't it? Wouldn't your have a fat chance of getting down to civilization?"

The voice no longer held steady. It trembled with passion. This was no idle threat. The brain had already seized upon the scheme with every intention of carrying it out. The wilderness lay stark and bare, stripped of all delusion—not only in the snow world outside but in the hearts of these two men, its sons.

"I have only one hope," Lennox replied. "I hope, unknown to me, that Dan has already dispatched those letters. The arm of the law is long, Cranston. It's easy to forget that fact up here. It will reach you in the end."

Cranston turned through the door, into the kitchen. He was gone a long time. Lennox heard him at work; the crinkle of paper and then a pouring sound around the walls. Then he heard the sharp crack of a match. An instant later the first wisp of smoke came curling, pungent with burning oil, through the corridor.

"You crawled from your couch to reach that gun," Cranston told him when he came in. "Let's see you crawl out now."

Lennox's answer was a curse—the last, dread outpouring of an unbroken will. He didn't look again at the glittering eyes. He scarcely watched Cranston's further preparations: the oil poured on the rugs and furnishings, the kindling placed at the base of the curtains. Cranston was trained in this work. He was taking no chances on the fire being extinguished. And Lennox began to crawl toward the door.

He managed to grasp the corner of the blanket on the divan as he went, and he dragged it behind him. Pain wracked him, and smoke half-blinded him. But he made it at last. And by the time he had crawled one hundred feet over the snow crust the whole structure was in flames. The red tongues spoke with a roar.

Cranston, the fire-madness on his face, hurried to the outbuildings. There he repeated the work. He touched a match to the hay in the barn, and the wind flung the flame through it in an instant. The sheds and other outbuildings were treated with oil. And seeing that his work was done, he called once to the prone

He Called Once to the Prone Body of Lennox.

body of Lennox on the snow and mushed away into the silences.

Lennox's answer was not a curse this time. Rather it was a prayer, unuttered, and in his long years Lennox had not prayed often. When he prayed at all, the words were burning fire. His prayer was that of Samson—that for a moment his strength might come back to him.

CHAPTER II.

Two miles across the ridges, Dan and Snowbird saw a faint mist blowing between the trees. They didn't recognize it at first. It might be fine snow, blown by the wind, or even one of those mysterious fogs that sometimes sweep over the snow.

"But it looks like smoke," Snowbird said.

"But it couldn't be. The trees are too wet to burn."

But then a sound that at first was just the faintest whisper in which neither of them would let themselves believe, became distinct past all denying. It was that menacing crackle of a great fire, that in the whole world of sounds is perhaps the most terrible.

"It's our house," Snowbird told him. "And father can't get out."

She spoke very quietly. Perhaps the most terrible truths of life are always spoken in that same quiet voice. Then both of them started across the snow as fast as their unwieldy snowshoes would permit.

"He can crawl a little," Dan called to her. "Don't give up, Snowbird mine. I think he'll be safe."

They mounted to the top of the ridge; and the long sweep of the forest was revealed to them. The house was a singular tall pillar of flame, already glowing that dreadful red from which firemen, despairing, turn away. Then the girl seized his hands and danced about him in a mad circle.

"He's alive!" she cried. "You can see him—just a dot on the snow. He crawled out to safety."

She turned and sped at a breakneck pace down the ridge. Dan had to race to keep up with her. But it wasn't entirely wise to try to mush so fast. A dead log lay beneath the snow with a broken limb stretched almost to its surface, and it caught her snowshoe. The wood cracked sharply, and she fell forward in the snow. But she wasn't hurt, and the snowshoe itself, in spite of a small crack in the wood, was still serviceable.

"Haste makes waste," he told her. "Keep your feet on the ground, Snowbird; the house is gone already and your father is safe. Remember what lies before us."

The thought sobered and halted her. She glanced once at the dark face of her companion. Dan couldn't understand the strange light that suddenly leaped to her eyes. Perhaps she herself couldn't have explained the wave of tenderness that swept over her—with no cause except the look in Dan's earnest gray eyes and the lines that cut so deep. Since the world was new, it has been the boast of the boldest of men that they looked their Fate in the face. And this is no mean looking. For fate is a sword from the darkness, a power that reaches out of the mystery, and cannot be classed with sights of human origin. It burns out the eyes of all but the strongest men. Yet Dan was looking at his fate now, and his eyes held straight.

They walked together down to the ruined house, and the three of them sat silent while the fire burned red. Then Lennox turned to them with a half-smile.

"You're wasting time, you two," he said. "Remember, all our food is gone. If you start now, and walk hard, maybe you can make it out."

"There are several things to do first," Dan answered simply.

"I don't know what they are. It isn't going to be any picnic, Dan. A man can travel only so far without food to keep up his strength, particularly over such ridges as you have to cross. It will be easy to give up and die. It's the test, man; it's the test."

"And what about you?" his daughter asked.

"Oh, I'll be all right. Besides—it's the only thing that can be done. I can't walk, and you can't carry me on your backs. What else remains? I'll stay here—and I'll scrape together enough wood to keep a fire. Then you can bring help."

He kept his eyes averted when he talked. He was afraid for Dan to see them, knowing that he could read the lie in them.

"How do you expect to find wood—in this snow?" Dan asked him. "It will take four days to get out; do you think you could lie here and battle with a fire for four days, and then four days more that it will take to come back? You'd have two choices: to burn green wood that I'd cut for you before I left, or the rain-soaked deadwood under the snow. You couldn't keep either one of them burning, and you'd die in a night. Besides—this is no time for an unarmed man to be alone in the hills."

Lennox's voice grew pleading. "Be sensible, Dan!" he cried. "That Cranston's got us, and got us right. I've only one thing more I care about—and that is that you pay the debt! I can't hope to get out myself. I say that I can't even hope to. But if you bring my daughter through—and when spring comes, pay what we owe to Cranston—I'll be content. Heavens, son—I've lived my life. The old pack leader dies wheu his time comes, and so does a man."

His daughter crept to him and sheltered his gray head against her breast. "I'll stay with you, then," she cried.

"Don't be a little fool, Snowbird," he urged. "My clothes are wet already from the melted snow. It's too long a way—it will be too hard a fight, and children—I'm old and tired out. I don't want to make the try—hunger and cold; and even if you'd stay here and grub wood, Snowbird, they'd find us both dead when they came back in a week. We can't live without food, and work and keep warm—and there isn't a living creature in the hills."

"Except the wolves," Dan reminded him.

"Except the wolves," Lennox echoed. "Remember, we're unarmed—and they'd find it out. You're young, Snowbird, and so is Dan—and you two will be happy. I know how things are, you two—more than you know yourselves—and in the end you'll be happy. But me—I'm too tired to make the try. I don't care about it enough. I'm going to wave you good-by, and smile, and lie here and let the cold come down. You feel warm in a little while—"

But she stopped his lips with her hand. And he bent and kissed it.

"If anybody's going to stay with you," Dan told them in a clear, firm voice, "it's going to be me. But aren't any of the cabins occupied?"

"You know they aren't," Lennox answered. "Not even the houses beyond the North Fork, even if we could get across. The nearest help is over seventy miles."

"And Snowbird, think! Haven't any supplies been left in the ranger station?"

(Continued next week)

Belmond Local News

Bert Butterfield was a visitor with his brother at Mason City on last week Wednesday.

—I—

Potatoes for Sale—A. W. Martin, Phone 2914. 63c

—I—

Miss Myrtle Crane and Miss Natha Hackbraith, of Dows, were visitors at the home of friends in Belmond on last Saturday.

—I—

Miss Nellie Pierce, of Belmond, spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Cady Templeton. Miss Pierce is taking a few weeks' vacation from her work as teacher in the Marshaltown schools, having underwent an operation.—Clarion Monitor.

—I—

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield, of Fort Dodge, was a visitor with friends here last week, and attending to some business matters.

—I—

Mrs. Roscoe Wiles, of Goodell, was calling on friends in this place on Wednesday of last week.

—I—

See us about Tailor Made Skirts. —Belmond Tailor Shop.

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

For Sale—Reed baby carriage. Call 325. tf

—I—

Mrs. T. H. Schuldt, of Goodell, was a business caller in this city on last week Wednesday.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

For Sale—Two-burner Perfection oil stove. Phone 229. 62c

—I—

Mrs. Rose Garth departed yesterday (Tuesday) to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Stephen Whited, who died at her home in Eldora, March 7th, at the age of 89 years. She came with her husband to Belmond in 1885, removing a few years later to Hardin county. Mrs. Whited was a sister of Gurley and Sherm Pritchard of Belmond.—Clarion Monitor.

—I—

Eggs for Sale—Single Comb White Plymouth Rock, $1 per 15. $5 per 100. John Mack, Phone 3306. 62*

—I—

Miss Helen Sydow is the new trimmer at the Dorenkamp & Greenfield millinery shop, and not Mrs. Snyder, as was reported in last week's Independent.

—I—

Wanted—Single man to work on farm. Best of wages. Inquire at this office.

—I—

The new Belmond Tailor Shop makes old clothes look like new. Garments called for and delivered. Phone 28.—F. J. Tuffree, Prop.

—I—

REGISTERED CATTLE FOR SALE

Two registered one-year-old Hereford bulls. Phone 2806.—Geo. G. Dipple. 73*

Farm Raised Rose Comb Rhode Island Red eggs. $3 for 105. Phone 2806—Geo. G. Dipple. 76*

The new Belmond Tailor Shop makes old clothes look like new. Garments called for and delivered. Phone 28.—F. J. Tuffree Prop.

—I—

Barley for Sale. Call 3410.—Julius Johnson, Olaf. 72*

—I—

Mrs. C. A. Tagleman, of Kanawha, was a caller in this city on last week Wednesday.

—I—

The high school girls' basket ball team played the last game of the season on last Friday at Rowan, with the high school team of that place. The Rowan girls put up a stiff battle and the result was close but in their favor, 27 to 26.

—I—

For Sale—Home grown, re-cleaned Timothy Seed from new meadow. Am taking orders now for March delivery. Phone 3217. O. D. Jenison. tfc

—I—

Albert Chamberlain has purchased one of the C. H. Pullin residences in the Barry addition.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wendell returned last week from their winter's stay in California. They expect to move in a few weeks to Nora Springs where they will make their future home.

—I—

Miss Gertrude Ely and Mrs. Amy Peterson entertained about sixty guests in the library basement on last Saturday evening.

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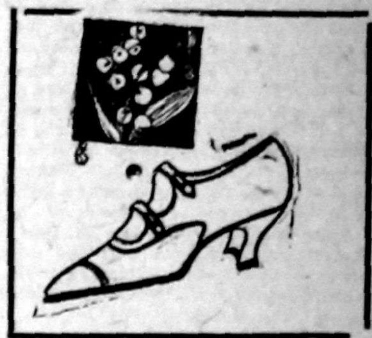

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CHO-CHO, HEALTH CLOWN, TO BE HERE MAY 5

Firemen's Ball Clears Five Hundred Fifty For Fund

Jammed House Enjoys Fine Supper And Dance Afterwards Draws Over Hundred Numbers.

RECEIPTS SIX HUNDRED FIFTY

The firemen's big bazaar and ball, held in the opera house on last week Thursday evening, St. Patrick's Day, was a decided success from every angle.

The firemen took in around six hundred and fifty dollars in all, from the supper, auction and dance. The house was packed to the doors at all of the affairs, and nothing but a good time is reported.

The supper was served to around two hundred and eighty, and was universally pronounced a "fine feed." The auction, held after the supper, went thru in good shape, and realized around two hundred and fifty dollars. Everything imaginable had been donated, and the list of articles included about everything from hats to eatables.

The dance was very well attended, over a hundred numbers being sold, and a very enjoyable time is reported. The Goslin orchestra, of Clarion, furnished the music.

The firemen now have a neat little sum to apply towards the purchase of the equipment which they need so badly to give the town the adequate protection from fire which the city expects. The people of the town are to be congratulated for the manner in which they met the request of the fire company, and the splendid way in which they co-operated.

The boys have not decided as yet just what equipment they will purchase, but annoucement of it will be made at the proper time.

NOREM-RASMUSSEN

The following from the Clarion Monitor will be of interest to Belmond people, as it concerns a local young man:

At the Congregational parsonage Saturday afternoon occurred the marriage of Roscoe Norem of Belmond and Mrs. Hannah Rasmussen, of Mason City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul Viehe and witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meacham, of Belmond. The happy couple are now at home to their friends at Belmond.

"SPINSTER'S CONVENTION" TO BE GIVEN AGAIN

The ladies of the Methodist church have had so many requests that they again stage their play, "The Spinster's Convention," that they have decided to put on this most amusing and entertaining farce the second time. The play was given on last week Tuesday, and was pronounced very good by the large crowd who attended. The play will be staged the second time on Monday, March 28, in the opera house. Those who did not get a chance to see the fun the first time will be given the opportunity then of being highly entertained and amused.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Among the real estate transfers reported recently are the following:

H. J. Klemme and wife to C. H. Pullin, lot 7, block 2, Barry addition to Belmond, $480.00.

H. J. Klemme and wife to C. H. Pullin, lot 8, block 2, Barry addition to Belmond, $40.

H. J. Kelmme and wife to C. H. Pullin, lot 9, block 2, Barry addition to Belmond, $480.

E. Bock to Pink Trees, lot 11, block 1, Barry addition to Belmond, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Courtney were called to Dubuque last week by the serious illness of Mr. Courtney's sister, Miss Jane Courtney, who died there Sunday morning. Miss Courtney will be remembered by a number of Belmond people as she spent about six months here at the home of her brother last year.

WEAR A POPPY ON DECORATION DAY

Whereas, A movement has been instituted to adopt the poppy as the memorial flower of the American Legion thruout the nation; and

Whereas, Out of this should come some symbol to perpetually remind us, and to unfailingly teach coming generations the value of the "Light of Liberty," and our debt to those who helped to save it for us by paying the supreme sacrifice, and that we may not forget that

"In Flander's field the poppies grow
Among the crosses—row on row."

Resolved, By the American Legion in convention assembled, that the movement to have the poppy adopted as the memorial flower be endorsed; and, be it further

Resolved, That the National Convention adopt the poppy as the official memorial flower of the American Legion.

Note—By action of the National Executive Committee the Poppy should be worn on "Memorial" or "Decoration Day," and not on Armistice Day.

This resolution, adopted at the National American Legion convention at Cleveland, is published to remind that Memorial Day will soon be here and that every American Legion post in the state should be preparing to observe it fittingly. American Legion men, on that day, will be expected to wear the poppy in memory of our buddies who made the supreme sacrifice overseas, many of whom will sleep there thru eternity while others have been returned to the homes they gave their lives for.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION BURNS HANDS

While engaged in soddering an empty gasoline tank, at the Belmond Welding company shop, Merold Galloway was severely burned last week Thursday about his hands and arms. He was using a torch, and altho the tank was empty there was still gas enough left in it to blow the tank to slivers. Merold says he "didn't know it was loaded," but never again for him. His burns are coming along in nice shape.

HARD TIMES DANCE GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

About fifty of the neighbor folks in the Glen Cannon neighborhood east of town held a hard times dance at the Cannon home last week, and according to reports had a grand and glorious time. The men dressed in overalls and the ladies in big kitchen aprons, and prizes were given for the best costume. Nina Cannon won first in the ladies prize, and Boyd Hake in the men's. After the dance a delicious supper was served by Mrs. Glen Cannon assisted by Nina Cannon. Out of town guests at the affair were Mr. and Mrs. John Whipple of Manly, and Miss Herwig of Grand Union.

SUGAR COMPANY CLOSING BEET CONTRACTS IN COUNTY

Representatives of the sugar company report very good results with closing contracts this year for the beet acreage. Members of the Wright county beet growers association, it is reported, have signed up in quite large numbers for this season. Those farmers who furnished beets for the company last year are said to have realized good returns from their acreage and many have signed up for acreage this year.

TOMSON FAMILY HOLDS FAMILY REUNION

The T. O. Tomson home was the scene of a very enjoyable family reunion on Sunday of this week, when the children were all present for a big time. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, of Hampton, with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Tomson and family of near Kanawha, with their family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenfield and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson. A very enjoyable time is reported.

The president and committee in charge of the Spinsters Convention, desire to thank all who aided them in making the play a success.

New School Board Now On The Job

A. L. Luick, H. F. Luick, W. R. Ramsay, E. F. Bailey, Herman Schultz, Cato Griesy, Board.

SCHOOL CLOSES ON FRIDAY

The new board of education was organized Monday evening and Herman Schultz was introduced to the mysteries of that august body.

During the next few weeks they will spend considerable time in selecting and electing teachers. Now is the time for the patrons of Belmond to express their approval or disapproval of the present administration. The board will be glad to hear from you now, before they act, rather than after elections have been made. Your approval or criticism will be confidential with the board.

School will close for the Easter vacation March 25, and begin Monday April 4. We hope that both teachers and pupils will return after vacation with renewed energy for nine weeks of hard work. The school will close Friday, June 3.

Remember and keep Wednesday night, April 6, open for a musical treat. We have secured the Iolan Club of Coe College to appear here under the direction of Professor Newcomb of the Music Dept. A high class program consisting of vocal, piano, cornet and violin solos and readings will be given.

Philip McBurney says we need not hesitate to recommend the club to Belmond people, as they give an excellent program.

Remember the date, April 6, and watch the paper for further information.

Much interest is being taken in base ball and track. We have formulated a base ball schedule which, if accepted, will give us five or six good games in Belmond. We also expect to have two or three dual track and field meets this spring with neighboring schools.

The grade pupils are working on an operette to be given some time the latter part of April. Further noice will be given later.

The Annual Staff feels that a large part of the work on the B. H. S. Annual is over. The photographs are all at the engravers and the copy is all at the printers. We are now in hopes that it will be ready by May 1.

The Sophomores held their second semester party at the home of Miss Sharon, class teacher, last Saturday night. The entertainment committee was very successful in their efforts for amusement. Dainty refreshments were served. Everyone present reported a very enjoyable evening.

Th Seniors entertained the Juniors last Saturday evening in the high school gymnasium. In honor of that good soul who rid Ireland of snakes, green was the prevalent color in the decorations, and in the delicious refreshments which were served. The games which were played also had an Irish flavor. A delightful time is reported by everybody who attended.

The following pupils of the eighth grade are eligible for promotion according to their present standings:

Esther Amblie, Loretto Barry, Della Bayliss, Reka Buschmann, Helen Elder, Gladys Gunderson, Ernie Gunderson, Maurine Hake, Veron Hanson, Thelma Higley, Cecelia Holtzbauer, Cyril Jenison, Claude Johnson, Le na Johnson, Paul Johnson, Samuel Leinbach, Emma Luick, Marian McNulty, Marshall Nourse, Donald Pech, Elma Stapley, Elmer Peterson.

Some not listed here still have a chance for promotion if they will apply themselves to their work more, thereby bringing up their average.

We hope to be able to print a longer list at the close of the next period.

James Kral, Ida Harms Esther Peterson, Marie Elizabeth Blake, Billie Rieke, Lynn Hake and Harry Steenblock of the second grade were awarded the gold buttons for their splendid work in Penmanship.

Pierce visited school Friday morning.

Mrs. Jennie Pierce and Miss Nellie

ROUTE ONE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meacham accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Louis Stark, of Fort Dodge, spent Sunday at the E. D. Jenison home.

People of this vicinity have been quite busy shelling corn the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jenison were business callers in Clarion, Friday.

Some of the friends of Miss Cloe Jenison planned a surprise on her one evening last week, in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent in playing games, after which light refreshments were served. All report a fine time.

Mrs. Henning Sandberg was a caller at the Earl Jenison home last Wednesday.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Don't miss the opportunity of hearing the musical entertainment given by the Central College Glee Club of Pella, Iowa, in the Immanuel Reformed church at 8:00 o'clock, Friday evening, March 25.

Zena Ruiter is reported as being quite ill at this writing.

Henry Goeman, who had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, is greatly improved.

The Ladies Aid will meet this week Thursday at the home of Mrs. H. Mennenga.

Mrs. Win Dziewanowski was on the sick list the past week. Her sister, Miss Nora Finn, cared for her during her illness.

Bertha Gartz and Hazel Hendrickson, of Alexander, spent Sunday at the W. A. Gartz home.

GRANT TOWNSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and children visited Wednesday at the Ralph Thayer home.

P. C. Coffer and Ed. Chapman, Jr., made a business trip to Clarion on Wednesday.

Frank Quigley, Jr., and family, of Goodell, were over Sunday visitors at the Pat Quigley home.

Daisy Chapman visited Friday of last week at the J. W. Chapman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barry and family motored to Goodell, Sunday, to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kaufman were calling on Pat Quigley and family Sunday.

Wm. Barry and family and Peter Barry and family attended the supper given by the Catholic ladies of Goodell on St. Patrick's eve.

A large number of neighbors and friends attended the dance given by John W. Chapman at his home on Saturday evening. Music was furnished by local talent. Dainty refreshments were served. The writer being among those invited, reports a very pleasant time, as do all those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Quigley and sons attended the supper and dance given in Goodell on St. Patrick's evening.

BIRTH RECORD

Among the recent records of births in the county are the following:

March 9, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Lineweaver, Rowan.

March 6, a son, Robert Kendall, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White, Belmond.

March 7, a daughter, Clara Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Townsan, Belmond.

March 7, a son, Henry W, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Belmond.

March 3, a daughter, Esther, to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Barkema, Belmond.

BAND MEETING!

All former band members and anyone that plays a band instrument please report at the city hall on Friday at 8 p. m. Please be on time.

Chairman, Chamber of Commerce Band.

WILL GIVE HEALTH LECTURE UNDER THE RED CROSS

World's Famous Clown, Traveling In The Interests Of Red Cross, To Deliver Lecture Here.

BELMOND ONE OF THREE TOWNS

Will Be At Clarion, Goldfield And Belmond On Same Day—Formerly With Barnum & Bailey.

Belmond will have the pleasure and privilege of seeing and hearing Cho-Cho, the Health Clown, on May 5th, according to present plans.

Cho-Cho, the Health Clown, is famous the world over. He was for a number of years with the Barnum & Bailey circus, and was one of the best clowns ever in the business. But Cho-Cho left the circus life several years ago, and has been traveling the country over spreading the gospel of good health and sanitation among the children of the nation. He has appeared before many hundreds of thousands of American children, in thousands of public schools, spreading better health ideas.

He will appear before the children of Goldfield, Clarion and Belmond on May 5th., being here in the evening of that day as presently arranged. He comes under the auspices of the Junior Red Cross, his tour being arranged by the extension department of the Iowa State College at Ames.

Cho-Cho talks to the children mostly, appearing in the costume of a clown and in his own initable way gives the children insructions in the care of their teeth, the use of milk, advantages of eating fruit every day, of drinking plenty of water, proper clothing, outdoor playing, and many other subjects of a similar nature. His lectures are unique, and his costume and ways drive the health ideas home with the children better than could be done otherwise.

Particulars of the exact time and place will be given later, altho it is expected that Cho-Cho will appear at the school house.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Clipper: Nathan Aldrich, a young farmer of Wright county, living near Rowan, faces a suit filed by his wife, Lillian who petitions for a decree of divorce and alimony of more than $2,500.

The plaintiff alleges they were married at Austin, Minn., on February 19, 1919, and lived together as husband and wife until February 26, 1921. She alleges that during the month of February, 1921, the defendant forswore his marriage vows and committed adultry with one Verda Kersey, and further avows that her husband and the co-respondent named have departed for parts unknown.

She states that the defendant has personal property valued at $5,000 or more, and is asking for $500 temporary alimony, $200 for attorney's fees, and the further sum of $2,000 as permanant alimony, together with the household furniture and the restoration of her maiden name, Lillian Butterfield.

The defendant is a young man, 24 years old, and this is the second time his marriage bark has been wrecked, a divorce from his first wife occuring several years ago.

Late word from Rochester says Sheriff Fisher is doing very nicely since his operation.

Geo. L. Meacham, drainage engineer, now has an office in the court house, being located in the basement opposite the room occupied by county agent Edwards.

Marriage licenses for week ending March 15: George W. Pyle and Slyvia Iverson; Roscoe Norem and Mrs. Hannah Rasmussen; George Klinetoo and Katie Loraine; Gilbert Lokerse and Mrs. Ethel May Kraft. —Monitor.

FREE AIR!

Free Air had sort of floated off the past week. We were undecided as to how it was taking. In running a newspaper you have to suit so many varieties of people; some of them will take kindly to locals while they won't care anything for the correspondence or editorials; and vice versa.

(That vice versa stuff we got from Matt Barry; we don't know what it means, but we'll take his word for it anyway.

Then a fellow told us last week that he missed it. Must of been reading it at any rate.

another fellow said that judging from this stuff we might be capable of running a high school paper.

The question bothering us—and it isn't bothering us much either—is, was he slamming us or the high school?

It's a funny life; and the more we live the more we realize it.

Down at the firemen's ball the other night, so they say, there was a fellow who imitated two diffiferent animals. He was on the floor giving the "camel walk." Now the camel walk, so they say, is an improvement on the shimmy, with some variations added. It is also somewhat worse than the shimmy. Marshal Hal Nourse waltzes out and informs the camel walker to walk outside and do it in quick time. The fellow hesitates, and a couple other guys comes and backs him up.

Nourse calls on Nightwatchman Rierson, and they escort the fellows outside, where it's cool. Then one fellow up and starts running down the street, and Rierson pulls his gat and fires away—into the air.

They say that the fellow looked a great deal more like an antelope than he did a camel.

Some of the firemen got out the old hose Saturday and flushed off the accumulation of winter dirt and truck from the pavements. As street cleaners they performed a fine job, and we rise to inquire why it would not be a good idea to have the city dads allow the boys certain sum for keeping the streets cleaned off this summer?

They did it Saturday for nothing, but there's no use of riding a free horse to death. They probably won't want to do it all summer for nothing. And it certainly is worth something to keep the city looking clean.

Remember he remarks you heard about the way the streets looked this spring? Highly complimentary, were they not? They were.

Spring is coming. The signs all point to it. We've heard geese flying over; seen a robin; heard a meadowlark; the boys are playing marbles; base ball is being talked; and you can tell by the way you feel.

Next Sunday the absolute proof will be forthcoming—the Easter lids will be on display at all churches.

Have you ever heard the settlement of that question: Does a woman go to church on Easter to display her new lid, or to attend the services?

Neither have we.

POULTRY AND ORCHARD DEMONSTRATION GIVEN

An orchard and poultry demonstration was held last week Tuesday afternoon at the home of Geo. P. Hardwick. Belmond and Pleasant townships combined in the demonstration, and a very large crowd was in attendance. W. J. Kocken was the specialist who addressed the meeting on orchards, and J. R. Redditt the specialists on poultry. A very interesting and instructive meeting is reported by those present.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE LOSE FIRST CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Benson mourn the loss of their first child, a son, who died at birth on last Saturday morning. Brief funeral services were held at the house on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Edge in charge, and the babe laid to rest in the Franklin Grove cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their first born.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

POULTRY-ORCHARD DEMONSTRATIONS

The poultry-orchard demonstrations which were conducted by W. J. Kocken, orchard specialist, and J. R. Redditt, poultry specialist, in four sectional meetings in Wright county proved to be very successful and the attendance which totalled about 300 for the four meetings, seems to indicate that the farmers were interested in this demonstration work. Both specialists seem to know their job and everyone who attended the meetings seemed to feel well repaid for the time spent in attending these meetings.

Judging from the attendance at these demonstrations it would seem that the farmers are beginning to realize more keenly the value of group meetings, also the necessity of such meeings since it is impracticable for the county agent to give individual service to the Farm Bureau members.

REDUCED CORN PRICES

With the corn prices where they are at present and with a surplus of the 1920 crop on hand the corn acreage for 1921 will be reduced this year with a result that the total production for the county will be materially affected.

It would seem that in the face of the present low prices for corn that the farmer should do more seeding this year in order to work the clover or alfalfa into the regular rotation. In fact, in this splendid opportunity for the farmer to work some legume into his rotation so as to restore fertility to the soil for the coming years. By pracicing a rotation of crops, which includes some leguminous crop such as clover or alfalfa, it should be possible for any farmer under average Wright county conditions to grow the same number of bushels of corn on a reduced number of acres and with less labor and this year in particular seems to be the logical time to make this change.

FARM BUREAU MEMBER SAYS FARMERS TO BLAME

That the most economical and efficient system of marketing grain the world has ever seen is in sight in the United States, is the assertion of A. L. Middleton, vice chairman of the committee of seventeen, in an address last Wednesday night at the Iowa State College before the convention of county agents and extension workers.

"The farmers are to blame for the present system of marketing because as a body of men representing a great industry they have failed to provide a better one," said Mr. Middleton. "The present marketing machinery has been built to protect the interests of the grain dealer.

"Grain actually sold on the Chicago market amounts to only twenty-eight hundreths of one per cent of the total volume of business. The remainder is absolutely speculative. The ratio of cash to speculative transactions is one to fifty-one.

Mr. Middleton declared that the committee in investigations since its appointment, last November, has found absolute evidence that the grain interests can thrown the price of grain up or down almost at will.

"Farmers elevators are a success because they were brought into existence from necessity,' said Mr. Middleton. If a system could be worked out whereby products could be billed direct from the local warehouse to the points where they are consumed, the cost of handling at the terminal elevators would be materially reduced or entirely eliminated. A plan such as this would entail the erection of local warehouses. Warehouse certificates could then be issued to the producer upon which he would be able to borrow money.

While Mr. Middleton was silent as to the exact plan that would be recommended by the committee of seventeen, he said that it would proabably be similar to the one outlined above.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation has on hand at the beginning of the year of 1921, according to E. H. Cunnigham, secretary of the federation, a balance of $235,188.78. About $100,000 of this was on deposit; $50,-000 in cash; more than $63,000 in Liberty bonds, and about $12,000 in real estate.

The Federation's receipts, during the year 1920 totalled $392,852.64. More than $100,000 of this was obtained in county dues and more than $184,000 by the donations of members.

The federation spent a large amount of money during 1920. Of this sum, $8,245.24 was paid in salaries. The largest single item of expense for the federation during the year was that of organization, for which $63,055.69 was spent, Mr. Cunningham declares.

The Iowa Farm Bureau federation had already, at the beginning of this year, put up a considerable sum of money as advance expenditure for its 1921 annual covention, which will prob ably be held next December.

Easter! Easter!

Special Services next Sunday. We want you to be with us at the

Sands Memorial Congregational Church

RINGWORMS ON CALVES CONTAGIOUS TO PEOPLE

The common sores that occur around the eyes of calves during late winter are caused by small parasites in the skin and are commonly called ringworms. The disease is characterized by scabs and loss of hair and is best treated by application of tincture of iodine.

A very small parasite gets into the canals of the skin and starts an inflamation which gradually spreads in more or less defined lines. The disease spreads from one animal to another, frequently affecting older animals, but is more prevalent in calves.

The most dangerous thing in connection with this disease is that it is contagious to people. Many people become infected on their hands or faces by handling and treating the affected animals.

A simple treatment consists of softening the spots with vaseline and later applying tincture of iodine once a day for three or four days.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Wright County, Iowa.

October Term, A. D. 1921.

Lillian H. A. Aldrich,
Plaintiff,
vs
Nathan Aldrich,
Defendant.

To Nathan Aldrich, Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, is now on file in the District Court, of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming and asking that the bonds of matrimony, now existing between you and the plaintiff aforesaid, be dissolved, and that she be granted a decree of divorce, on the grounds of adultry committed by you; also asking for the allowance of temporary alimony in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and permanent alimony in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, also asking for the allowance of attorney fees for the compensation of her attorney; and that a writ of attachment has been issued herein by order of the Court, and that your personal property by virtue of the same has been attached and levied upon, to secure the payment of said sums mentioned as aforesaid.

For further particulars see petition now on file.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the October Term of said Court, which will commence at Clarion, Iowa, on the third day of October, A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you, and upon final hearing, the Court will render judgement against you, in favor of the plaintiff aforsesaid, for the said alimony; and costs of this action, as aforesaid, and that an execution will issue for the sale of so much of your property as may be necessary to satisfy said judgement, interest and costs, and for such other and further relief as to the Court shall seem equitable.

W. E. BULLARD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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For Indigestion and Constipation.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Tablets,' writes Melard F. Craig, Middle Grove, N. Y. They work like a charm and do not gripe or leave any unpleasant effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy

Belmond Local News

Wanted—A few cattle to pasture. Phone 3710. 8tt

—I—

Belmond has been experiencing some real spring-like weather of the most aggravating kind. Last Saturday was a "goat-getter" for most people, mild and warm, entirely too warm for the time of year. However the weather turned cooler Sunday and Monday was decidedly snappy during the forenoon, warming up later.

—I—

For Rent—Four room flat, modern, ready March 15.—C. S. Robinson.

—I—

If you want your plowing and discing done don't wait until the last minute to hire someone, you may be too late.

Nordschow Motor Co.

—I—

Wanted—Good live correspondent in Grant township. A chance to make good pin money. Call or write Independent. tf

—I—

Found—Dog collar. Owner can have same by calling at this office proving property and paying costs.

—I—

REGISTERED CATTLE FOR SALE

Two registered one-year-old Hereford bulls. Phone 2806.—Geo. G. Dipple. 73*

—I—

For Sale—Maxwell 5-passenger car. Cheap.—Ben F. Fetrow. 72tf

—I—

Mrs. C. J. Boughton underwent an operation last week on her foot, for blood poisoning, from which she has been suffering for some time. She is past eighty years of age, but is recovering very nicely from the operation. Her many friends will be glad to hear that she is getting along so nicely, and will hope that she will soon be around again.

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio potatoes, raised here only one year. Free from scab. Also some good rural New Yorkers. Phone 298.—H. H. Hawley. 14tf

—I—

Mrs. Martin Johnson of Kanawha, who has been at the local hospital for several weeks receiving treatment after an emergency operation, has fully recovered and returned to her home.

—I—

Fore Sale—Yearling Scotch Short Horn bull, weight 815 pounds, dark roan in color. Extra good individual. Price $125. Worth $200.—John Mack. 72c

—I—

The editor of the Independent was a business caller at Dows last week Friday. While there we had the pleasure of meeting Wayne Pond and Bert Champlain, former residents of Belmond. Bert and his son "Ole" are running a restaurant there and doing a nice business.

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NOTICE!

There will be a special meeting of the electors of Pleasant Township held at the Center schoolhouse on Monday, March 28, from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., for the purpose of voting on a $1,200 schoolhouse tax for the construction of a new schoolhouse in District No. 6.

O. D. Jenison, Secretary.

—I—

For Sale—Four-piece Parlor Set, mahogony, rocker, chair, settee, and pedestal, nearly new. Inquire of M. Cuber, Belmond, or at this office. 72*

—I—

If you want your plowing and discing done don't wait until the last mininute to hire someone, you may be too late.

Nordschow Motor Co.

—I—

Harley Tomlinson, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomlinson residing near Cornelia, underwent an operation last week Wednesday at the local hospital for ruptured appendix. He was a mighty sick boy for a time but is recovering in fine shape.

—I—

Wanted—Two women or girls for dining room and chamber work. Parties rooming at home preferred, but not essential.—Hotel Case. 15tfc

—I—

Otto Hensel of Sanborn, Iowa, a former resident and business man of Belmond, was greeting old friends in town one day last week. He conducted a restaurant here with "Mug" Thompson several years ago.

Wanted—Boy for office work and to assist in dining room.—Hotel Case. 14tf

—I—

The farmers are getting into the fields somewhat the past week, and some spring plowing has been going on. If the weather keeps up as it is for another week or two, seeding will begin. The prospects this year are that the corn acreage will be considerably smaller than during the year 1920.

—I—

Roy Butler, an old time resident of this city, was in town last week greeting old friends.

—I—

A Mexican was shot and killed at Clarion last week, in a fracas between two of them. Two Mexican men and two women were having a party, according to reports, and had also been driving around in a car more or less. One wanted to rest for a bit, and told the other to get out of the car. In the dispute one of them pulled a gun and shot three times at his companion, two of the bullets going wild but the third inflicting a fatal wound. At last reports the murderer was still at large.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miller drove to Grand Junction, Iowa, on Sunday of this week, where they spent a few hours visiting their daughter, Betty, who is attending school at that place.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Leonard of Swaledale, was a visitor over Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Rankins.

—I—

Beatrice Leinbach has been elected captain of the Junior basket ball team of Coe College. She has also recently been elected the president of th Y. W. C. A. which is the greatest honor conferred by the college.

—I—

The meeting of the Chain of Ten, to have been held at the home of Mrs. Fitts, Saturday, was postponed for two weeks.

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save time, which is now more valuable than ever. Put one on the second floor of your home, in your garage, in the other end of your store.

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Pay your Bills By Check---its less trouble and saves time. A canceled check is the best receipt.

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Auction Sale!

As I intend to move away, I will sell at Public Auction, at the second house west of the Rock Island Depot, in the south side of Spruce Street on

Sat., April 9th

Commencing at 1:00 o'clock sharp, the following described property:

4 Cattle 4

4 milk cows, one to fresh soon, balance giving milk

Machinery

1 McCormick Corn Planter, with 160 rods of wire
1 riding corn plow
1 steel 3-section harrow
A number of singletrees
A number of doubletrees
1 walking stubble plow
1 light spring wagon
1 3-section wooden harrow
2 bushels, white seed corn
1 cookstove, nearly new
And numerous other household goods

TERMS:---9 months time on approved notes at 8 per cent.

Tom Salvenski

T. D. Rankins, Auctioneer Belmond Savings Bank, Clerk

Have Your Car "Tuned Up" Now

Don't Wait Until the Spring Rush

Bring your Car in now and have it overhauled by expert mechanics. In a few weeks we will be crowded with work, so by bringing in your Car NOW we can give it better attention and can get it out in plenty of time before you will use it for spring driving.

If you have a casing that looks like the advance agent of a "blow-out" come in and get a "spare"-casing and tube. A thought in time may save you nine miles on the rim--and save the rim, too.

And if you are considering a new car this spring, don't forget that we

Sell the Studebaker---A Real Automobile

C. J. Johnson Garage

Belmond, Iowa

Loos'n Out Public Sale

As I have been asked to leave the country, I will sell you at Public Auction on my place, 2 miles north of Hellquest and 7 miles west of Crooked, on

Chuesday, Jennarry 32th

18 HEAD OF HORSES—One spavined mare, coming 19; bay horse, wt. 413; irongrey gelding mare; one sorrel hoss, well matched; mare mule with colt at side; brown working horse; one jackass, just your age; one running hoss, runs at nose; 9 head of colts, 6 steers and 3 gesldings; one pedegreed Aberdeen stallion, sire by night and damned by everybody.

24 HEAD OF CATTLE—12 cows, good kickers, will farrow in the spring, 7 yearling heifers coming 4 years old; 2 brood sows, with cream separators at side; one Poland China bull.

24 HEAD HOGS—One hired man, coming 37 years; 2 old bores, coming 80; 14 Rhode Island Red sows, with milking attachments; one billy goat, 3 nannie goats, one goatee.

SHEEP—One Hampshire ram, detachable rims; 24 yous; 10 lambs, 7 Mary, 3 not.

POULTRY—One Republican rooster, has peep; one Democratic rooster, has pip; 4 dozen hens with egg; 10 spring chickens, coming 6 years old; one single-comb Jersey Red hired girl, some chicken; 7 old hens, can vote.

MACHINERY—Rolling pin, with mortgage attached; narrow-toed corn cultivator; 2 bull rakes; 1 cow rake; sulky rake; sulky wife; DeLaval hay loader, wih 40 rods of wire; Dear cornplanter; Gilittee corn harvester; Ford coin separator; road drag, never used; set rope harness, twin condition; pint gasolene.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Talking machine mother-in-law, bad as new; side board, nothing in it; 6 kegs, empty; twin beds, one good as new; perambulator, guaranteed 6,000 miles, and other articles too sad to mention.

Terms—Cash, balarce 6 months in county jail.

FREE LUNCH—If you pay for it, by Men's Aid Society.

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Belmond, Iowa

ROWAN NEWS

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Special music, lovely floral decorations, and the spirit of Easter optimism is the order of the day next Sabbath in the Methodist Episcopal church. A special feature of the morning service will be the baptism of some of our children and an Easter message of joy and hope. The pastor hopes that every home in town and country will be represented at the church services of this glorious Festival. The usual evening order of service will give place to a musical program prepared by the choir and Sunday school. This promises to be one of the best and most enjoyable evenings we have had, the following items to be given :

Voluntary ---- Miss Esther Fowler
Processional -- "O Saviour King", choir
Prayer and Reading ------ Pastor
Pianoforte Duet ------------------
Mrs. Murtel Myers, Miss E. Fowler
Chorus—"Supposing Him to be the Gardener—"Miss Ethel Gordon
Chorus—"In A Beautiful Song—Sunday school choir
Solo—"Teach Me to Pray"—Mrs. A. O. Pelley
Reading—"The Garden"—Miss Lillian Azeltine
Chorus—"Coming to the Garden"—choir
Duet—"Bluebirds"—Misses Anna and Nina Reitz
Exercise—"Cross and Crown"—Garnet Stumph and Loraine Liming
Solo—"The Perfect Day"—Rev. H. Tomkinson
Reading—"My Neighbor"—Mrs. Roy Ryder
Anthem—"Rise, Glorious Conquerer, Rise"—Choir
Offering and Announcements
Chorus—"Risen Indeed"—Choir.
Exercise—"Abide With Me—Sunday School Class
Benediction

Both the Congregational and Methodist churches were packed to their utmost seating capaciy last Sunday, when the Sunday schools put on the following program of addresses:

"The Rights of the Child"—Rev. H. Tomkinson, Rowan.
"Sunday School Standards"—Miss L. Umbreit, Clarion.
"The Child We Teach"—Rev. Ada Anderson, Rowan.
"The Book We Teach"—Rev. J. F. Jamieson, Clarion.

The morning service was conducted by Rev. Ada Anderson in the Congregational church, and the evening by Mr. Edgar Bingham in the M. E. church. Our local Sunday school work received a great impetus from the messages.

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson has been away this week conducting special services in Thornton.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Easter services at the Congregational church. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Special Easter music by choir. Sermon, "Risen With Christ," by Rev. Ada Anderson.

Members will be welcomed into the church at this service. Sunday school at noon.

The following special program will be given in the evening at 7:30:

Hymn—Congregation.
Scripture and Prayer—Rev. Ada S. Anderson.
Song—"Happy Dawn"—Choir.
Reading from "Barabbas"—Laura McCallum.
Duet—"Joy"—Marjorie Brooks, Frances Farran.
Recitation—"She Thought it was the Gardener"—Frances Virden.
Special—Songs of Victory—Choir.
Announcements and Offering.
Duet—"Easter is His Sign"—Maud Aldrich, Margaret Keith.
Recitation—"The Roman Guards"—Frances Farran.
Piano Duet—"When the Lights are Low"—Ruth and Stella Emerson.
The Birthday of Hope—Rev. Ada S. Anderson.
Special—"Springtime Skies"—Choir.
The Sacred Pantomime—Evelyn Whitten, Fern Streveler, Bernice Williams.

Plan to be present at all services.

The Rowan Drug store has changed hands, the new proprietors being Fred Hackley and Frank Snyder.

The members of the W. C. T. U. will entertain their husbands at the R. H. Keith home on Friday evening, March 25.

Ed. Azeltine visited his sister, Mrs. S. D. Bingham, at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago this week. He was also a business caller there.

Mrs. D. K. Stout and Miss Wilda Whitten were Clarion callers Monday.

Edgar Mantle and Reuben Cupp were Dows callers Monday.

Donald and Dale Farran were Belmond business callers Monday.

Mrs. Fred Smith, Miss Lula Strait and Mrs. Bonnett, of Clarion, were Rowan callers Saturday.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society held their annual Easter supper Friday, in the church basement.

Mr. L. D. Yeaman and Christopher McCallum were Garner business callers several days last week.

Friday evening, March 18, the Farm Bureau of Blaine township gave a play entitled "The Prarie Rose," in the high school auditorium. A good crowd was present and enjoyed it very much. The Thompson orchestra rendered music between acts.

Belmond Local News

Full blood Columbian Wyandotte hatching eggs for sale, $1.50 per seting. Also White Rock hatching eggs at $1, these taking first place at the short course. Will have some White Guinea eggs for hatching later at $2.—F. E. Christie, Phone 283, Belmond, Iowa. 81*

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Potatoes for Sale—A. W. Martin, Phone 2914. 83c

—I—

A large Columbian Wyandotte rooster, weiging 13 pounds, came to Belmond last week. Anybody lost a part of their flock?

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Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

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Houskeeper Wanted—On farm, one-half mile from town. Apply to Thomas Peterson, Kanawha, Iowa. 81*

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For Sale—Reed baby carriage. Call 325. tf

—I—

Wm. Meyer, whose home is in the Windy City, was a caller last week on relatives and friends in and round Belmond. He is a former resident of this vicinty, having lived here and at Goodell several years ago.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

Johnson & Wright moved some of their stock to their new quarters last week, and expect to be completely installed in their new home within the next month or six weeks. The building now occupied by them will be occupied by the Townsan brothers, who will start a hardware store in that location in the near future.

—I—

Wanted—Single man to work on farm. Best of wages. Inquire at this office.

—I—

Mrs. Leslie Reed and baby came over from Alexander last week Wednesday to spend a day or so at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn.

—I—

Farm Raised Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs. $5 for 105. Phone 2806—Geo. G. Dipple. 76*

—I—

The firemen brought out the hose last Saturday and flushed off the streets, making an entirely different looking part of town. The winter's accumulation of dirt had made the street look like a mud road, but it's shining bright now.

—I—

Barley for Sale. Call 3410.—Julius Johnson, Olaf. 72*

—I—

The roads the past week have been dragged in most places, and as a result are in fine condition. The auto season, however, does not seem to have arrived yet, as there has been very little travel via that mode.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

Mr. Hersman, of Clarion, who organized the Business Mens Credit Association last week, has been in town more or less the past week assisting the officers in getting the association in a going condition. Things are now pretty well lined up, and the wheels will begin to move in a short time.

—I—

For Sale—Overland 90 and Baby Grand Chevrolet, both 1919 models and in exvcellent condition.—Nordschow Motor Co.

—I—

Quite a number of young people from the various towns around were present at the firemen's ball last week Thursday.

—I—

Bert Champlain, who runs a restaurant at Dows, served the banquet to the American Legion at that place on last week Tuesday evening, serving a total of one hundred and ten. Bert, who is a former resident of this place, is having a very successful business.

—I—

A. R. Hersman, who has been organizing the credit association, went to Kanawha the first of the week to see about organizing a similar association at that place.

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When you think perhaps your battery is worthless. It may need only a re-charge or possibly small repairs to put it in shape for another season.

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We've sacrificed thousands of dollars of legitimate profits in reducing the prices of our entire stock of high grade clothes, to present replacement value, and less. Every price in the store is based on present market conditions and not on the wholesale cost of six, eight, or ten months ago.

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Wonderfully Inspiring are the exquisite new modes for Spring---the new Suits, the new Coats, the new Blouses, the new Hats and Ready-to-Wear, and all the new things that are assembled for Milady and that are now displayed in all their splendor and elegance at Your Favorite Store in Mason City.

Tailored Suits for Easter

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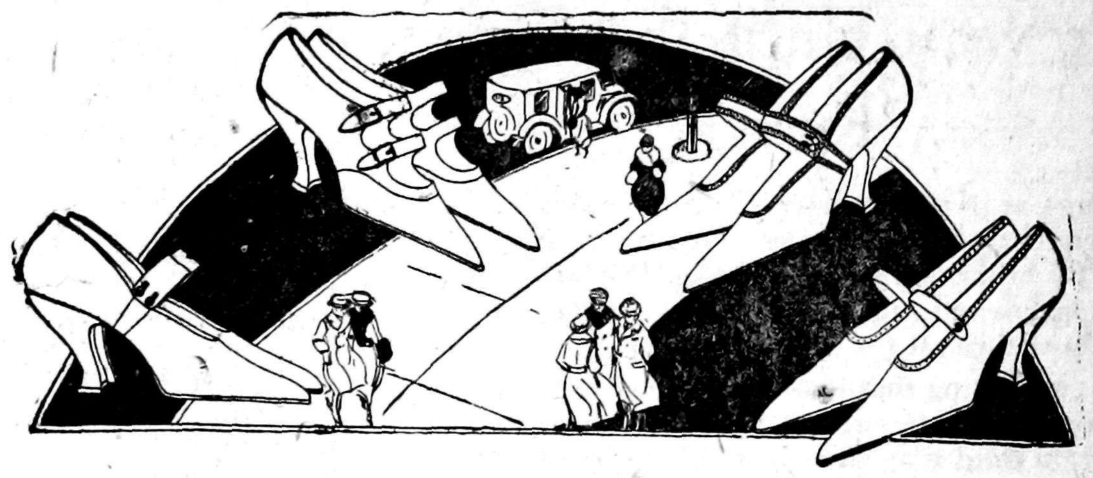

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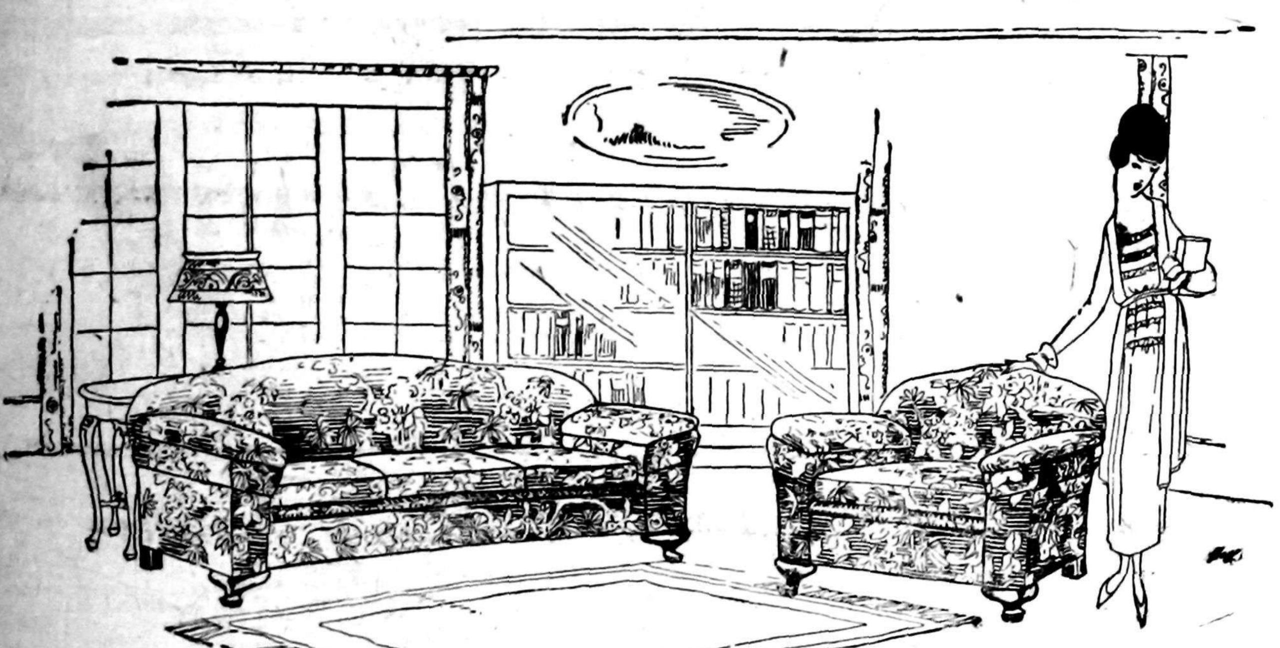

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J. E. Kalvig and family drove to Pelmond on Sunday, to spend the day at the home of Mr. Kalvig's parents. They returned on Monday.

The Farm Bureau held a meeting at the home of E. Olsen on Monday afternoon.

T. H. Asbe is having a new well dug on his farm this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Enge autoed to Eagle Grove, Wednesday, to visit at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Harold Holm went to Clarion on Wednesday to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wicks were business callers at Clarion on Thursday.

Henry Asbe had his wood cut on Thursday, Joe Larson's saw and tractor doing the work.

Martin Hill is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. H. Wicks left last week for Dunhart, Iowa, to spend a few days visiting at the home of her folks.

O. F. Olsen and daughter, Nora, went to Clarion, Wednesday, to do some shopping.

T. H. Asbe and family called on the T. A. Wicks family on Friday.

ALEXANDER ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen were visitors at Dows last Saturday.

The Misses Mabel Progue and Vivian Meierbachtol attended the play "Come Out of the Kitchen," at Hampton last week.

Miss Alma Schideman was a visitor at Ackley the last of the week.

Miss Alvena Johnson spent the week end with relatives at Latimer.

Hazel Hendrickson and Grace Gartz were Hampton visitors last Saturday.

Fred Greenfield visited with relatives at Belmond a few days the past week.

Sctt Myers of Dows was a business caller in town Saturday.

Clarence Bohlen was a business visitor at Belmond, Saturday.

Willie Westaby was a Hampton visitor last Wednesday.

Mrs. Leslie Reed and daughter Mildred spent a few days at Belmond last week.

George Vierkant was a business visitor at the county seat last Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. John Arends and baby were Belmond callers last Thursday.

Albert Yaw, of Iowa Falls, was in town several days last week on a business mission.

Mr. and Mrs John Bell and daughters, Jessie and Nellie, visited at the W. C. Tucker home in Hampton last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson and son, Wilbur, were callers at Belmond on Wednesday.

Axe Nelson left Thursday for Des Moines, whese he went to look after some business interests on his farm near there.

Mrs. Nellie Sprague and daughter, Miss Clara, of South Dokota, have been spending the past two weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. A M. Jones.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

Fred Knuteson was a business visitor at Garner, Thursday.

Cecil Benzler was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends at Britt.

James Shaw returned home Saturday from a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Huxley and Kelly.

Maynard Yeakel of Ames is a visitor with friends and relatives here this week.

J. D. Madison and James Yeakel were business callers at Mason City on Monday.

J. E. Grover returned home Monday from an over Sunday visit at Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaw and family spent Sunday with relatives nd friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Lewis called on friends at Algona one day this week.

Mrs. M. B. Quire and little daughter Marjorie, returned home Thursday from Mason City, where they went the first of the week.

The Hammon and Kruse Construction company of Spencer, came on Thursday and are again busy on the sewer system.

Mrs. Geo. Freerksen, who has been seriously ill at her home here for some time, passed away Friday.

Quite a number of the young folks attended the St. Patrick Day dances at Britt nd Belmond.

Ole Forsen hs been doing some carpenter work at the A. M. Olson farm near Olaf.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

The annual meeting of the members of the Farmers Elevator company was very well attended Saturday. John Eliason and Henry Stockseth were elected dircetors, Ole Thompson, treasurer, Chas. Baxter, secretary, and Jacob Thompson, president of the board.

G. Halverson and family drove to Story City Friday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Halverson's niece, which was to take place that evening.

Miss Francis Anderson, Miss Mamie Nelson and Miss Nora Nelson of Belmond were calling on old friends in our community Sunday.

The Ladies Aid, which met with Mrs. Anton Olson, Thursday, was well attended. The society has a nice lot of work started and completed. Much credit is reflected upon the officers, and they should have the help of all.

Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen, of Alexander, spent Saturday at the Geo. Baxter home. Mr. Lieuwen drove over Sunday.

Mrs. E. N. Ericson went to Hampton, Saturday, with her son, Arthur, who is receiving treatment there.

Mrs. Willard Morse spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

Mrs. S. O. Windecker attended a meeting of the O. E. S. at Kanawha Friday afternoon and evening.

Pete Swenson is wearing a broad smile lately, owing to the fact that he is "grandpa," the stork having visited the Roy Tendall home last Friday leaving a baby girl.

Astor Eliason is home from Forest City where he attended Waldorf college this winter.

SNARL STREET ITEMS

Mrs. Clint Kercheval and Mrs. Edgar Bingham were Iowa Falls callers Saturday. They went to visit Mrs. Flet Howell, who underwent an operation at the Ellsworth hospital.

Reuben Cupp stayed over night at the Fred Aldrich home Saturday.

Percy Smith is assisting his uncle, Alex Smith, in his farm work.

Mrs. Nels Olson and son, Russell, visited at the John McAlpine home Saturday.

Gerald Jennings is visiting at the Carl Steffens home.

Tom Lindsey and family visited relatives at Alexander Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Aldrich visited over the week end at the C. W. Jennings home.

Several attended the Prarie Rose play in the school auditorium at Rowan, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jennings were Belmond callers Saturday.

Iva Stumph, Edith Robinson, Grace McCallum, Garnette Stumph and Blanche Jennings were Belmond callers Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller and Blanche Jennings visited at the Earl Jacobs home at Goodell, Sunday.

J. E. Miller was called to Garner, Thursday, as a witness for the Martin Schreck case.

Several on the Street attended the grade program Wednesday evening in the school auditorium.

Claude Jennings and Harold Gates attended the wrestling match in the pvilion Thursday evening, at Rowan.

Carl Steffens has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Lillian Aldrich moved her household furniture to Belmond, Thurs day.

Axel Anderson returned to Ellsworth after several days visit with his brother, Albin Anderson, and wife.

Blanche Box of Clarion visited at the Lee Aldrich home Wednesday.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen and Mrs. Wm. Bingham visited at the home of Mrs. Lee Aldrich.

Claude Jennings was a caller at the C. W. Jennings home Monday and Tuesday.

Earl Patton delivered hogs to Rowan, Monday.

John McAlpine was on the sick list the middle of the week.

N. B. Olson shipped 5 cars of hogs to Chicago on Monday, some of his own raising. Mr. Olson is a banner hog raiser. He drove them to Solsburg to load.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings visited at the Albin Anderson home on Monday evening.

The Farm Bureau meeting was held at the R. E. Lee Aldrich home Tuesday evening. A large number of farmers were present and all enjoyed the program. Mr. Coburn, of Ames, delivered an address on spraying.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller stayed Monday night at the Guy Stumph home.

Mrs. Lillian Aldrich and her father, Mr. Butterfield, of Belmond, visited at the C. W. Jennings home Tuesday.

J. E. Miller and Claude Jennings were Belmond callers Wednesday.

C. W. Jennings and wife were visitors at Rowan on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and children Garnette and Bernard, and Marjorie Brooks and Edgar Mantle visited at the Earl Jacobs home at Goodell on Sunday.

Maude Aldrich stayed last week with Mrs. Sim Stout during the absence of her husband in Chicago.

Several on the Street attended the church exercises in Rowan, Sunday. Rev. Anderson of Ft. Dodge, Rev. Jamison of Clarion, spoke. It was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Moon and Ialeen Gordon were Belmond callers on Saturday.

Fred Sheldon was a caller at the Lee Aldrich home Sunday.

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to "Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

CHAPTER III.—Cranston grossly insults the girl. Failing promises her he will punish him when he has fully recovered his strength, and the girl looks on the promise as a compact. A few days later Silas Lennox, while chopping wood in the forest, is pinned under a falling branch and badly hurt. "Snowbird" finds her father and gets him safely to the house and to bed.

CHAPTER IV.—The girl sets out across the Divide, in the darkness, to bring a physician. She has a sense that she is being stalked by some animal, and becomes uneasy. Dan, who had been shooting, arrives home and finds Lennox. Both Lennox and Dan fear for "Snowbird's" safety, and Dan at once sets out to overtake her. The animal stalking the girl is the cougar which had finished Hildreth, now become a hunter of man. Failing arrives only just in time to save the girl's life, and in that manner pays part of the debt he owes her. As evidence of Dan's returning strength he strangles the animal, which, though wounded by a revolver shot from "Snowbird's" weapon, was a most formidable enemy.

BOOK THREE—THE PAYMENT.

CHAPTER I.—Hildreth's disappearance is unaccounted for until Dan finds his mutilated body and near it the evidence which will send Cranston to the gallows and break up the outlaw gang. A record cold winter sets in. Cranston, suspecting that Hildreth's evidence is in existence, visits the Lennox home in the absence of Dan and "Snowbird," to search for it. He fails to find it, and in his rage and disappointment sets fire to the house, Lennox being powerless to stop him. The almost helpless man drags himself outside.

"Not one thing," the girl told him. "You know Cranston and his crowd robbed the place last winter. And the telephone lines were disconnected when the rangers left."

"Then the only way is for me to stay here. You can take the pistol, and you'll have a fair chance of getting through. I'll grub wood for our camp meanwhile, and you can bring help."

"And if the wolves come, or if help didn't come in time," Lennox whispered, passion-drawn for the first time, "who would pay what we owe to Cranston?"

"But her life counts—first of all."

"I know it does—but mine doesn't count at all. Believe me, you two, I'm speaking from my own desires when I say I don't want to make the fight. Snowbird would never make it through alone. There are the wolves, and maybe Cranston too—the worst wolf of all. A woman can't mush across those ridges four days without food, without some one who loves her and forces her on! Neither can she stay here with me and try to make green branches burn in a fire. She's got three little pistol balls—and we'd all die for a whim. Oh, please, please—"

But Dan leaped for his hand with glowing eyes. "Listen, man!" he cried. "I know another way yet. I know more than one way; but one, if we've got the strength, is almost sure. There is an ax in the kitchen, and the blade will still be good."

"Likely dulled with the fire—"

"I'll cut a limb with my jackknife for the handle. There will be nails in the ashes, plenty of them. We'll make a rude sledge, and we'll get you out too."

Lennox seemed to be studying his wasted hands. "It's a chance, but it isn't worth it," he said at last. "You'll have fight enough without tugging at a heavy sled. It will take all night to build it, and it would cut down your chances of getting out by pretty near half. Remember the ridges, Dan—"

"But we'll climb every ridge—besides, its a slow, down grade most of the way. Snowbird—tell him he must do it."

Snowbird told him, overpowering him with her enthusiasm. And Dan shook his shoulders with rough hands. "You're hurting, boy!" Lennox warned. "I'm a bag of broken bones."

"I'll tote you down there if I have to tie you in," Dan Failing replied. "Before, I've bowed to your will; but this time you have to bow to mine. I'm not going to let you stay here and die, no matter if you beg on your knees! It's the test—and I'm going to bring you through."

He meant what he said. If mortal strength and sinew could survive such a test, he would succeed. There was nothing in these words to suggest the physical weakling that both of them had known a few months before. The eyes were earnest, the dark face intent, the determined voice did not waver at all.

"Dan Failing speaks!" Lennox replied with glowing eyes. He was recalling another Dan Failing of the dead years, a boyhood hero, and his remembered voice had never been more determined, more masterful than this he had just heard.

"And Cranston didn't get his purpose, after all." To prove his words, Dan thrust his hand into his inner coat pocket. He drew forth a little, flat package, half as thick as a pack of cards. He held it up for them to see. "The thing Bert Cranston burned

"The Thing Bert Cranston Burned the House Down to Destroy."

the house down to destroy," he explained. "I'm learning to know this mountain breed, Lennox. I kept it in my pocket where I could fight for it, at any minute."

Cranston had been mistaken, after all, in thinking that in fear of himself Dan would be afraid to keep the packet on his person, and would cravenly conceal it in the house. He would have been even more surprised to know that Dan had lived in constant hope of meeting Cranston on the ridges, showing him what it contained, and fighting him for it, hands to hands. And even yet, perhaps the day would come when Cranston would know at last that Snowbird's words, after the fight of long ago, were true.

The twilight was falling over the snow, so Snowbird and Dan turned to the toil of building a sled.

The snow was steel-grey in the moonlight when the little party made their start down the long trail. Their preparations, simple and crude as they were, had taken hours of ceaseless labor on the part of the three. The ax, its edge dulled by the flame and its handle burned away, had been cooled in the snow, and with one sound arm, Lennox had driven the hot nails that Snowbird gathered from the ashes of one of the outbuildings. The embers of the house itself still glowed red in the darkness.

Dan had cut the green limbs of the trees and planed them with his ax. The sled had been completed, handles attached for pushing it, and a piece of fence wire fastened with nails as a rope to pull it. The warm mackinaws of both of them as well as the one blanket that Lennox had saved from the fire were wrapped about the old frontiersman's wasted body—Dan and Snowbird hoping to keep warm by the exercise of propelling the sled. Except for the dull ax and the half-empty pistol, their only equipment was a single charred pot for melting snow that Dan had recovered from the ashes of the kitchen.

The three had worked almost in silence. Words didn't help now. They wasted no sorely needed breath. But they did have one minute to talk when they got to the top of the little ridge that had overlooked the house.

"We'll travel mostly at night," Dan told them. "We can see in the snow, and by taking our rest in the daytime, when the sun is bright and warm, we can save our strength. We won't have to keep such big fires then—and at night our exertion will keep us as warm as we can hope for. Getting up all night to cut green wood with this dull ax in the snow would break us to pieces very soon, for remember that we haven't any food. I know how to build a fire even in the snow—especially if I can find the dead, dry heart of a rotten log—but it isn't any fun to keep it going with green wood. We don't want to have to spend any more of our strength stripping off wet bark and hacking at saplings than we can help; and that means we'd better do our resting in the heat of the day. After all, it's a fight against starvation more than anything else."

"Just think," the girl told them, reproaching herself, "if I had shot straight at that wolf today, we could have gone back and got his body. It might have carried us through."

Neither of the others as much as looked surprised at these amazing regrets over the lost, unsavory flesh of a wolf. They were up against realities, and they didn't mince words. Dan smiled at her gently, and his great shoulder leaned against the traces.

They moved through a dead world. The ever-present manifestations of wild life that had been such a delight to Dan in the summer and fall were quite lacking now. The snow was trackless. Once they thought they saw a snowshoe rabbit, a strange shadow on the snow, but he was too far away for Snowbird to risk a pistol shot. The pound or two of flesh would be sorely needed before the journey was over, but the pistol cartridges might be needed still more. she didn't let her mind rest on certain possibilities wherein they might be needed. Such thoughts stole the courage from the spirit, and courage was essential beyond all things else to bring them through.

As the dawn came out, they all stood still and listened to the wolf pack, singing on the ridge somewhere behind them.

It was a large pack. They couldn't make out individual voices—neither the more shrill cry of the females, the yapping of the cubs, or the low, clear G-below-middle-C note of the males.

"If they should cross our tracks—" Lennox suggested.

"No use worrying about that now—not until we come to it," Dan told him.

The morning broke, the sun rose bright in a clear sky. But still they trudged on. In spite of the fact that the sled was heavy and broke through the snow crust as they tugged at it, they had made good time since their departure. But now every step was a pronounced effort. It was the dreadful beginning of fatigue that only food and warmth and rest could rectify.

"We'll rest now," Dan told them at ten o'clock. "The sun is warm enough so that we won't need much of a fire. And we'll try to get five hours' sleep."

"Too long, if we're going to make it out," Lennox objected.

"That leaves a workday of nineteen hours," Dan persisted. "Not any too little. Five hours it will be."

He found where the snow had drifted against a great, dead log, leaving the white covering only a foot in depth on the lee side. He began to scrape the snow away, then hacked at the log with his ax until he had procured a piece of comparatively dry wood from its center. They all stood breathless while he lighted the little pile of kindling and heaped it with green wood—the only wood procurable. But it didn't burn freely. It smoked fitfully, threatening to die out, and emitting very little heat.

But they didn't particularly care. The sun was warm above, as always in the mountain winters of southern Oregon. Snowbird and Dan cleared spaces beside the fire and slept. Lennox, who had rested on the journey, lay on his sled and with his uninjured arm tried to hack enough wood from the saplings that Dan had cut to keep the fire burning.

At three they got up, still tired and aching in their bones from exposure. Twenty-four hours had passed since they had tasted food, and their unreplenished systems complained. There is no better engine in the wide world than the human body. It will stand more neglect and abuse than the finest steel motors ever made by the hands of craftsmen. A man may fast many days if he lies quietly in one place and keeps warm. But fasting is a deadly proposition while pulling sledges over the snow.

Dan was less hopeful now. His face told what his words did not. The lines cleft deeper about his lips and eyes; and Snowbird's heart ached when he tried to encourage her with a smile. It was a wan, strange smile that couldn't quite hide the first sickness of despair.

The shadows quickly lengthened—simply leaping over the snow from the fast-falling sun. The twilight deepened, the snow turned gray, and then, in a vague way, the journey began to partake of a quality of unreality. It was not that the cold and the snow and their hunger were not entirely real, or that the wilderness was no longer naked to their eyes. It was just that their whole effort seemed like some dreadful, unburdened journey in a dream—a stumbling advance under difficulties too many and real to be true.

The first sign was the far-off cry of the wolf pack. It was very faint, simply a stir in the eardrums, yet it was entirely clear. That clear, cold mountain air was a perfect telephone system, conveying a message distinctly, no matter how faintly. There were no tall buildings or cities to disturb the ether waves. And all three of them knew at the same instant it was not exactly the cry they had heard before.

They couldn't have told just why, even if they had wished to talk about it. In some dim way, it had lost the strange quality of despair it had held before. It was as if the pack were running with renewed life, that each wolf was calling to another with a dreadful sort of exultation. It was an excited cry, too—not the long, sad song they had learned to listen for. It sounded immediately behind them.

They couldn't help but listen. No human ears could have shut out the sound. But none of them pretended that they had heard. And this was the worst sign of all. Each one of the three was hoping against hope in his very heart; and at the same time, hoping that the others did not understand.

For a long time, as the darkness deepened about them, the forests were still. Perhaps, Dan thought, he had been mistaken after all. His shoulders straightened. Then the chorus blared again.

The man looked back at the girl, smiling into her eyes. Lennox lay as if asleep, the lines of his dark face curiously pronounced. And the girl, because she was of the mountains, body and soul, answered Dan's smile. Then they knew that all of them knew the truth. Not even an inexperienced ear could have any delusions about the pack song now. It was that oldest of wilderness songs, the hunting-cry—that frenzied song of blood-lust that the wolf pack utters when it is running on the trail of game. It had found the track of living flesh at last.

"There's no use stopping, or trying to climb a tree," Dan told them simply. "In the first place, Lennox can't do it. In the second, we've got to take a chance—for cold and hunger can get up a tree where the wolf pack can't." He spoke wholly without emotion. Once more he tightened the traces of the sled.

"I've heard that sometimes the pack will chase a man for days without attacking," Lennox told them. "It all depends on how long they've gone without food. Keep on and try to forget 'em. Maybe we can keep 'em bluffed."

"Maybe We Can Keep Them Bluffed."

But as the hours passed, it became increasingly difficult to forget the wolf pack. It was only a matter of turning the head and peering for an instant into the shadows to catch a glimpse of one of the creatures. Their usual fear of men, always their first emotion, had given way wholly to a hunting cunning; an effort to procure their game without too great risk of their own lives. In the desperation of their hunger they could not remember such things as the fear of men. They spread out farther, and at last Dan looked up to find one of the gray beasts waiting, like a shadow himself, in the shadow of a tree not one hundred feet from the sled. Snowbird whipped out her pistol.

"Don't dare!" Dan's voice cracked out to her. He didn't speak loudly; yet the words came so sharp and commanding, so like pistol fire itself, that they penetrated into her consciousness and choked back the nervous reflexes that in an instant might have lost them one of their three precious shells. She caught herself with a sob. Dan shouted at the wolf, and it melted into the shadows.

"You won't do it again, Snowbird?" he asked her very humbly. But his meaning was clear. He was not as skilled with a pistol as she; but if her nerves were breaking, the gun must be taken from her hands. The three shells must be saved to the moment of utmost need.

"No," she told him, looking straight into his eyes. "I won't do it again."

He believed her. He knew that she spoke the truth. He met her eyes with a half smile. Then, wholly without warning, Fate played its last trump.

Again the wilderness reminded them of its might, and their brave spirits were almost broken by the utter remorselessness of the blow. The girl went on her face with a crack of wood. Her snow shoe had been cracked by her fall of the day before, when running to the fire, and whether she struck some other obstruction in the snow, or whether the cracked wood had simply given way under her weight, mattered not even enough for them to investigate. As in all great disasters, only the result remained. The result in this case was that her snowshoe, without which she could not walk at all in the snow, was irreparably broken.

"Fate has stacked the cards against us," Lennox told them, after the first moment's horror from the broken snowshoe.

But no one answered him. The girl, white-faced, kept her wide eyes on Dan. He seemed to be peering into the shadows beside the trail, as if he were watching for the gray forms that now and then glided from tree to tree. In reality, he was not looking for wolves. He was gazing down into his own soul, measuring his own spirit for the trial that lay before him.

The girl, unable to step with the broken snowshoe, rested her weight on one foot and hobbled like a bird with broken wings across to him. No sight of all this terrible journey had been more dreadful in her father's eyes than this. It seemed to split open the strong heart of the man. She touched her hand to his arm.

"I'm sorry, Dan," she told him. "You tried so hard—"

Just one little sound broke from his throat—a strange, deep gasp that could not be suppressed. Then he caught her hand in his and kissed it—again and again. "Do you think I care about that?" he asked her. "I only wish I could have done more—and what I have done doesn't count. Just as in my fight with Cranston, nothing counts because I didn't win. It's just fate, Snowbird. It's no one's fault, but maybe, in this world, nothing is ever anyone's fault." For in the twilight of those winter woods, in the shadow of death itself, perhaps he was catching glimmerings of eternal truths that are hidden from all but the most far-seeing eyes.

"And this is the end?" she asked him. She spoke very bravely.

"No!" His hand tightened on hers. "No, so long as an ounce of strength remains. To fight—never to give up—may God give me spirit for it till I die."

And this was no idle prayer. His eyes raised to the starry sky as he spoke.

"But, son," Lennox asked him rather quietly, "what can you do? The wolves aren't going to wait a great deal longer, and we can't go on."

"There's one thing more—one more trial to make," Dan answered. "I thought about it at first, but it was too long a chance to try if there was any other way. And I suppose you thought of it too."

"Overtaking Cranston?"

"Of course. And it sounds like a crazy dream. But listen, both of you. If we have got to die, up here in the snow—and it looks like we had—what is the thing you want done worst before we go?"

Lennox's hands clasped, and he leaned forward on the sled. "Pay Cranston!" he said.

"Yes!" Dan's voice rang. "Cranston's never going to be paid unless we do it. There will be no signs of incendiarism at the house, and no proofs. They'll find our bodies in the snow, and we'll just be a mystery, with no one made to pay. The evidence in my pocket will be taken by Cranston, some time this winter. If I don't make him pay, he never will pay. And that's one reason why I'm going to try to carry out this plan I've got.

"The second reason is that it's the one hope we have left. I take it that none of us are deceived on that point. And no man can die tamely—if he is a man—while there's a chance. I mean a young man, like me—not one who is old and tired. It sounds perfectly silly to talk about finding Cranston's winter quarters, and then, with my bare hands, conquering him, taking his food and his blankets and his snowshoes and his rifle, to fight away these wolves, and bringing 'em back here."

"You wouldn't be barehanded," the girl reminded him. "You could have the pistol."

He didn't even seem to hear her. "I've been thinking about it. It's a long, long chance—much worse than the chance we had of getting out by straight walking. I think we could have made it, if the wolves had kept off and the snowshoe hadn't broken. It would have nearly killed us, but I believe we could have got out. That's why I didn't try this other way first. A man with his bare hands hasn't much of a chance against another with a rifle, and I don't want you to be too hopeful. And of course, the hardest problem is finding his camp.

"But I do feel sure of one thing: that he is back to his old trapping line on the North Fork—somewhere south of here—and his camp is somewhere on the river. I think he would have gone there so that he could cut off any attempt I might make to get through with those letters. My plan is to start back at an angle that will carry me between the North Fork and our old

"Keep the Fire Burning."

house. Somewhere in there I'll find his tracks, the tracks he made when he first came over to burn up the house. I suppose he was careful to mix 'em up after once he arrived here, but the first part of the way he likely walked straight toward the house from his camp. Somewhere, if I go that way, I'll cross his trail—within 10 miles at least. Then I'll backtrack him to his camp."

"And never come back!" the girl cried.

"Maybe not. But at least everything that can be done will be done. Nothing will be left. No regrets. We will have made the last trial. I'm not going to waste any time, Snowbird. The sooner we get your fire built the better."

"Father and I are to stay here—?"

"What else can you do?" He went back to his traces and drew the sled 100 yards farther. He didn't seem to see the gaunt wolf that backed off into the shadows as he approached. He refused to notice that the pack seemed to be steadily growing bolder. Human hunters usually had guns that could blast and destroy from a distance; but even an animal intelligence could perceive that these three seemed to be without this means of inflicting death.

A wolf is ever so much more intelligent than a crow—yet a crow shows little fear of an unarmed man and is wholly unapproachable by a boy with a gun. The ugly truth was simply that in their increasing madness and excitement and hunger, they were becoming less and less fearful of these three strange humans with the sled.

It was not a good place for a camp. They worked a long time before they cleared a little patch of ground of its snow mantle. Dan cut a number of saplings—laboriously with his ax—and built a fire with the comparatively dry core of a dead tree. True, it was feeble and flickering, but as good as could be hoped for, considering the difficulties under which he worked.

The dead logs under the snow were soaked with water from the rains and thaws. The green wood that he cut smoked without blazing.

"No more time to be lost," Dan told Snowbird. "It lies in your hands to keep the fire burning. And don't leave the circle of the fire light without that pistol in your hand."

"You don't mean," she asked, unbelieving, "that you are going to go out there to fight Cranston—unarmed?"

"Of course, Snowbird. You must keep the pistol."

"But it means death; that's all it means. What chance would you have against a man with a rifle? And as soon as you get away from this fire, the wolves will tear you to pieces."

"And what would you and your father do, if I took it? You can't get him into a tree. You can't build a big enough fire to frighten them. Please don't even talk about this matter, Snowbird. My mind's made up. I think the pack will stay here. They usually—God knows how—know who is helpless and who isn't. Maybe with the gun, you will be able to save your lives."

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Missionary society will hold their regular monthly meeting in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. The subject for discussion is our work in China.

Next Sunday is Easter and we all want to start the day right by being on hand for Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock. At the 11:00 o'clock service the Lord's Supper will be commemorated, members received and baptisms administered. Parents desiring to have their children baptized at this service will please speak to the pastor prior to this time.

The evening service will be the crowning service of the day. We are sure that it will be a fitting close of the day of rededication and consecration. The double quartette, with Miss Ely as accompanist, will render the cantata upon which they have been working so earnestly the past weeks. We hope and expect to see the house filled for this service. It will be one that will long be remembered by all who attend. Be sure to be present and receive the inspiration and help which it will give.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preacing services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m. with Dorothy Purcell as leader.

Opportunity will be given next Sunday morning for those who desire to unite with the church, either by transfer of membership or upon profession of faith. Any desiring the rite of baptism will please notify the pastor before Sunday. Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. The attendance at the services last Sunday was very gratifying. However, there ought to be a still larger attendance next Sunday. Special music and appropriate sermons at both services next Sunday. A cordial welcome awaits you to worship with us.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very pleased indeed to report the splendid increases we are enjoying in attendance every Sunday. 167 were out last Sunday with an offering of $6.20 while a year ago we had 130 with a collection of $5.24. Sunday is Easter, let all those who have been coming be out, bringing a friend or two with them. We have passed the mark we aimed at, it being 150. Now it is our desire to try and have 175 out in the near future. If you have no Sunday school home of your own, you will find a cordial welcome in any of the classes. "Go to Sunday School.

S. E. Cretary.

Belmond Local News

C. B. Johnson and family, of Latimer, were Sunday guests at the home of relatives here.

—I—

Wm. Myer of Chicago, father of Mrs. Ben Smith, has been visiting at the home of his daughter.

—I—

Four good lots for sale, or rent for gardening purposes.—Mrs. Val Griesy

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Barth, of Garner, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fitts.

—I—

Fred Dunn, of Alexander, was a business caller here on last week Tuesday.

—I—

Miss Dodd was a visitor with Miss Wilma Trumbell of Clarion last week one day.

—I—

The young folks of the city who are attending Morningside College are home for the spring vacation.

—I—

The Firemen wish to thank all who assisted them in making their bazaar and ball such a splendid success, and those who donated for the auction.

There will be a get-together meeting for the ladies of Belmond township Farm Bureau at the home of Mrs. A. E. Martin on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, March 31. All ladies of the township are invited whether members or not.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Christie drove to Kanawha, Monday night, to hear the Glee Club from Morningside college, in which Harry Webb, of Belmond, takes a part. The club is making a tour of the state.

—I—

Theo. Saugstad, a nephew of Mr. Snyder, from Huron, South Dakota, was a recent visitor at the Snyder home.

—I—

Miss Jane Ramsey was a visitor at the home of her folks in Garner last Saturday.

—I—

Rev. F. W. Artmyer, from Forest City, was a visitor with Rev. Edge the first of the week.

—I—

Miss Cornela Eckersley is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. M. Thatcher, at Fort Dodge.

—I—

Sam Johnson went to Oakdale last week to visit his son, Will, who is receiving treatment there.

—I—

Mrs. Comb of Des Moines is a visitor with relatives here the past few days.

—I—

Joe Veeder, well known by local people, and a former resident of the town, has purchased the general merchandise store of Oscar Hensel of Alexander, and is now in possession of his new business. His friends here will wish him the best of success in his new endeavor.

—I—

The regular business meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, under the direction of Miss Gladys Barry, presented "The Spinster's Convention" at the opera house last week. The play was very good, and so many requests were made that it be given again, that the ladies have decided to stage the play once more and will give it on Monday night of next week, March 28.

Mrs. Wm. Busick, of Canton, South Dakota, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

—I—

Rev. Jensen, John and Henry Anderson attended a church convention at Badger last week.

—I—

Geo. Potts has been enjoying a visit from his brother and family from California.

—I—

Several pans and dishes were left after the Firemen's ball and are now at Brady's barber shop. Owners will confer a favor upon the firemen if they will phone or call and identify them, that they may be returned to the owners.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson went to Clear Lake week before last to see their daughter and son-in-law, before they moved to South Dakota to make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Colinske made their trip by auto and a card received from them says they traveled 100 miles thru a snow storm.

—I—

The Central College Glee Club of Pella, Iowa, will give a musical program at the Immanuel church on the evening of March 25, commencing at 8 o'clock. An excellent piano soloist accompanies the club. The club in itself is well spoken of. A silver collection to defray expenses will be taken. Make your donation worth while so we won't have to charge admission next time they come.

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Later her husband departs on what is ostensibly a business trip to the Far West. In reality he takes the other woman to the races at Tia Juana. There he purchases a new race horse and Nancy reading from the tag on the horse where it came from and later hearing from her friends in the theatre that the actress is at the same place—learns the truth.

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LOCAL MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

$50,000 Suit Features April Term of Court

Sugar Company Is Sued By Arthur Sanford For Breach Of Contract, Sanford Admitting He Too Failed.

MANY CASES UP FOR TRIAL

Monitor: O'Ressa M. Holly of Clarion will ask for a divorce from her husband Leo Holly, at the April term of court. Desertion is alleged.

Clerk Goslin issued a couple marriage licenses last week: Roy Hossman and Minnie Dorothy Howe, Alfred Skogerboe and Carrie Askvig.

Sheriff Fisher suffered a slight relapse last week and was compelled to return to his bed. Word from Rochester stated that he was on the mend again.

The board of supervisors met last week and established the McDougald drainage district in Norway township. Only one objection was filed and that quickly adjusted.

Cruel and inhuman treatment is alleged in the petition for divorce filed by Mrs. Wm. Dexter, who asks for the annullment of her marriage contract with Wm. Dexter of Lincoln township.

Two deserters from Fort Des Moines surrendered Monday to Deputy Lang and will be taken back to the fort. They gave their names as Private Robert E. Hunt and Pvt. Freeman Martell, members of Troop E, 14th Cavalry. The latter carried a Colt's 45 automatic pistol. Both were young men who had evidently tired of a soldier's life.

A $50,000 damage suit filed by Arthur Sanford, of Mason City, against the Iowa Valley Sugar Co., of Belmond, for alleged wrongful cancellation of a contract which plaintiff claims to have made with the sugar company for the sale of stock in the concern, features the filings in district court this week.

Sanford, in his petition, states that on January 29, 1921, he entered into a written agreement with the sugar company whereby he was employed to sell four thousand shares of preferred stock and two thousand shares of common stock in the corporation, his commission to be at the rate of 12 1-2 per cent of the total of the sales. He was to begin work February 1st and sell the stock within 90 days. He states the agreement could have been terminated only in th event that he failed to report $50,000 in sales within thirty days after signing the contract. He admits he failed to report the stock sales of $50,000 up to March 2, 1921, but that defendant lost its right to terminate the contract by advising the plaintiff, thru its board of directors, that it was its desire that he get more salesmen and increase his sales force. Plaintiff alleges he did this by going to Des Moines, where he employed ten additional salesmen, advancing each of them $50. On March 7 he brought his sales force to Belmond and went thru the plant, but about that time the corporation cancelled the contract.

He alleges he spent a large sum of money for advertising, and as a result of the breach of contract he is damaged in the sum of $50,000.

FORMER BELMOND MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Alfred Englet Killed By Car According To Telegram—Details Of Accident Unknown—Funeral Here Thursday.

D. L. Cuppett received a telegram last week Thursday, that Alfred Englet, a former citizen of this place and well known here, was killed in an automobile accident and the body was being brought here for burial. It is not know in what manner he came to his death, the telegram not stating. The body will arrive today, and funeral services will be held at the Methodist church, Rev. Edge in charge, at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. An obituary will be printed next week.

WELL KNOWN OLD SETTLER DIES AT HOME IN GARNER

Mrs. A. Avery, Well Known In Belmond, Dies In Garner, Thursday, At The Age Of Ninety Years.

Mrs. A. Avery of Garner, the first white woman to settle in Hancock county and very well known by many Belmond people, died at her home in Garner last Thursday at the age of ninety years. Death was due to pneumonia.

The Hancock County Recorder had the following item regarding her demise:

This morning at 6:40, just at the dawning of a new day, the soul of Grandma Avery quietly and peacefully glided into Eternity. Without a struggle, she simply passed from her night's slumber into that long sleep from which there is no awakening.

Up until Saturday of last week, Mrs. Avery was in her usual good health. She was taken with a severe cold, pneumonia developed, and with her advanced age, it was impossible for her frail body to withstand the ravages of the disease. Altho she did not appear to be suffering any great pain, yet she was gradually weakening from the strain and those who were with her knew that the end was near.

Mrs. Avery was ninety years old on her last birthday, to our knowledge the oldest woman or person in Hancock county and perhaps no other person had a larger acquaintance over the county and enjoyed the friendship of a greater number of people than did she. A deep gloom has been cast over the entire community by the news of her death, as she was beloved by all who knew her.

FORMER BELMOND GIRL TO BE MARRIED IN MAY

Miss Jeanette Wolcott, Daughter Of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wolcott, To Become Bride of James R. Griffen.

The following item from the Des Moines Register of Tuesday, this week, announces the coming marriage of a former Belmond girl, Miss Jeanet Wolcott, daughter of Lon Wolcott and granddaughter of N. M. Wolcott of this place. Miss Wolcott was born in Belmond and attended the local schools. The article reads:

A May wedding just announced is that of Miss Jeannet Wolcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wolcott of Fort Dodge, and Mr. James R. Griffen, son of Mrs. Mildred Griffen and the late James A. Griffen of Atlantic, Iowa.

Miss Wolcott is a graduate of the Fort Dodge high school and for three years has been office secretary to the superintendent of Fort Dodge schools.

Mr. Griffen was graduated from the Atlantic high school, afterwards attending the state university of Iowa. He is at present associated with the McQuilkin Furniture company at Fort Dodge and is a member of the Fort Dodge Rotary Club.

POPPY TAG DAY HERE THIS WEEK SATURDAY

Community Club Will Tag You On Saturday, Any Sum, For The Benefit Of French Children.

On this week Saturday, April 2, you will probably be approached by a pretty girl, carrying an armful of poppies, and a handful of tags, with the request that you buy a tag, for the benefit of the children in devestated France. If you do, then she will pin a poppy on your coat lapel, and that alone will be worth the price.

That day, under the auspices of the Community Club, will be tag day in Belmond. You are asked to give any sum you like, from a nickel to a dollar, and the proceeds of the drive will go towards helping the children in devestated France. In case of bad weather, the girls will visit the homes. These tag days have been carried thru in numerous places and always with good success. The children especially are invited to take a tag, for their little sums will be used in the benefit of other children.

Get your two-bits handy, and when you see the girls coming Saturday, come across. "Even as ye have done it unto the least of these—"

Efforts Being Made To Form Local Base Ball League

Efforts Now Under Way To Form A League Of Six Teams, To Play This Season On Schedule.

TEN GAMES PLAYED AT HOME

Negoiations are now going on looking toward the forming of a league of six neighboring towns, to play a regular schedule of base ball games this summer.

Five of the neighboring towns have already signified their willingness to join in such a league, namely, Garner, Kanawha, Klemme, Thornton, and Belmond. Negoiations are now going on with one other town to make the sixth team. As soon as this town acts favorably, a meeting will be called, composed of two or more representatives from each town, to lay out the season's schedule, make the necessary rules, etc. As at present planned, there will be 20 games ten of which will be played on the home diamond. No subscriptions will be taken to start the team, but season tickets will be sold. All gate receipts will remain at home and be divided among the home boys. It is planned to start the season about the 15th of May. All teams in the league are to be composed absolutely of home players, no team to hire an outsider.

Belmond has plenty of first class base ball material and should put up a winning team. With the support of the community the town r it, and, perhaps, in the fall, the "pennant." It is planned to hold a series at the end of the season, to determine which of the four leading teams shall be the league champion.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS ON THIS WEEK FRIDAY

An Interesting Program Planned And All New Members Are Urged To Be Present To Enjoy It.

The Community Welfare Club meets at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, April 1, at the library basement.

We hope to see all the new members as well as the old members present. Those who gave their names in for membership and can not attend the meeting, please send your dollar to the one the name was given to, so all dues can be brought in at the meeting Friday.

The program will be on decorations and furnishings for the home.

Leader ---------------- Mrs. Gfeller
Vocal Solo Florence Simerson
Sitting Room ------ Mrs. C. O. Fitts
Dining Room ------ Mrs. H. J. Holt
Kitchen and Bath Room
---------------- Mrs. T. A. Townsan
Bedroom -------- Mrs. C. I. Williams
Exterior Finishing and Porch
---------------- Mrs. H. J. Bohning
Instrumental Trio
Mildred Jacobson, Pauline Peterson, Uneta Packard.

Serving Committee—Mrs. Gowdy, Mrs. J. N. Johnson, Mrs. L. M. Skouge Mrs. Glenn Klemme, Mrs. J. E. Wallace, Mrs. Sharon, Mrs. E. A. Pierce, Mrs. Jennings.

CLARION PLANNING ON FAST BASE BALL TEAM

Last week a Mr. A. Miller from Fort Dodge was in Clarion and, with the assistance of a local man, perfected plans for a high class base ball team in the county seat town this summer. Mr. Miller is said to be a professional player himself, and it is understood will manage and play with the team. Clarion has an unusual scheme in the organizing of their team; it is planned to hire most of the team from out of town, altho some local men will be used. An arrangement was made with Miller whereby he manages the team for a flat sum per month paying the team out of the gate receipts. He has already began hiring players and arranging schedules.

ALLEGED CAR THIEVES MAY BE BROUGHT BACK FOR TRIAL

Otto Schreck And Clarence Goodenough, In Jail In South Dakota, May Be Tried In Wright County.

A recent item in the Iowa Falls Sentinel reads to the effect that Otto Schreck and Clarence Goodenough, of that place, now held at Watertown, South Dakota, for trial on charge of being implicated in the shooting of a Watertown citizen in an attempted robbery, were to have their second trial last week. The first trial of the two resulted in a disagreement.

These two men are also accused of stealing two cars from this county during fair week last summer, one of the cars belonging to Lars Auestad of Belmond and latter identified by him at Watertown, where the two had taken it. If their second trial in Dakota results in acquittal, it is probable that they will be brought to this county to face the court again here for their alleged previous offenses. The result of the second trial is not known at this writing.

COUNTY TO GRAVEL ROAD TO LAKE FROM KANAWHA

It is understood that the commissioners of the county have let the contract for graveling the road leading to West Lake from Kanawha, and also from Kanawha to the Wright county line. The county has been doing a large amount of road graveling the county over, and while in its "fresh" state it is far from easy traveling, it will result in some fine roads as soon as beaten down, something the county has been very sadly in need of for many years past. The road from Salsburg to Clarion, and from Rowan to Dows, are among those in this vicinity which have been treated to a coat of good gravel.

FORMER BELMOND PASTOR AND BALL PLAYER MIX

Rev. Henry Horton, Former Minister Here, In Hot Scrap With Professional Ball Player at Orchard, Iowa.

The item printed below is taken from the Mason City paper, and refers to a well known former minister of Belmond, who moved to Orchard, Iowa, from this city:

OSAGE, Mar. 25—The little town of Orchard, six miles north of here, has been having quite a bit of excitement during the past few days, occasioned by the beating up of their minister, the Rev. Henry Horton.

A professional ball player named Harold Unger and claiming Waterloo as his home, had had a quarrel of long standing with Mr. Horton, which was said to involve a number of Orchard people.

It is claimed that it was at the instigation of others that he attacked Mr. Horton, beating him rather severely.

Unger was placed under arrest upon a charge of assult and battery and tried before Justice Stoughton of Osage. He pleaded guilty and was fined $100 and costs, and also placed under a bond of $2,000 to keep the peace.

DRAG THE ROADS

When the smiles of spring appear,
Drag the roads.
When the summer time is here,
Drag the roads.
When the corn is in the ear,
In the winter cold and drear,
Every season of the year,
Drag the roads.
When you've nothing else to do,
Drag the roads.
If but for an hour or two,
Drag the roads.
It will keep them good as new,
With a purpose firm and true,
Fall in line; it's up to you—
Drag the roads!

—Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson and son Chester drove to Owatonna, Minnesota, a week ago to visit their son Harry. On their return they stopped at Buffalo Center where they visited Bert and at Titonka to visit their daughter, Mrs. Clair Meacham, arriving home Friday. Chester stayed to help Bert for a while.

CHARLES BUCHANAN HAS HEAD CRUSHED IN BAD ACCIDENT

While At Work On Ditching Machine Using Jack To Lower The Dredge, Accident Occurs.

BONE IN FACE IS SMASHED

Wedge In Jackscrew Comes Out, The Handle Striking Him In The Head—Will Recover.

Charles Buchanan was the unfortunate and at the same time fortunate victim of an accident last Thursday which came within a narrow margin of costing him his life.

He was working with E. F. Bailey on a ditch about five miles south of town, repairing the big ditching machine used in the work. He had the machine up on a jackscrew, and in lowering the machine by the screw the wedge in the screw came out, the handle flying up and striking him on the side of the head.

The side of his face was badly smashed, the bone just below the eye being broken and the flesh badly bruised. He was rushed to the local hospital, where Dr. Steele gave him immediate treatment.

It was found that his injuries were not as serious as at first supposed. He was sent to Fort Dodge to an eye specialist, and reports yesterday were that he would soon be back, that no opertion would be necessary and that his eye would be saved.

WHY NOT HERE TOO?

Belmond needs, and has needed for some time, an uptown telegraph office. It has been urged by both the business industries of the city and the business men individually, but so far to no avail. The following item from the Monitor of Clarion, for last week, will be of interest to those in Belmond who are agitating an uptown office:

A Western Union telegraph man from Omaha was in Clarion last week seeking a first floor room for the purpose of opening an uptown telegraph office. President Thornley of the Commercial Club was unable to find a suitable room, but another effort will be made later. Such and office in Clarion would fill a long felt want.

We do high grade blacksmith and machine work, and are fully equipped to give you service and satisfaction, with an expert blacksmith in charge of that work and expert machinests on the lathes. "Lasting Satisfaction to follow every transaction.—E. Wege Mgr., at the United Mfg. Co. plant.

"Bob" Richardson, who is in the army, stationed in Texas, gets pretty lonesome sometimes to hear from his old friends in Belmond, and says he would like to have some of them write him and tell him the news of the home town. His address is Pvt. R. W. Richardson, Hg. Det. 3rd Inf. Brig., Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas.

There will be a box social at the Grant Center school on Friday evening, April 1. Miss Bertha Holden of Ames will be the chief speaker of an excellent program. The proceeds will be used for the activities of the farm bureau.

SKIN GRAFTING IS SUCCESSFUL

Clarion Monitor: Ed. Whitman, whose burns from the recent gasoline explosion seem to be more severe than the other victims, had eighteen pieces of skin grafted on the back of his hands and fingers of both hands. Mrs. Geo. Richards, out of the kindness of her heart, very generously volunteered herself for the ordeal. Dr. Sams removed the strips from her arms.

Miss Iva Trumbell, who is superitendent of a hospital in Des Moines spent Easter with relatives and friends in Belmond.

MARRIAGES

KALVIG-CLEVELAND

At eight o'clock on Saturday evening, March 26th, occured the marriage of Mrs. Hattie Cleveland to Mr. Thomas Kalvig, the Rev. Trelstad of Kanawha officiating.

The marriage ceremony took place at the Lutheran parsonage in Kanawha, the couple being attended by Blanche Stueland and Alvald Stole, of that place.

Following the ceremony the happy couple came to Belmond, where they spent a few days visiting relatives, and then left for other points on a short honeymoon. Upon their return they will be at home after April fourth at Kanawha, where they will make their future home.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Hans Sampson, of Kanawha, and is a highly accomplished young lady with the true homemaking talents. She has taught school for several years, and has made her home in Kanawha for some time past.

Mr. Kalvig is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kalvig of Belmond, and is an industrious young man of the most sterling character and qualities.

The many friends of the couple with whom the Independent joins, unite in wishing them the best of happiness in their life together.

SCHOOL NOTES

The literary program last Friday afternoon was one of exceptional merit. The following program was enjoyed by the student body and visitors:

Piano Duet—Carol Tyrrell, Inez Boughton.
Reading—Valda Robinson.
Original Poem—Raphael Kernan.
"On Venice Waters"—Boys' Glee Club.
Reading—Ruth Knudson
Playlet—Sing A Song of Seniors.
Characters: Beatrice Leavy, Mamie Fulton, Marjorie Williams, Leona Smiht, Eloise Brooks, Cornelia Allison, Leona Jacobs.

Remember you have a date at the school auditorium next Wednesday evening, April 6. The Junior class has secured the Iotan Club from Coe College to give us a musical treat. The program will be varied and consequently entertaining to young and old. The evening holds special interest for Belmond from the fact that two of our local Coe students, Philip McBurney and Herbert Nelson, are members of the organization.

Others made a very favorable impression in special numbers on the Coe Glee Club program last spring. The Juniors will make a special canvass for the advance sale of tickets next week and in the vacation. Don't forget the date.

School will open April 4, for nine weeks hard work. Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in the home student work of every pupil above the 6th grade.

Now is the time to see that your child is making his grade and not at the close of the term, June 3.

We will be glad to have any parent call at the school house and talk over the work of the student with the teacher and the superintendent. Help us make every day in the next nine weeks count for advancement.

The Normal Training Club will not meet this week because of vacation. Watch the paper for further notice.

Most of the Belmond teachers are spending their vacation out of town.

FAMILY REUNION

and Mrs. Dan Wenzel held a family reunion at their home in Belmond on a week ago Saturday. All the children were present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brady and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wenzel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wenzel and family, all from near Meservey. in the afternoon Herman Wenzel, of Belmond, joined them. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Clifford Trees and son James went to Rochester last week. James will have an operation and Mr. Trees will have an exmination to discover what is the trouble with him, as he has been ailing for some time.

BELMOND INDEPENDENT

BELMOND, IOWA, WEDNESDAY MARCH [illegible]

LOCAL MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

$50,000 Suit Features April Term of Court

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This Spring it will be your privilege to visit the Sterling and view one of the most complete and comprehensive showings of suits, of coats and of dresses that has ever been offered by our store. After you have seen and marveled at the beauty of these garments and at the superior quality of their construction, you will be pleased to learn that none will be priced to you over

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Brooms	75c
Post Toasties, large pkg.	20c
Peaches, per can	25c
Apricots, per can	25c
Syrup, dark, per gallon	75c
Laundry soap, 11 bars for	50c
Oatmeal, small pkg.	10c
Oyster shells, 100 lbs.	$2.00

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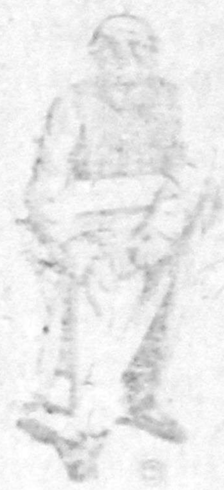

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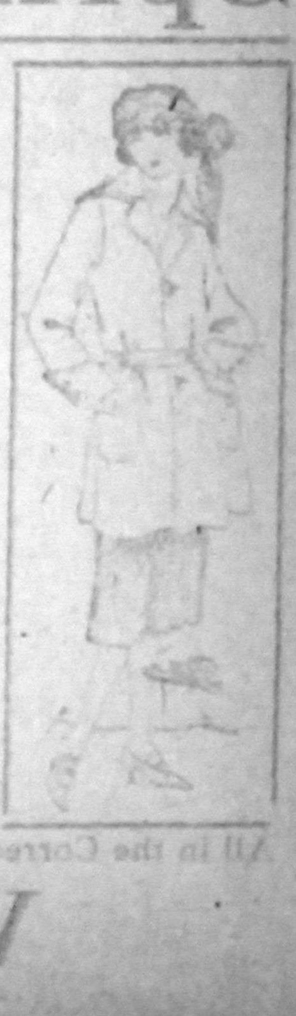

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5 lbs of bulk rolled oats for	[illegible]
55 oz package of rolled oats for	[illegible]
3 lbs fancy head rice for	[illegible]
1 doz oranges for	25c
2 lbs of bananas for	[illegible]
1 qt of onion sets	[illegible]

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

STATE BANK OF BELMOND

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Belmond, Iowa, in the County of Wright, at the close of business the [illegible] day of March, 192[illegible].

RESOURCES

[illegible]

TOTAL RESOURCES

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus fund	15,000.00	$ 65,000.00
Undivided profits (after deducting expenses)	4,[illegible]	
Deposits due to banks and bankers or trust companies	[illegible]	
Individual deposits subject to check	[illegible]	
Demand deposit certificates, certified checks and unpaid dividends	100.00	
Time certificates of deposit	[illegible]	
Savings deposits	[illegible]	
Bank overdrafts	[illegible]	
Rediscounts	[illegible]	
United States bonds borrowed		[illegible]
Other liabilities		[illegible]
Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank	[illegible]	

TOTAL LIABILITIES

State of Iowa, Wright County—ss.

We, A. L. Luick, Pres., Ole Thompson, Vice Pres., and C. M. Morse, Ass't Cashier of the bank above named do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief; that the assets therein set forth are bona fide property of said bank in its corporate capacity, and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets.

(BANK SEAL) A. L. LUICK, President.

OLE THOMPSON, Vice President.

C. M. MORSE, Assistant Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by A. L. Luick, Ole Thompson and C. M. Morse this [illegible] day of March, 192[illegible].

(SEAL) I. L. MADSEN

Notary Public in and for Wright County.

Attested by Joseph Pitlick, Joe. Hofmann and R. H. [illegible], Directors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hanson and Mrs. E. Foxe drove to Thornton on Friday of last week, Rev. Foxe returning with them. He had been assisting with evangelistic services at that place on Friday.

—I—

Miss Elsie Parker of Thornton was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin House.

—I—

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Lyric

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

A Paramount-Artcraft picture.

15c and 25c

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Lyric

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

"DANGEROUS HOURS"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture.

Human Wolves! They have broken in! Howling at all that is holy—Ranting at law, sneering at decency—Scattering red poison from mouths that prate of humanity—Working, perhaps, in your home.

They have broken in- Burning, bombing, slaying—Enlisting the dreamers, drones and vandals in a crimson crusade—Bringing fear to our land that boasted it was safe.

See them in this play. A soul-stirring love-drama of the hour—this hour-

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

"SINK OR SWIM"

A Fox picture featuring

GEO. WALSH

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

"THE DEADLIER SEX"

A Pathe picture featuring

BLANCH SWEET

There, out in God's country, with only her feminine intuition as a weapon, she trusted this Wall Street wolf—her arch enemy.

She had tricked him to the North Woods. She hated him. She tortured him. She deprived him of all comfort. She made him fight for her. She made him prove his right to be called a Man.

11c nd 25c

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

"THE COST"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

VIOLET HEMENWAY

11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

APRIL 4 & 5

"TWIN BEDS"

A First National production featuring

CARTER De HAVEN

This marvelous comedy, a regulation farce, in an original setting, is the kind that pleases every member of the family. It is good comedy, clean and very, very funny.

It contains some odd hundreds of laughs, a swift succession of them, but each one is the sort that all the family will enjoy.

Also a two-reel HARRY SEMON comedy.

11c and 30c

P. C. Galliger of Louiseville, Kentucky, is a guest this week at the home of his brother, W. H. Mr. Galliger is connected with the racing circuit in Kentucky.

—I—

Miss Gladys Kimmel of Manly was a visitor with friends in Belmond last week.

—I—

Guy Lynch is reported as being on the sick list this week, suffering from an attack of pneumonia. He is reported as being very seriously ill.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Freisleben of near Meservey spent the week end at the O. Young home.

—I—

G. W. Buchanan of Peru, Illinois, is visiting at the home of his brother, W. J. Buchanan, this week.

—I—

Miss Edna Stedman was a guest of Des Moines friends several days last week.

—I—

Bernard Johnson, an old time resident of this city, was greeting old friends one day last week. He has been spending the winter in Wright county, but leaves soon for Gilette, Wyoming, where he is in the ranching business.

—I—

Mrs. O. Scott returned recently from her visit with relatives in Story county.

—I—

Mrs. Wilson and daughter from Clarion were visitors at the Holden Nelson home one day last week.

—I—

For Sale—Maxwell 5-passenger car. Cheap.—Ben F. Fetrow. 72tf

—I—

A. R. Hersman, who organized the credit association here, went to Kanawha last week to organize a similar association at that place. He reports an association formed there with an initial membership of twenty-one members.

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio potatoes, raised here only one year. Free from scab. Also some good rural New Yorkers. Phone 298.—H. H. Hawley. 14tf

—I—

Clarence Obrecht came down from Thornton to spend Sunday with old friends in Belmond. "Pug' is cashier in the Thornton bank and having very good success with his work .

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

Myrtle and Ray Hawley, who came home for the Easter vacation, returned this week to their studies at Morningside College.

—I—

Fore Sale—Yearling Scotch Short Horn bull, weight 815 pounds, dark roan in color. Extra good individual. Price $125. Worth $200.—John Mack. 72c

—I—

Mrs. W. H. Galliger left last week Tuesday for Rochester, where she is now at the hospital there receiving treatment.

—I—

For Sale—Four-piece Parlor Set, mahogony, rocker, chair, settee, and pedestal, nearly new. Inquire of M. Cuber, Belmond, or at this office. 72*

—I—

Mrs. Lee Stacy and mother, Mrs. Pratt, were visitors with friends in Alexander one day last week.

—I—

E. F. Wege was a recent business visitor at Dubuque.

—I—

The Independent commences work this week on the high school Annual. This is some large sized job, about the largest that was ever tackled in its line in the town, and the Independent force expects to be a busy outfit. We ask the indulgence of the folks of the city, therefore, should they find us working on Sundays.

—I—

Wm. Schooler has a mighty sore thumb this week, as the result of an accident at the sugar factory recently, when his thumb was jammed in a sliding door.

—I—

Potatoes for Sale—A. W. Martin, Phone 2914. 63c

—I—

Alma Ericson of Olaf was a visitor here on Monday.

EXTRA!!

The Independent was given word thru Mr. Bullard at 1:30 a. m. today that Bert Fisher, county sheriff, died Tuesday night at the hospital in Rochester. Mr. Fisher had been ailing for some time, and his many friends were expecting him to recover as the reports had been quite favorable.

—I—

Mrs. J. H. Ramsay of Clarion was a guest one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay.

—I—

Four room house for rent, one block east of the Rock Island depot. Phone 291. 9tfc

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

Buff Rock Hatching Eggs for sale. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tfc

—I—

For Sale—Early Ohio seed potatoes. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tf

—I—

Farm Raised Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs. $5 for 105. Phone 2806—Geo. G. Dipple. 76*

—I—

For Sale—Yearling Scotch Short-Horn bull, weight 815 pounds, dark roan, extra good individual. Price $125, worth $200.—John Mack. 9tfc

—I—

Barley for Sale. Call 3410.—Julius Johnson, Olaf. 72*

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

Bernard Mennenga was meeting old friends here one day last week, and attending to some business affairs. He is now living in Mason City, and was formerly a resident here, where he was cashier of the First National Bank.

—I—

J. F. Howell of Rowan was a business visitor in this city on last week Tuesday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schooler returned last week from Woodward, Iowa, where they went recently to attend the celebration of Mrs. Schooler's parent's golden wedding anniversary. They report a very enjoyable time.

—I—

E. G. Miller was a business caller at Meservey and vicinity on last week Friday.

—I—

E. Miller of Clarion was in town one day last week attending to some business interests.

—I—

Mrs. John Christie of Garner was visiting friends here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. T. H. Schulte of Goodell was a shopper in Belmond on last week Wednesday.

—I—

Mrs. Hannah Larson of Clarion visited with friends here on Wednesday of last week.

—I—

Four good lots for sale, or rent for gardening purposes.—Mrs. Val Griesy

—I—

On April 7 at 9:30 a. m. Miss Imlay of Ames will demonstrate milk and milk products at the home of Mrs. Dewey Woodin. This is of especial interest to the children.

—I—

Mrs. Edge took her baby, Elmer Jean, to Sioux City last week to have an operation performed on a finger, which was badly burned some time ago.

—I—

Mr. nd Mrs. Otto Hanson and Mrs. J. H. Edge drove to Thornton on Friday of last week, Rev. Edge returning with them. He had been assisting with evangelistic services at that place on Friday.

—I—

Miss Elsie Parker of Thornton was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin House.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Martin and daughter Harriett, have been visiting out of town relatives.

—I—

Mr. nd Mrs. James McDonald of Clarion spent a day or two last week at the home of relatives in this city.

Rev. Buerres of Klemme was a caller here one day last week, having some dental work done.

—I—

Mrs. O. Gartin has been visiting her daughter at Kanawha the past few days.

—I—

The Tyrrell family expect to be released from quarantine some time this week.

—I—

Louis Rierson left last week for Chicago on a business mission.

—I—

Doris Bailey underwent an operation at the local hospital last week

—I—

Mrs. John Douglas of Galt was a guest of friends here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. J. Tofley of Kanawha was a visitor here one day last week, having some dental work done.

—I—

Mrs. Jeanette Wiles of Goodell visited friends here on Wednesday of last week.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Eiler of Meservey was a Belmond shopper on Friday of last week.

—I—

Mrs. L. R. Parsons underwent a minor operation recently, for the removal of her tonsils.

—I—

Fred Desing of Wellman, Iowa, visited friends here one day last week.

—I—

Nellie Pierce of Marshalltown, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Hake, this week.

—I—

Mrs. Cameron and daughter Daisy have returned from their visit with relatives in Cedar Rapids.

—I—

Mr. Parrot of Cedar Rapids has been a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings.

—I—

Furnished Housekeeping Rooms for rent.—F. E. Christie. Phone 283.

—I—

Lost—Fur Muff. Notify Mrs. Oppedahl, Alexander, or leave at B. K. Kinseth store.

—I—

Peacock Flour is now up to, or better than, the pre-war quality. Every sack guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.65 per sack. Sold by all dealers.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 9tf

—I—

My prices on all work in the mason line are about 25 percent lower than a year ago. See me if you have any work to be done.—W. A. Bullis. 9tf

—I—

The daughters and grandchildren of W. E. Jenison spent a very enjoyable dinner at his home on Easter Sunday. That day was also Mr. Jenison's birthday being 67 years old, and that of his grandson, Leslie Luick, who was twelve.

—I—

There will be a get-together meeting for the ladies of Belmond township Farm Bureau at the home of Mrs. A. E. Martin on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, March 31. All ladies of the township are invited whether members or not. Ladies please bring needle work.

—I—

Mrs. Doran, formerly Clara Chase of this city, was a recent guest of friends in Belmond.

—I—

Dr. Russell was a business visitor last week at Fairmont, Minnesota.

—I—

Mrs. E. A. Pierce is caring for a scarlet fever patient in the family of Roy Carlston, at Kanawha.

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Special for this Week

1 can of corn	10c
1 can of tomatoes	10c
1 can string beans	10c
1 can of mustard sardines	10c
1 can of oil sardines	05c
5 lbs of bulk rolled oats for	25c
55 oz package of rolled oats for	25c
3 lbs fancy head rice for	25c
1 doz oranges for	25c
2 lbs of bananas for	25c
1 qt of onion sets	05c

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

STATE BANK OF BELMOND

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Belmond, Iowa, in the County of Wright, at the close of busin 22nd day of March, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	580,285.84	580,285.84
United States bonds	13,650.00	
War Saving certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	189.31	13,839.31
Overdrafts		1,033.88
Banking House	4,500.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	2,233.32	6,733.32
Due from banks and bankers	41,301.05	41,301.05
Other real estate owned		39,112.04
Silver coin and bullion	672.98	
Legal tender and National bank notes and subsidiary coins	1,409.00	
Exchanges for clearing house, also checks on banks in same place	1,290.29	
All other cash items	4,695.00	8,067.27
Other assets		51,508.54
TOTAL RESOURCES....		741,881.25

LIABILITIES

Caiptal stock	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus fund	15,000.00	$ 65,000.00
Undivided profits (after deducting expenses)	4,863.45	4,863.45
Deposits due to banks and bankers on demand	8,666.79	
Individual deposits subject to check	317,154.65	
Demand deposits (certificates, certified checks and unpaid dividends)	100.00	
Time certificates of deposit	146,883.20	
Savings deposits	10,407.25	483,211.89
Bank overdrafts	5,822.98	
Rediscounts	28,150.03	173,973.01
United States bonds borrowed		13,650.00
Other liabilities		1,182.90
Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank	140,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES....		741,881.25

State of Iowa, Wright County—ss.

We, A. L. Luick, Pres., Ole Thompson, Vice Pres., and C. M. Morse, Asst. Cashier of the bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the assets therein set forth are bona fide property of said bank in its corporate capacity, and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited s a portion of its assets.

(BANK SEAL) A. L. LUICK, President.

OLE THOMPSON, Vice President.

C. M. MORSE, Assistant Cashier.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by A. L. Luick, Ole Thompson and C. M. Morse this 29th day of March, 1921.

(SEAL) E. L. MADSEN

Notary Public in and for Wright County.

Attested by Joseph Pletch, Jos. Bohning and R. H. Klemme, Directors.

$1.00 or $5,000

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BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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WILL BELMOND HAVE A BAND THIS YEAR?

R. E. Lee Aldrich Alias James Lord Bennet, Is Sued

Peculiar Case Of Alias Signed To Note By Aldrich Comes Up For Trial In District Court.

SEVERAL LOCAL CASES ARE UP

One of the most peculiar suits on record in this county was filed last week by the Wright & Franklin County Breeder's associaton of Rowan. The defendant in the case is R. E. Lee Aldrich, alias James Lord Bennet. The case involves the payment of a $100 note bearing the alias above referred to and executed by said Aldrich. The note is dated September 23, 1919. At that time the above assocation was soliciting shares for the erection of a stock pavillon at Rowan. As the story goes, the defendant was solicited on several occasions to subscribe for stock in the enterprise, but each time refused, saying he did not care to take out any stock. On the evening of the date above referred to Mr. Aldrich entered one of the Rowan stores and was again solicited. Several were present and in a joking manner remarked: "Don't let him get out until he signs up" and other such remarks. They formed a ring about him and one of the number handed him a blank application to sign. As the crowd had him cornered there seemed to be but one avenue of escape—that to sign up—so he hastily signed the above name, handed it back and left the store—thinking he had turned the trick on the "boys." The incident happened a year and a half ago and nothing more was heard of the matter until this action was started. Whether the jury will also treat the matter in the light of a joke or in a more serious vein remains to be seen.

Marriage licenses, excepting one bashful fellow from Eagle Grove, are as follows: C. R. Bates and Mrs. Ecco Stansberry, Henry O. Thompson and May Buhner, Joseph Darland and Adeline Mickelson, T. V. Weide and Libbie Brink. The groom in the last mentioned contract was under age and it was necessary to get his father's consent by telegraph.

"Goodbye, and be a good girl," is alleged to be the farewell words from the lips of Claude Jennings, formerly of Rowan and later rural mail carrier out of Clarion, when he left home recently. Last week Mrs. Blanche Jennings filed suit for divorce alleging that her husband was abusive and guilty of inhuman treatment, also the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

Engineer Hilton was in attendance at the eighth annual convention of Iowa road officials held at Ames last week. Several nationally known engineers were on the program. Mr. Hilton read a paper on "Road Administration From the County Standpoint." which was well received. It was a profitable convention, nearly 400 engineers, supervisors and auditors being in attendance.

A resolution was passed at this meeting endorsing the appropriation bill to be considered at a special session of congress and opposing the proposed establishment of the national highway measure. This measure if it becomes a law, would take 30 per cent of the money from all counties not located on one of the proposed federal roads. The scheme would be to cross each state in the union with one paved road east and west and one north and south. That sounds good on the face of matters but a little study on the question will show that only a trifle over one-fourth of the counties in Iowa would be benefited as compared to the entire state under the appropriation plan. It would further delay the better roads one-third longer. The government or federal roads would a[illegible] fine for the tourist going from a[illegible] to state and for the pleasure F[illegible] but a greater need is involved. a[illegible] that an economic one. The first pl[illegible] most essential need for good a[illegible] w[illegible]

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SPLENDID FARM BUREAU MEETING AT MARTIN HOME

Very Interesting "Get-Together Affair Held Thursday With Many Ladies In Attendance.

The "get-together" meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Martin, Thursday afternoon, March 31, was very well attended and a success in every way. Mrs. A. E. Martin gave a demonstration in making ice cream and orange ice, in which the ladies were much interested. After the demonstration a social time was enjoyed and topics of interest to the busy farm wife were discussed.

There being no organization for the lade of the Farm Bureau of Belmond township, a business meeting was held, and the following officers elected:

Mrs. A. E. Martin ------ Chairman
Mrs. G. F. Elder ---- Vice Chairman
Mrs. Ralph Christie ---- Sec.-Treas.

These officers with the co-operators will constitute a board of directors. The co-operators are, the Mesdames Simon Simerson, M. R. Pierce, R. D. Box, R. L. Reed, A. C. Hinman, C. G. Johnson, G. T. Johnson, Garfield Halverson, I. L. Christie, It was planned to hold meetings once a month, and some line of work will be taken up at each meeting. Samples of the demonstrated ice cream and orange ice with cakes were served the ladies, and all pronounced the demonstration a success. The next demonstration will be with Mrs. Ira Christie in strawberry time. All who are not members better get busy and join. The following ladies were present:

Mesdames Simon Simerson, Lewis Hauge, E.. Thompson, J. Tiara, J. Mack, G. T. Johnson, A. C. Meyers, J. Henn, M. R. Pierce, R. Reed, H. Ruka, H. Emerson, A. A. Olson, Geo. Johnson, Guy Baker, M. G. Luick, J. Sloan, Geo. Elder Ralph Christie, Glenn Baker, Arthur Hinman, Oscar Hanson, W. I. Rosecrans, Ward Martin, Tom Brooks, Edd Hauge, and the Misses Frances Baker, Orelee Brooks.

MISS GRETCHEN BLANK DIES

Klemme Times: This community was saddened when it heard of the death of Miss Gretchen Blank. After a long period of suffering and agony Miss Gretchen passed away Monday afternoon at 5:15. She was unconscious since Sunday morning. Her father and mother and brothers and sisters were at her bedside when she passed from this world. Funeral services were held at Klemme.

Miss Blank was a sister of Casey Blank of Belmond.

OLD RESIDENT OF BELMOND DIES AT HOME IN NEB.

Mrs. Lizzie Luick, Former Resident Of This Place, Died On March 16th From Appoplexy.

Word was received here last week by relatives that Mrs. Lizzie Luick, a former resident of ths city, had died at her home in Hastings, Nebraska, on March 16th., death being caused by appoplexy.

Mrs. Luick will be remembered by many local people. She resided here for a number of years, and for the past five years she has been making her home with her daughter, Bonnie Luick, at Hastings.

Funeral services were held at Hastings, burial being at that place, her home town, beside her father and brother. Mrs. Luick was the mother of Nell Luick and of Mrs. Josephine Hubbard the former now residing in California and the latter at Durango, Colorado, both former residents of Belmond. There are a number of other relatives in and about Belmond, to whom their friends extend their sympathy.

The report in the Independent last week regarding the death on Tuesday evening of Bert Fisher, county sheriff, was happily untrue. Mr. Bullard, who furnished the informaton to this paper, says he received his information from reliable sources, but that they were misinformed. Everybody will be glad to know it, for Mr. Fisher has a county full of frends who hope for his speedy return in health from Rochester.

Health Lecture At Auditorium On May 6th

World Famous Clown To Speak To Children On Health In High School Auditorium.

TO BE HERE ON MAY THE 6TH

Cho-Cho will be in Belmond, Friday evening, May 6. This is the final date sent by his manager from the State College at Ames. We believe every child in Wright county should see Cho-Cho at one of the three towns, Goldfield, Clarion or Belmond, where he will appear May 6. We believe all children should see him because Cho-Cho is a real clown with a world reputation. He became most interested in children and left the biggest circus in the world just to belong to them. He has a special message for children. The little folks in the Eastern states know and love Ciho-Cho. For several years

Cho-Cho has entertained and taught them how to eat and play and work, to be strong men and women. This is his first trip thru Iowa and Belmond is very lucky to secure a date for his performance. The Junior Red Cross is paying his expenses so there will be no admission. The high school auditorium is the place where he will appear. There are only six hundred seats there and Cho-Cho wants a child for every seat. "Grown-ups" will take the back seats and the little folks the front seats. Remember the date—Friday evening, May 6th. Remember the place—high school auditorium. Plan to see Cho-Cho.

There will be no Normal Training club meeting this week.

MOORE-GOLDEN

On Wednesday, March 30th., at 12 o'clock noon occured the marriage of Miss Ada Golden of Cedar Rapids to Mr. Howard Moore of Belmond, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. Golden.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom left for a short wedding trip to Chicago, coming to Belmond on Tuesday of this week.

The bride has been acting as bookkeeper in the office of Secretary of State W. C. Ramsay, at Des Moines, and while not very well known by Belmond people she is a young lady of many talents and abilities, and the many friends of Mr. Moore will welcome her to the city.

Mr. Moore is one of the town's best known business men, being head of the Moore Grain Company of this place. He is a young man of splendid character and attainments, and is among this city's best known citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home at the Moore residence on Spruce street after April 10th.

The many friends of the couple with whom the Independent joins, extend their best wishes for a happy and prosperous life together.

Attorney W. E. Bullard was a visitor at the county seat last week, on matters pertaining to his legal business.

AMERICAN LEGION IS TO RAFFLE OFF FORD CAR

At One Dollar A Ticket, Legion Will Dispose Of Brand New Ford Coupe In Near Future.

The local post of the American Legion has a raffle on now in which they will dispose of a brand new Ford car, a Coupe, just coming from the factory.

The car will be exhibited as soon as it arrives, so that everyone can see what they can get for a dollar. The funds will go to the local post to be used in the maintining of their club rooms and the advancement of the ideals for which the Legion stands. The boys are now selling tickets and are having very good success. Get out your lucky dollar and take a chance; you may be riding the pavements this summer in a fine new car if you do.

ALFRED OTTO ENGLAT

Alfred Otto Englat was born June 3, 8178, at Grafton, Iowa. He moved with his parents from there to Corwith, Iowa, and at the age of 13 years moved with them to Belmond, Iowa. He was graduated from the Belmond schools in 1896.

In 1899 he was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Cuppett and to this union were born four children: two boys and two girls; Edward, Harold, Ruth and Eileen. The second son, Harold, died in infancy.

A number of years ago Mr. Englat moved with his family to North Dakota, where they lived for five years. They then returned to Belmond for about one year, before moving to Lavina, Montana, where they have made their home for the past twelve years, he being cashier of the bank at Lavina. Aside from his work in the bank, Mr. Englat has always shown great interest in and given himself unreservedly to public life and community welfare, serving for three years on the school board and president of the Lavina Commercial Club.

Mr. Englat joined the Masonic lodge while he lived in North Dakota and ever since has been an enthusiastic worker in the order, being instrumental in organizing a lodge in his home town of Lavina. He has also served for a number of years as District Instructor.

While not a member or regular attendant of the church, Mr. Englat was interested in its work and gave great assistance to his wife in the many responsibilities she accepted in that work. He was generally considered one of the most helpful and useful citizens of the community.

He left home about ten o'clock last Friday morning, going some miles into the country on business for the bank, and told Mrs. Englat that he would not be back for dinner. He did not return for supper; it was lodge night and he seldom ever missed, but did not come this night. The family waited all night but no word came from him and it was suspected that he had met with an accident. It was shortly after noon of the next day that Mrs. Englat received a phone message of the accident, and was later informed that Mr. Englat had been killed with the man who accompanied him. Those who visited the scene of the accident say that the indications are that both men were killed instantly. Funeral services were held from the church at Lavina, the pastor giving the address and the Masonic lodge conducting their church service.

Besides his wife and three children, Mr. Englat leaves to mourn his untimely death, one sister, Mrs. Annie Krusemark of Oregon, and six brothers, Fred of Chicago, Joe of Kanawha, George of Washington, Lew of Montana, John of Minneapolis, and Jake of Montana, a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the local Methodist church, in charge of Rev. J. H. Edge, the Masons conducting the service at the grave. Interment was made in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

L. L. Putnam was enjoying a visit from an uncle, who lives in the west last week. He had not seen him for fourteen years.

IF WE ARE, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

From Present Indications The Town Will Be Without Band Unless Quick Action Is Taken.

CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO HAVE IT

Band Boys Do Not Seem Overly Anxious To Organize The Band For This Summer.

Is Belmond to have a band this year? From the present indications it isn't. Can the town afford not to have one? From past experiences it can't.

Those two questions are the ones it is up to the town to consider, and to act upon immediately.

It is understood that the band boys held a meeting recently, and that there was very little enthusiasm for a band this year. Just what the differences are, if any, the Independent is not prepared to say. But this paper does believe that every effort should be made to see that the band is given every co-operation and aid that can be given.

There are players enough in the town to make a band of fifteen of more instruments. There is no question whatever as to the ability of the players; Belmond's band the past few seasons has been one of the best amatuer organizations in the entire state. The questions of funds for the band need not be worried about; there are enough business men and public spirited citizens who see the benefits to the town of a band to put up the required sum.

Other towns around, even much smaller towns, such as Klemme, are gettng their bands in shape for the coming season, and it would seem that Belmond could not afford to lose out in its own. The value of a town band is unquestioned, both in the commercial and entertainment ways.

The Independent is willing and anxious to give the fullest co-operation and publicity to any efforts that may be made for the organizing of the band. Any help will be gladly given, as will practically every other business establishment in the city.

It is understood that the band boys will hold another meeting this week. It is to be most sincerely hoped that at this meeting they will be able to organize, to make suitable arrangements and begin practicing for the summer concerts. They will find the local firms and citizens willing to cooperate with them to the fullest extent.

HENRY CRIST BACK FROM HONOLULU

Belmond folks were glad last week to see "Uncle Heinie" back in the home town, after his winter's sojourn in Honolulu. Mr. Crist is looking the picture of health and says he is mighty glad to be back in the old town again. He says that the winter was ideal in Honolulu, and that he enjoyed his stay there to the utmost. In Honolulu, he says, they say that there are three crops grown: sugar cane, pineapples, and tourists, and the last is not least. The temperature there ranges from 54 to 96, the two extremes. There are a great many Japanese and Chinese on the island of Hawaii, and Mr. Crist says that they go thru the streets driving their big cars. He says that he was never in a place of that size where there were so few Fords; most of the cars are Packards, Pierce-Arrows and Cadillacs. On his way home he visited with a friend in Arizona, and saw several former Belmonders in California.

A number of young men from this place drove to Eagle Grove on this week Sunday, where a class of some fifty were initiated into the mysteries of the K. C's. Several of the delegates were from Belmond and Goodell. They say that Geo. Brady, who was one of the class, went thru the ordeal in fine shape.

FREE AIR!

The Air was lacking last week because there wasn't room. And when it comes to a question of news or Air, we believe there are more folks who prefer the news—not meaning to slam the Air, you understand.

The writer is sporting a new ring. It's a nice ring, gold, with three initials on it: E. L. S.

Elmer Left Suddenly, you know, and left an old vest hanging in his former place of employment. The other day we moved it, and look at what we found. We're keeping it until he returns that ten dollars we gave him for a wedding present.

But we hope there isn't anything contagous about it.

The other day there were two fellows right outside our window talking with the third party, bargaining for a bottle of hootch. They made the deal—or so we suppose—for they slipped said third party some real money, and then slipped over to the building onthe corner—vacant—stayed about ten minutes, and came out feeling fine.

You go west, then south, then west again a certain way, so they say.

The hootch question seems to be the question of the day, more important than the league of notions and the blue laws.

These blue laws are making a lot of folks see red. Nothing to get excited about. One fellow said that when they took away his corncob, they'd have to take away powder, paint and—so forth.

This same fellow said, too, that it looks like the Irish would never quit fighting over there. It makes no difference as to locality: an Irishman never quits. He can't, and live, to say nothing of being happy.

To say that an Irishman will never stop fighting is the same thing as to say that nothing is more certain than death and taxes.

And have you noticed the taxes this year? It is almost dead sure this year.

As a fellow in town said, when he first glimsed his bill for this year, "If taxes are sure as death, then we'll sure be dead if this keeps up."

And at that there be some who would have us cancel the debt that England owes us.

Ain't folks queer?

Don't believe it has been cold enuf yet.

Wanted—Number 333 in the American Legion lottery. Whoever has said number for sale, bring to this office and receive reward.

If the paper seems short, poorly made up, balled up and otherwise, blame it on the foreman—he's just bought a new car. You understand. The first effects are about the same as those of the first child.

So far, he's lost two nights' sleep, pied three forms, had several nightmares, tried the boat out to see how fast it would go—all the general run of first-time experiences.

Too bad, because he was a calm, cool, collected young man before he fell.

Speaking of cars, there was the April fool joke they tried to pull on Lloyd Skovlin the other day at Rowan. Lloyd was in the town on April 1, and when he came out of a store and was walking down the street he happened to notice that some fellow had placed a jack under the rear wheels of his car. Had he attempted to start he would have gone awful fast but arrived nowhere.

Which shows the value of observation.

Next week, and maybe for some time after, this paper will have a special department of widespread interest—very wide.

We're not saying what it will be because maybe it will fall down. But if it does come, don't fail to read it. You won't, tho; it will attract your instant attention.

NOTICE!

There will be a base ball meeting Wednesday evening at the city hall at 7:00 o'clock. All those who are interested in a team this year, and especially the ball payers, are urged to attend this meeting.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

MILLION AND A HALF FARMERS ORGANIZE

A million and a half farmers have banded themselves together under one head and labeled themselves Farm Bureau. What does it all mean? Why are all business interests and all earnest thinkers giving this matter such careful thought? It means that the farmers have organized and the business interests are worried thinking that the farmers will stick to their organization this time.

Indeed there are some who look upon the Farm Bureau movement with alarm and see in it a monopoly which will eventually squeeze to deats every interest which does not have a direct bearing upon agriculture but these people should rest assured that the purpose of the Farm Bureau is to advance the agricultural interests of our commonwealth, financially, educationally and socially thru co-operation among the people themselves wih no thought of injury toward any individual or any organization but with a definite purpose of justice and equity for all. The farmers of America are determined to have changes in laws, changes in finance and change in our marketing system of grain and livestock. The American farmer believes in comfortable homes, and in beautiful surroundings which means that he is progressive and strictly American.

WHY USE MILK?

Boys and girls are building bodies and need good building food. Milk is one of our best foods for growth, as it is the only all-round food.

Milk is the only food, commonly eaten, having a high per cent of calcium (lime). Calcium is needed for the growth of bones and teeth.

It was found in California that on an average the boys and girls who used milk were taller than those who used little or no milk.

In Iowa a very high per cent of boys and girls have defective teeth. One county superintendent asked it there was any connection between poor teeth and the lack of use of milk, for it seemed that all the pupils not using milk had poor teeth.

Three cups of milk should be allowed for every member of the family under 16. Adults should have at least two cups during the day.

FACTS ABOUT MILK

1—Milk is the cheapest animal food.

2—Milk at 15c a quart is as cheap a source of protein as meat at 35c a pound.

3—Milk at 15c a quart is as cheap a source of protein as eggs at 19c per dozen.

4—One quart of milk contains nearly as much solid matter as one pound of meat.

5—"No family has the right to purchase any meat until each member has at least a pint of milk daily." Dr. E. V. McCiollum.

6—A large steel plant has found it profitable to allow milk to be sold to the men during working hours—the men accomplish more work.

7—Milk has no waste—it is all used.

8—Plenty of milk with vegetables and cereals make a wholesome and economical diet.

9—Milk is the only all round food—it contains some of all the necessary food substances.

10—Whole milk added to the diet of the growing boy and girl helps to easy food substances.

11—Milk is a good body builder. Growing children should have it.

12—Milk is the best source of lime. It is a good bone-builder, it keeps your teeth hard.

13—Milk is one of the best protective foods.

14—There are more than 200 ways of using milk in cooking.

15—Deserts made from milk are body building foods.

16—Unclean milk is a disease carrie. Keep it clean.

Use milk every day.

GRANT BOX SOCIAL

A most interesting and successful box social was held at the Grant Ctnter school, Friday evening, April 1, under the auspices of the Grant township Farm Bureau.

A lively program consisting of several short programs by various schools within the township and of the principal address, preceeded by the sale of boxes. Mr. Joe Abernathy chairman from Boone township, gave a most interesting address on Farm Bureau activities and co-operation among the members. Mr. Abernathy emphasized the importance of sane co-operation in all undertakings by the Farm Bureau. Dale B. Jackson, secretary of the fair association, gave a short talk in explanation of the ladies' exhibits at the fair.

The box social started off with a contest for the laziest man and the prize, which consisted of a beautiful sofa pillow, stuffed with straw, went to John Fenninger and we are now wondering what use Mr. Fenninger will make of. this exceptional prize. The boxes, which were loaded to overflowing with good eats, were auctioned by Jack Munnis, a local auctioneer, who is known to all and things moved lively while Jock was at the block. After the boxes were all sold candy and luncheons were sold and the total receipts for the boxes and candy were $53.75. The success of this get-together community social was due to the efforts of the program committee, consisting of Violet Lukens, Mrs. Harry Woodley and Mrs. Jack Munnis.

The ladies of Grant township announce their next meeting for Friday afternoon, April 29.

SPRAY RINGS ARE ORGANIZED

Under the direction of W. J. Kocken, orchard specialist from Ames, several spray rings have been organized in Wright county. We understand that Troy township is to have two such organizations and the Eagle Grove township is to have one also.

The general plan of the spray ring organization is to have fifteen to 20 farmers who are interested in the spray work pool their interests in the purchase of a power spray rig to be used in spraying the trees of the various members of the spray ring, the advantage being that by pooling their interests in this way the farmers may obtain more reasonable prices on spray material and definite arrangement can be made for working on the orchards of the various members.

THE HOME GARDEN

At this season there is only one safe guide to our first sowings in the open. The present state of the ground must rule these earliest sowings. But where the garden has a warm exuposure and the soil is light we need not hesitate to make a start with a nummber of vegetables, if the ground has been prepared by digging or plowing and enriched with manure or fertilizers, says the Country Gentleman.

Presuming the ground has been prepared and the surface is so dry that a good seed bed can be made, we may go ahead with seed sowing. The soil must be in such condition that it works freely under the rake without forming balls or lumps.

On well-drained, light soils we may sow immediately beets, carrots, parsnips, peas, spinach, Swiss Chard, onions and lettuce.

Turnip or globe-shaped beets may be grown on comparatively shallow soil, as much of the bulbous root is made above the surface. The young plants will stand quite a severe frost, so that early sowing may be made immediately the ground is ready. Sow thinly—ten seeds to each foot of row will be ample—covering the seed not more than one inch. The usual distance between the rows is twelve to eighteen inches. Thinning out must not be delayed until the plants begin to crowd each other unduly.

Additional sowings should be made at intervals to late July or even early August.

Early carrots, sweet, juicy little roots, used while young and tender, make a welcome change. To secure an early crop, carefully prepare the seed bed. Manure of a fresh or strawy nature must not be used; rather rely on old decayed leaf mold. Heavy ground can be improved for this crop by the free use of roadside scrapings and wood ashes. Rake the surface fine and make it moderately firm. Sow thinly, covering the seed not more than half an inch. Thin out to two or three inches apart.

To secure perfectly grown parsnips no time should now be lost in making the first sowing. The ground should be deep, friable, and should not contain fresh strawy manure. On rather shallow ground grow the variety Early Short Round, as the roots do not require such deep soil as the long sorts such as Guernsey or Hollow Crown.

Cover the seed not more than half an inch. The drills should be eighteen inches apart. When large enough to handle, thin out the plants to about six inches apart.

Spinach is our most valuable spring "greens" and the spring sowing should be made at once. It may be sown broadcast between the rows of other crops. This crop cannot withstand heat; if sown late in April it is more than likely that the plants will form flower heads before they are well ready to use. However, by putting in a row of Swiss chard the first of this crop will be ready by the time the spinach is finished.

Practically every gardener plants a few sets of onions, but how many cultivate to secure fine, well-matured bulbs for winter and spring use?

Onions can be grown successfully on any good retentive soil, or even on lighter soil provided it contains plenty of humus and plant food. The soil should be rather firm for onions, so that it should be worked as early as possible to have time to settle before warm weather. A gross feeder, this crop requires plenty of manure and fertilizers, so that the ground must be made rich by using well-rotted manure, poultry manure, wood ashes or commercial fertilizers. It is not advisable to work the manure too deeply into the soil; aim to mix well with the top spit, to top six inches. The commercial fertilizer is applied on the surface after the manure is turned under, raking it into the surface soil as the seed bed is being prepared. Make the bed as fine as possible.

The rows may be twelve to 18 inches apart and should be made perfectly straight. One ounce of seed will sow one hundred feet of row, and if not sown thickly the laborious job of thinning will be considerably lessened. Be careful not to cover the seed too deeply; one inch is proper. If the soil is sufficiently dry it should be made quite firm over the seed. Sow quite early in the spring.

Immediately the little plants begin to break thru the soil cultivation must begin, stirring the surface at least once a week until the tops get too large. At the first thinning the plants may be left one inch apart, then the next time two inches apart, so that eventually the crop will be allowed three inches between each.

Small dressings of nitrate of soda at intervals of two weeks will be a great help, applying it first after the last thinning, and immediately before hoeing.

We must try to keep the onion fly from depositing her eggs on the plants. Pour one cupful of kerosene over a bucketful of sand, and strew the sand along the row of plants when about one inch high, repeating in six days. Another plan is to mix one part flowers of sulphur in six parts freshly slaked and finely powdered lime, applying it as suggested for the kerosene mixture.

KNOW THAT YOUR SEED CORN WILL GROW

By P. G. Holden.

The long growing season for corn in 1920 caused the most of us to believe that the corn, when harvested, was fully matured, well dried out and in good condition for seed.

But recent tests show that the corn did not dry thoroly and it is likely that the vitality of much of the corn we have saved for seed is low.

For this reason it is very important that every ear of seed corn should be tested before it is planted next spring.

Poor seed is one of the chief causes of a poor stand and a poor stand means a small yield.

There is nothing else that will do so much to increase the yield of corn on every farm as the making of a germination test of six or eight kernals from each ear to be used as seed and discarding those ears which show weak or sickly roots or stem sprouts. The most common mistake is to conclude that we can judge the germinating power of seed corn by looking at it and that it does not need testing.

A few days spent during March in selecting and testing our seed corn may be worth more to us at harvest time than a whole year's hard work.

It is nothing more or less than good business for us to know that the seed we put into the ground is healthy seed and that it will grow. And the only way we can tell good seed is by testing it.

One man in two days can test enough corn to plant 40 acres of ground. Testing will not cost to exceed 10 cents an acre. Yet, because it is "too much bother" to test seed corn, we pick out 600 ears, look at them, guess that they will grow, and plant them. As a consequence, more than 12 acres out of every 40 planted to corn in the average Corn Belt state produce nothing.

By testing we get rid of the dead, weak, disease-infected and mouldy ears. Testing does not hurt the corn It requires but little time and that at a season of the year when we have little to do. By testing we have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

There are several methods of testing corn but the limitations of this article will not permit of a description of any of them. Any county agent, any agricultural college, or any good farmer will be glad to tell his neighbor how to test seed corn.

After the corn has been tested, sorted, shelled and graded for the planter and the bad kernals removed, it should be placed in half-bushel sacks and hung up in a dry place. We should put in a sack serarate from the rest, the seed from the best 100 ears. When planting, we should use the seed from these "best 100 ears" on one side of the field and pick our seed corn from these rows next year.

If we have no good seed corn we should buy from our neighbors or some one in the community. We should not import seed corn from outside our immediate vicinity. Thousands of individual ear tests prove that home grown seed will yield on an average from eight to 20 bushels of corn more per acre than will imported seed. The best plan is to grow our own seed and test every ear intended for planting.

Investigations conducted over a period of several years by various agricultural colleges and by the U. S. Department of Agriculture have proven beyond doubt that rot diseases of the corn root, the stalk and the ear have been one of the chief causes of thin stands, of larger numbers of weak and stunted plants; of stalks that are down, or leaning, or broken, of barreness and nubbins; of chaffy immature ears; of reduced yields.

It is possible that rot diseases carry over from one year to another in the soil; it is certain they carry over in the seed, and one of the best methods for the control of these rots is the selection of disease-free seed ears.

The germination test will help us in picking out these diseased ears. Kernals that are diseased may show good germination but the stem sprout will be discolored—pink or brown or some other shade that will readily show the experienced corn grower that something is the matter with them.

In some instances a diseased seedling looks apparently healthy, except that it has a small number of roots. Such kernals should be cut open with a knife to see if they are rotted or moldy on the inside.

The safest rule is: Discard every ear that looks suspicious.

"OATS SUPPLY"

The following is a trascript of an article appearing in Wallace's Farmer of March 25, 1921, and is of particular significance in connection with the corn situation outlined in the same periodical the week before. The article on corn appeared in this paper last week:

The oats surplus as of March 1, 1921, is about but not quite such a serious matter as the corn surplus. This year we enter the planting season with 690,000,000 bushels of oats on farms, as compared with 473,000,000 bushels, the average of the past ten years. The excess stocks, amounting this year to 217,000,000 bushels, are equivalent to the crop grown on 6,800,000 acres. This would indicate that if we are to have a normal carry over into 1922 the oat average of the United States should be reduced from 42,000,000 acres to 36,000,000 acres.

As a matter of fact the spring is so favorable to oat seeding and so many farmers are reducing their corn acreage and increasing [illegible] ...ge that we shall probabl[illegible] about 43,000,000 acres of oats. This means that with an average season we shall have even greater reserves a year from now than at the present time. This makes it absolutely certain that oats will continue to sell for less than cost of production for another year.

In Iowa on March 1 we had one-sixth of the tota oat reserves of the United States. To be exact, we had 115,000,000 bushels as compared with 78,000,000 bushels, the average of the past ten years. The surplus is such that if it were not for the corn situation which is even more dangerous we would advocate reducing the oat acreage of Iowa by 1,000,000 acres If every farmer in Iowa should seed this year five acres less oats than last year we should, with an average year, still have a normal carry over into 1922.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this [illegible] that they know there is no dan[illegible] from it and that it always cu[illegible] There is not the least danger in [illegible] ing it and for colds, croup and wh[illegible]

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ROWAN NEWS

One of the best and most largely attended meetings of the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Duffy. Over forty ..en met to make arrangements for the future work of the society and to map out a definite course of action. All were enthusiastic, and the utmost spirit of optimism prevailed. At the close of the afternoon's work Mrs. Duffy served a dainty lunch. The ladies are to meet with Mrs. Braden next week.

The M. E. church was again full last Sunday morning, when the pastor spoke on the "Restraints of Society and urged the people to maintain a healthy social and moral community conscience. The congregations hage been splendidly maintained during the winter and spring, and the work as a whole is wonderfully inspiring to people and pastor.

The Rev. Harold Tomlinson will speak next Sunday evening on the subject, "How Joe Got Out of Jail." Joe was quite a character in his day, and his experience on the occasion mentioned gave him the prominence he needed.

Miss Lottie Williams was a Dows caller Friday for dental work.

Mrs. Henry Reitz and Mrs. Bert Pelley were Belmond callers Friday.

Miss Wava Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Alfred Fletcher and Harold Fletcher were over Sunday guests at the Clig Steffens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith of Garner visited at the Alt Hackley home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman of Coulter are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Miss Lorna Paul of Hampton visited at the home of Miss Laura McCallum the latter part of this week.

Harry Harson was a Belmond caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris of Thornton visited at the L. W. Stevenson home on Sunday.

Miss Georgia McCallum and Mr. Anbertee of Thornton were united in marriage at Mason City on Friday, April 1.

The Junior class of the Rowan high school gave a banquet Friday evening, April 1, in honor of the class of '21 and the faculty. A four course supper was served and toasts were given between courses by members of the two classes and the faculty.

Mrs. D. H. Keith and daughter, Marian of Goldfield, spent a few days the past week at the R. H. Keith home.

R. H. Keith and family motored to Goldfield Sunday afternoon to visit relatives.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Geo. Baxter, wife and baby spent Sunday evening at the Geo. Thompson home near Palsville.

Gertrude Johnson and Ericca Hanson of Kanawha and Mary Rock, of Des Moines, spent the week end at the E. N. Ericson home.

Geo. Baxter and Lester Johnson were in Des Moines the first of the week on a business mission.

All have begun their seeding, several having finished.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. John Eliason on Wednesday, April 7.

A number from our community spent last Tuesday afternoon at the hospitabe home of Mrs. Earl Martin. All report a very sociable time and speak words of praise of Mrs. Martin's hospitality.

Henry Groh of Kanawha spent Sunday at the John Groh home.

Lester Johnson began work for G. Halverson last Friday. Harry Evans will work for Martin Hanson.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

Miss Mary Rock of Des Moines is a guest at the Dr. Anderson home this week. Miss Rock is a sister of Mr. Anderson.

Fred Bush was a business caller at Garner on Thursday of last week.

Louie Baldridge, who has been assisting with the work at the Prelip & Wenzel meat market, left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Belmond, and on Monday expects to leave for Forest City where he has accepted a position in a meat market at that place.

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was a business caller here one day this week.

Miss Gertrude Cosgriff of Britt called on friends here Saturday.

Messrs. Brewster and Green of Britt commenced work April 1 on two of Kanawha's routes. Messrs. Bray and Grifharst have been temporar carriers on these routes for some time.

Marguerite Hartwig, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hartwig, had her tonsils removed at the Judd hospital Thursday of this week. She is getting along nicely at this writing.

Roy McNish, who has been at Ames for some time, returned home last week and is assisting his father on the farm.

ALEXANDER ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and baby visited with relatives at Aredale the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mohr and son Arthur spent a few days ast week with relatives at Polk City.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clay of Mason City were calling on old friends in town last Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Hardy and daughter Virgie of Hampton spent the past week visiting with Alexander relatives,

D. O. Sitrain of Dows was transacting business in this vicinity Tuesday.

Miss Elzebeth Aldinger of Hampton has been visiting at the home of her brother, Will Aldinger, several days last week.

Among the Hampton callers last Saturday were the Misses Bertha Gartz, Mable Pogue, Hazel Hendrickson, Lily Cornwell, Vivian Meirbachtol, Gertrude Burninghausen, Rev Mohr and Rudolph Beenen.

Engle Rooder of Meservey was a Sunday visitor at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona, of Hampton, were Sunday visitors at the Lewis Bell home.

The Dorcas society will meet with Mrs. Clarence Murphy next Wednesday afternoon, April 6.

Seeding is progressing rapidly in this vicinity. Many large fields are already sown, while others have their seed beds waiting for seed.

Mrs. Theo. Beenen, Anna and Theodore Beenen autoed to Renwick last Sunday, where they spent the day at the Wm. Beenen home.

M. D. Latham was a business caller at the county seat last Thursday.

Cornelius Stoffer was a Dows caller last Thursday.

Herbert Mallory and Theo. Beenen were visitors at Belmond last Wednesday evening.

Miss Fay Demaris of Hampton was a visitor with her cousin, Miss Wilma Foughty, last Friday.

SNARL STREET NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Anderson visited at Ellsworth on Sunday.

Mlrs. Si mStout visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waters, at Thampson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moon are enjoying a visit from an aunt of Mrs. Moons'.

Marjorie Brooks and Edgar Mantle visited at Goodell on Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. McCallum, Mrs. Blanche Jennings and Mrs. Willard McCallum were Clarion callers on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs of Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and children, and Edgar and Marjorie Brooks, Edgar Mantle, Rueben and Roy Cupp were guests Sunday at the J. E. Miller home.

Geo. Aldrich and Roy Cupp were Belmond callers Saturday evening.

Mrs. Kehler of Eagle Grove came Monday night to assist in taking care of the new granddaughter at the John Kehler home.

R. E. Lee Aldrich is having a new wind mill put up on his farm.

Edith Robinson, Blanche Jennings and Edgar Mantle were Clarion callers Tuesday.

Clint Kercheval was a Clarion caller Monday.

NORWAY TOWSHHIP

Mrs. Chas. Johnson of Belmond came out last week to help her daughter, Mrs. A. Enge, for a few days returning this week.

Iver Iverson moved to the farm owned by Mrs. Espe on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tesdahl were Clarion callers on Tuesday.

Miss Beaulah Anfinson has been doing some sewing for Mrs. O. Howland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Engh entertained quite a number of their relatives on Sunday evening.

Melford Mehl has rented the farm of T. A. Wicks which Mr. Wick's son has been farming. Mrs. Hans Wicks will keep house for him.

Mesdames T. A. Wicks and Hans Wicks returned home from their visit at Eagle Grove on Tuesday.

Bert Asbe was a business caller at the T. A. Wicks home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hill visited at the home of the latter's parents in Eagle Grove on Tuesday afternoon.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR AUTO TAX YET, YOU BETTER

After Sheriff Fisher gets back from Rochester one of his biggest jobs will be to collect the delinquent automobile tax. The new law gives that official power to seize your car and hold it at your expense at the rate of $1.00 per day, in addition to a $2.00 fee, cost and milage. Treasurer Allen reports about one hundred delinquent automobiles for Wrght county. He will need to properly advertise the delinquents in May. Fifteen days later the sheriff must get busy. Suppose one-half of the owners redeem their cars, will some one tell the sheriff where he is going to store the remaining fifty cars? Just picture for yourself that number of autos parked about that official's residence in Clarion. That section of the law which refers to this matter is as follows:

On April first of the year 1921 and annually thereafter, the department shall forward to the county treasurer of each county, a list of all motor vehicles in said county on which the registration fee has not been paid, showing the amount of the delinquent fee, registraton number, make and factory number, together with the name and address of the owner of each car as disclosed by the records. In the first week in May of each year the county treasurer shall cause to be published in each of the official newspapers in his county, a list of all motor vehicles owned within his county, upon which the license fee has not been paid for that year. Such list shall show the factory number, make and model of the vehicle together with the name and post office address of the owner thereof as shown by the records of his office and the amount of the license fee and penalty due upon the vehicle. Immediately after the publication of the list as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the county treasurer to collect the license and penalty.

It shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county to forthwith proceed to the collection of the unpaid fees and penalties as certified to him by county treasurer by taking possession of the motor vehicle described in said certified list and proceed to advertise and sell same upon ten (10) day's notice for purpose of collecting fees, penalties and costs. Said certified list shall for all purposes be a sufficient warrant therefor. The procedure of the sale of the motor vehicle for the collection of the license fees, penalties and costs shall be the same as that provided for the collection taxes on personal property by distress and sale as set forth in section 1406 of the Code. Should a motor vehicle on which the fee is delinquent be removed from the county in which it was originally registered, either by transfer or removal by owner to another county, without having notified the county treasurer or department of such transfer and the sheriff knowing to which county same was removed, may forward the warrant to the sheriff of the county where such motor vehicle is at that time, when he shall proceed to collect the same as tho the vehicle had been originally registered in his county, and make return to the county treasurer of the county from which he received the warrant.—Monitor.

ORGANIZING COUNTY POSTS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Organizers are in the field with the object of strengthening the American Legion organization by establishing a county organization in each of the 99 counties of the state for the purpose of drawing the various units of each county into closer cooperation and harmony.

The formation of a county post, says the Clarion Monitor, would in no way interfere with the working of the posts as units, but would broaden the influence of the local organizations and give them greater power and more representation in the higher units.

A plan of procedure outlined by one of our neighboring counties provides for the election by the convention of the county units of a temporary chairman and secretary, and by each post at its next regular meeting of the executive committee of the county unit. When all the committeemen are named the temporary chairman and secretary will call them together for a meeting. A permanent chairman and secretary will be elected by the executive committee. The committee will also complete the county organization and plan its various activities. All Legion members of the county are to be members of the county unit, but each post is to have but one delegate and but one vote, regardless of the size of membership.

Such an organization in Wright county might be beneficial in many ways, one of which we would suggest would be to hold an annual celebration of the part the American Legion took in winning a victory for the allies in the world war. This could be made an anual event each fall tht would draw greater crowds than any other event that might be conceived. The place of holding the event should be passed around among the various towns of the county with established units of the Legion.

Very little outside talent would be necessary to entertain the crowds, as prizes could be offered to bring out close competition between teams from the different units in drills and athletic events of various kinds, which, ogether with plenty of band music, and well decorated streets, and business houses would furnish entertainment for all. The Legion would be able to sell concessions for the events to an amount which would furnish a fund to care for the greater part of the expense incurred.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Wright County, Iowa.

October Term, A. D. 1921.

Lillian H. A. Aldrich, Plaintiff,

vs

Nathan Aldrich, Defendant.

To Nathan Aldrich, Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, is now on file in the District Court, of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming and asking that the bonds of matrimony, now existing between you and the plaintiff aforesaid, be dissolved, and that she be granted a decree of divorce, on the grounds of adultry committed by you; also asking for the allowance of temporary alimony in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and permanent alimony in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, also asking for the allowance of attorney fees for the compensation of her attorney; and that a writ of attachment has been issued herein by order of the Court, and that your personal property by virtue of the same has been attached and levied upon, to secure the payment of said sums mentioned as aforesaid.

For further particulars see petition now on file.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the October Term of said Court, which will commence at Clarion, Iowa, on the third day of October, A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you, and upon final hearing, the Court will render judgement against you, in favor of the plaintiff aforsesaid, for the said alimony; and costs of this action, as aforesaid, and that an execution will issue for the sale of so much of your property as may be necessary to satisfy said judgement, interest and costs, and for such other and further relief as to the Court shall seem equitable.

W. E. BULLARD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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The meeting of the Community Welfare Club last Friday was attended by a large crowd. Many of those present were new members.

The membership drive was a big success. Mrs. A. E. Martin winning with 75 members, most of them being new ones who had never belonged to the club before. To each captain was given the eggs in her nest and Mrs. Martin's helpers each received a "bunny." The total membership of the club is now about 200.

If there are any ladies who were not solicited in the campaign, do not feel slighted or think you are not wanted, but come to the meetings, pay your dollar and you will be most cordially welcomed.

The bills for shrubrey for the city hall and for more play ground equipment were allowed.

The program, which was on furnishings and decorations for the home, was in charge of Mrs. Gfeller. It was very helpful and enjoyed by all.

Miss Florence Simerson entertained the club with a vocal solo and an instrumental trio by Pauline Peterson, Harriett Gowdy and Uneta Packard was enjoyed by all.

The serving committee with Mrs. Gowdy as chairman served ladyfingers and tea, while a pleasant social hour was spent.

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THE NEW PRESIDENT

The old is out and the new is in; what will the new be like?

That is a question which every citizen awaits an answer to. Harding's policies and actions will be as closely examined and scrutinized as those of any man who has ever occupied the presidential chair.

Harding, as the nominee, was not the popular choice; he was slipped in thru politics pure and simple. But since his nomination, the way he conducted his campaign, and the earnest and sincere way, together with his practical, common-sense methods and ideas since his election have done a great deal to gain him the public's favor, and he went into the White House with the best wishes and hopes of the great majority of the American people.

Harding's plain ways, his common sense and willingness to co-operate and work together with others have gained him a wide favor. The people were tired of one-man affairs, they believed with reason that two heads were better than one, and the fact that the new president started out, or in, by getting together with the rest of the men of affairs, has met with popular favor.

Of course, the country is expecting many things which it will not get; is expecting too much, more than can in reason be realized; but it expects many things which it will get or the present adminstration will be, as they said in the army, 'Out of luck" the next election. The Republican party has not by any means secured a long-time lease on the capitol at Washington; it is on trial, and according to the way it lives up to the promises made and the things expected depends its future. While the country was tired of the old rule, the country by no means put out one in order to get another just as bad.

Woodrow Wilson left the White House with the sentiment of the nation mostly against him. His rule had been too autocratic, too much "I" and not enough "we." But time will greatly change the sentiment and the feeling of the American people towards him. He will never go down, in the opinion of this paper, as the greatest man of the nation's history, as some think, but he will in future be credited with what he has done. One of the greatest men of his time. For Wilson accomplished much that in their displeasure the majority of people have overlooked, and the future will give him credit for the things he has done. His one great fault was his famous "single-track" mind, and his failure to consult others was one of his greatest failures.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The attendance at all the services last Sounday was good. The Sunday school started the new quarter with a number above the high mark. The evening attendance was considerable above the average. The young people choir added much to the service and their assuming the responsibility for them guarantees good music for that service. Come and enjoy the services with us.

The ladies of the Aid society will hold a social afternoon in the parlors of the church on Thursday. This is a good place to get acquainted and you are invited to come.

The Sabbath school opens at 10:00 a. m. and the morning worship is held at 11:00. The evening services begin at 8:00 and close in an hour. We invite you to worship with us.

R. E. LEE ALDRICH, ALIAS JAMES LORD BENNET, ON TRIAL

(Continued from page one.)

roads in Wright and all other Iowa counties for that matter, is for the transportation of its farm products to market. To support any measure that will delay bringing about such a condition is a mistake.—Monitor.

W. Werheim of Eagle Grove for $8,000, alleged damages arising out of a Montana land deal. He alleges that in December, 1918, he was induced to purchase an undivided one-sixth interest in 5,730 acres of land in the Rosebud in Montana, on the representation that it was all good soil, with a climate adapted to the growth of general farm crops; that the land was covered with a growth of grass which made it valuable for pasture; that land was worth on the market for $15 an acre; that it was mortgaged for $3,340. But, the plaintiff alleges, the land was not worth more than $3 per acre to the defendant's knowledge, and that the mortgage was in excess of $3,340; that it was desert land, growng sage brush only, and because of the alleged fraudulent representations, he was bound to pay $11,340, being damaged in the sum of $8,000, which he asks.

R. F. Taylor is suing the Northern Iowa Gas & Electric Co., of Eagle Grove, for $50. He alleges that on March 7 he was passing by company's plant in Eagle Grove at a time when the plant was discharging such quantities of steam that he could not see his way; that a team and vehicle ran into his auto, damaging it $50.

Joseph Nadland is suing Chas. Long to recover $60.75, alleged to be due for corn and hay raised on plaintiff's farm and sold by the defendant contrary to the terms of the lease which had been entered into and signed by both parties, but which he cannot set out because lease has been lost. The defendant answers this petition denying each and every allegation, and asks for dismissal of the suit with costs to be taxed to the plaintiff.

The First National Bank of Belmond is suing R. E. Webb to collect $101, due on note, with interest.

H. Forrestal is suing the Belmond Construction Co., et al, to collect a balance of $366.63, alleged to be due for sawing which plaintiff states was done on a contract.

W. H. Jenison is suing Harm Menke to collect $215 alleged to be due on notes past due.

LOCAL GIRL RECEIVES HIGH HONOR AT COE

The following clipping from the Cedar Rapids Republican of recent date will be of interest to all Belmond people, as it concerns a local young lady who has been highly honored by Coe College at that city:

The new officers of the Coe Young Womens' Christian Association—the new president and her cabinet—were installed with beautiful and impressive ceremonies at the regular meeting in Sinclair Memorial chapel, Wednesday morning.

The Coe Y. W. C. A. is the strongest college Y. in the middle west. It is active on the campus and in Cedar Rapids. Under the leadership of Miss Martin, this association has done a great deal of work in the past year. Its social service department has been doing work in all parts of the city. Nine phases of this activity, including missionary classes at Kenwood, are featured.

Entertainments at the home for the Friendless, and at the Home for Aged Women, reserves in the schools of the city, leadership of summer clubs for girls, hospital work, work among the industrial girls with physical training classes, and work at the Mexican settlement, are included. This work was especially aided and furnished by a Coe student whose home is in Mexico. This young woman was able to help a great many of the people by her personal attention this winter.

Miss Beatrice Leinbach is the new president. She is a Junior in school, having spent her first year at Des Moines college, but in the short time she has been here Miss Leinbach has won reconition in many of the activities of the school. She is also vice president of the Womens' Athletic Council and hocky manager, a member of the Glee Club, captain of the Junior basketball team, president of the Alethia Literary society and a member of the Cosmos staff. In addition she is an advanced student in organ and voice.

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When good merchandise is sold at fair price, the customer gets a bargain. Here are a few sample prices.

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Boy's Nix Suits	10.45 and Up	Headlight Overalls	[illegible]

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Belmond Local News

Mrs. H. Jacobson has returned from her winter stay at Kenyon, Colorado, where she has been at the home of her daughter.

—I—

Miss Alice Stockwell went to join her parents at Wesley, Iowa, last week. She has been visiting at the home of Rev. Edge for some time.

—I—

A. L. Luick was a business caller in Chicago one day last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barkema are the parents of a son, born March 24th.

—I—

Mrs. John McAlpine is visiting this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Withers, of Ackley.

—I—

Rufus Morse, who is attending college at Iowa City, spent his Easter vacation at the home of relatives in Belmond.

—I—

The Women's Foreign Missionary society held their regular yearly Thanks Offering service last Sunday. Rev. Edge, the pastor, gave the address, the offering being $150.00.

—I—

The Bible study contest held in the M. E. church last Sunday evening, in which six young people took part, was very interesting to all, as well as instructive to the participants.

—I—

Rev. Edge and family are enjoying a visit from his father and mother, who reside in Colorado.

—I—

The Chain of Ten met at the home of Mrs. C. O. Fitts on last week Monday afternoon.

—I—

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church meets this week at the home of Mrs. Otto Hanson.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse went to Blue Earth, Minnesota, on last week Saturday where they will spend a few days at the home of their son, David, and wife.

—I—

The Larson family moved Saturday from the Rathbun house on north Filbert street to the Jackson house. Mrs. Rathbun, who has been in south Dakota the past year moved into her house Saturday.

—I—

Mrs. John Dempsey and four children drove to Waverly, Saturday, called there by the sudden death of a sister of Mrs. Dempsey.

—I—

Miss Wilma Trumbell of Clarion spent the week end at the home of relatives here.

—I—

Rev. and Mrs. Edge were callers on Monday of this week at Mason City.

—I—

Miss Thelma Carpenter of Goodell has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Butts the past few days.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson of Fort Dodge drove to Belmond, Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Carrie Sheffield.

—I—

Miss Roland and Miss Hunt returned on Monday morning of this week from Kansas City, where they had been spending the spring vacation with relatives.

—I—

Miss Ruth Ramsay was the guest of Clarion relatives a few days last week.

—I—

Charles Buihanan is back from the hospital at Fort Dodge, where he was sent after his recent accident in which he was injured about the head while repairing a ditching machine and is getting along in very nice shape.

—I—

Peter Stacy, who returned last week from the hospital at Hampton where he had been for examination, is getting along very nicely. He has been bothered with stomach trouble for some time.

—I—

Miss Hazel Thomas spent a few days last week visiting friends at Estherville, where she formerly taught school.

—I—

Mrs. Chas. Roseman of Ventura visited at the Truer Davenport home over Sunday.

—I—

Mrs. L. R. Parsons returned Saturday from a visit at the home of her mother who lives in Grinnell.

—I—

Miss Edna Stedman of the teaching faculty, spent the sprisg vacation with friends in Charles City.

—I—

Mrs. Maurice Dillon was a visitor at Klemme between trains Thursday, attending the funeral of a friend.

—I—

The Misses Beatrice and Marie Leavy were vacation guests of friends at Grinnell.

—I—

Miss Verna Jones left last week Thursday for a visit with relatives at Geneva.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Will Connor of Hampton were the guests of relatives here over Sunday.

—I—

Carl Heinsch moved into the Pete Swenson house Saturday, and Bernold Kinseth moved into the house vacated by Heinsch.

—I—

Miss LaVeta Allen of Hampton spent part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillon.

—I—

Miss Rena Purdy spent part of last week at Dows, during the illness and death of her uncle.

—I—

John Tiara, Clinton Luick and Ed. Riggs were guests of friends at Algona Sunday.

—I—

Mrs. E. H. Sands is spending a few days this week visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Laege, and family, near Garner.

—I—

Henry Schulte, Jr., of Alexander, was in town on Monday of this week attending to some business matters.

—I—

It is understood that the arrangements for the base ball league among the neighboring towns are proceeding in good shape and the prospects for the league are good. Clarion, which had been planning on a salaried team, or manager, is thinking seriously of the league proposition, and may decide to come into the organization. Such a league would be a fine thing all ways considered, and it is to be hoped that the deal will go thru and the neighborhood league be organized.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wendell moved last week to their new home at Nora Springs, Mr. Wendell going ahead to make the necessary arrangements.

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No. 2 Red Raspberries	40c
No. 2 Black Raspberries	40c
No. 2 Black Berries	40c
No. 2 Red Pitted Cherries	40c
No. 2 1-2 Peaches	40c
No. 2 1-2 Apricots	40c
No. 2 1-2 Pears	40c
2 lbs. Prunes	25c
3 lbs. Navy Beans	25c
2 1-2 lbs. Rice	25c
1 lb. Cocoa in Mason jar	25c

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ROBINSON'S

F. J. Nolan, of Fort Dodge, Geo. Dauber of Estherville, and J. S. Clemens of Mason City, traveling agents for the American Railway Express company, were in town yesterday looking over the field for consolidating the three express offices, making one central office up town. The three gentlemen took average of the past six months, and found that a consolidation would be a fine thing for all concerned. It will now be placed before the general manager for the O. K. of that gentleman and of the vice president. If they consider the matter favorably, the much needed and wanted consolidation will take place. J. S. White has been named for agent of the consolidated offices.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kent and daughter Inez, and Wm. Purdy and daughter Rena attended the funeral of John Kent at Dows last week Saturday.

—I—

As an example of the way business is in the job printing line, the Independent had some work last week for a local lawyer which required, according to low, certain size type, which the Independent does not have on its linotype. Phone calls were tried to both Clarion shops, to Hampton, and to three places in Mason City, in an effort to secure this type set up. Seven calls in all were tried and not a place had time to do the work now; all were too busy with work already contracted.

—I—

John Kent, a brother of Will Kent of this place, died at his home in Dows last week, funeral services being held at that place. Deceased was well known to a number of local people.

Mrs. Ole Lein returned last week from a two-month's visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Hanson, and family, of Hartland, Minnesota. She says they had a fine winter at that place, altho it got rather cold several times, much more so than it did here.

—I—

Charley Papousek went to Des Moines last week, to see his mother, who lives there and who has been very ill the past week or so. Other relatives from Garner were also called to her bedside.

—I—

School began Monday of this week after the spring vacation of one week.

—I—

Kara, the Man of Mystery, entertained the people of the vicinity at the opera house the first of the week, answering apparantly hidden questions. It's easy when you know how, but nobody present seemed to know how it was done.

—I—

Jasper Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lud Johnson, who is attending the State University at Iowa City, recently underwent an operation at the University hospital for hernia. He is recovering in nice shape and will soon be out again.

—I—

The new State Bank building is now nearing completion and is the object of curiosity on the part of many passersby. The building is certainly a fine one and the two banks who are to move into it in the near future will have a splendid home.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson visited at the Ollie Tomson home near Olaf Monday.

—I—

Dorris Bailey returned home from the hospital Tuesday, having fully recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis.

—I—

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay went to the county seat on Thursday of last week where she visited relatives. Miss Ruth returned with her Friday.

—I—

Mrs. J. H. Edge returned Saturday from Sioux City, where she took little Jean Edge for an operation on a finger. The operation was entirely successful.

—I—

The cantata gives by the Congregational church on Easter was very good, and enjoyed by a large audience. The music and singing was pronounced excellent.

—I—

Van Chase of Denver, Colorado, a former resident of Belmond, has been in the city a few days the past week greeting old friends and relatives. He came to Sheffield on the sad mission of burying his wife. He is left with four small children, the youngest of whom is only two years old. He had not been back to Belmond for some fourteen years.

—I—

Little Glenn Meyers celebrated his first birthday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Ben Stadtlander last Sunday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Meyers. A very enjoyable time was had by those present.

Lyric

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

"THOU ART THE MAN"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring ROBERT WARWICK

A good story which you do not want to miss. One of this favorite actor's best efforts.

Also a two reel SENNET COMEDY—"Bungalow Trouble."

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

"HER BELOVED VILLAIN"

A Realart picture featuring WANDA HAWLEY

When a certain man had to leave town for a year he put his finance in care of his best friend. Imagine how he felt when, on his return, he found that he had been double-crossed, and that his best friend had married his best girl! In some parts of this country such a situation would have resulted in a hasty funeral, but this was France, and it resulted in one of the funniest farces ever filmed. It's a sure cure for the grouchiest grouch in town.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

"THE ROAD DEMON"

A Fox picture featuring TOM MIX

You know that his pictures are always good—you never saw a poor one—and you will find this one, what many consider it, one of the best if not the best picture Mix ever made. You can bank on its being good and worth your seeing, anyway. It sure is a real picture.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9

"PARIS GREEN"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring CHAS. RAY

Ray pulls some more small town stuff. Does he get away with it? Come and see. You will have to admit that it is one of the funniest pictures you ever saw.

11c and 25c

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

"RAINBOW DIVISION"

History and Memorial. The 168th Infantry—The famous Rainbow Division. Actual battle scenes. Seven reels that are crammed with action and thrills. An official picture taken by the U. S. Signal Corps. American Legion benefit.

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MONDAY and TUESDAY

"GOOD REFERENCES"

A First National picture featuring CONSTANCE TALMADGE

Mary's job was with a wealthy old maid

And the dear little girl is very well paid

But Mary was worried about a woman caller

And skipped on a yacht in an effort to stall her

from telling the boss about the references that were not so good!

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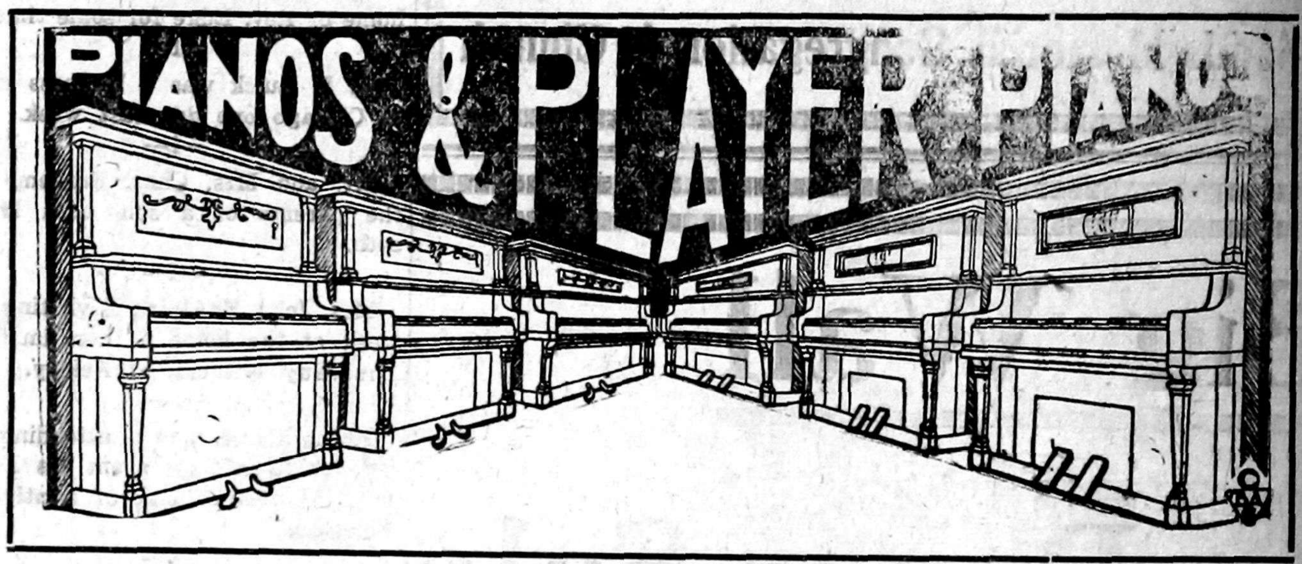

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.

In the little town of Gitcheapolis small Dan Failing dreams boyish dreams, tinctured with melancholy over his supposed physical weakness. There, years later, he meets Destiny.

BOOK I—REPATRIATION.

CHAPTER I.—Warned by his physician that he has not more than six months to live, Failing sits despondently on a park bench, wondering where he should spend those six months. A friendly squirrel practically decides the matter for him. His blood is pioneer blood, and he decides to end his days in the forests of Oregon. Memories of his grandfather and a deep love for all things of the wild help him in reaching a decision.

CHAPTER II.—In a large southern Oregon city he meets people who had known and loved his grandfather, a famous frontiersman. He makes his home with Silas Lennox, a typical westerner. The only other members of the household are Lennox's son, "Bill," and daughter, "Snowbird." Their abode is many miles from "civilization," in the Umpqua divide, and there Failing plans to live out the short span of life which he has been told is his. His extreme weakness in the face of even a slight exertion convinces him that the doctor had made a correct diagnosis of his case.

CHAPTER III.—From the first Failing's health shows a marked improvement, and in the companionship of Lennox and his son and daughter he fits into the woods life as if he had been born to it. By quick thinking and a remarkable display of "nerve" he saves Lennox's life and his own when they are attacked by a mad coyote. Lennox declares he is a reincarnation of his grandfather, Dan Failing I, whose fame as a woodsman is a household word.

BOOK TWO—THE DEBT.

CHAPTER I.—Dan, now thoroughly proficient in woods lore, learns from Lennox that an organized band of outlaws, of which Bert Cranston is the leader, is making trouble in the vicinity. Landry Hildreth, a former member of the gang, has been induced to turn state's evidence. On his way to the city Hildreth is waylaid by Cranston, shot, and left for dead. Cranston, however, overlooked the fact that Hildreth might have documentary evidence on his person, and is satisfied that his enemy will never reach the city to tell what he knows of the operations of the gang.

CHAPTER II.—A cougar, on a personal hunting expedition, finds Hildreth in a thicket, where he had crawled after being shot by Cranston. The cougar finishes Cranston's work, and in striking down man becomes a forest outlaw. Failing, on his way home from a visit to "Snowbird's" lookout station, comes upon Cranston in the act of starting a forest fire. The men quarrel and fight. Failing is no match for the sturdy mountaineer and is saved from death only by the intervention of "Snowbird," who drives the outlaw from his victim by threatening him with a revolver.

CHAPTER III.—Cranston grossly insults the girl. Failing promises her he will punish him when he has fully recovered his strength, and the girl looks on the promise as a compact. A few days later Silas Lennox, while chopping wood in the forest, is pinned under a falling branch and badly hurt. "Snowbird" finds her father and gets him safely to the house and to bed.

CHAPTER IV.—The girl sets out across the Divide, in the darkness, to bring a physician. She has a sense that she is being stalked by some animal, and becomes uneasy. Dan, who had been shooting, arrives home and finds Lennox. Both Lennox and Dan fear for "Snowbird's" safety, and Dan at once sets out to overtake her. The animal stalking the girl is the cougar which had finished Hildreth, now become a hunter of man. Failing arrives only just in time to save the girl's life, and in that manner pays part of the debt he owes her. As evidence of Dan's returning strength he strangles the animal, which, though wounded by a revolver shot from "Snowbird's" weapon, was a most formidable enemy.

BOOK THREE—THE PAYMENT.

CHAPTER I.—Hildreth's disappearance is unaccounted for until Dan finds his mutilated body and near it the evidence which will send Cranston to the gallows and break up the outlaw gang. A record cold winter sets in. Cranston, suspecting that Hildreth's evidence is in existence, visits the Lennox home in the absence of Dan and "Snowbird," to search for it. He fails to find it, and in his rage and disappointment sets fire to the house. Lennox being powerless to stop him. The almost helpless man drags himself outside.

Then the rifle spoke again, and a second wolf—a large male that crouched on the other side of the sled—fell kicking in the snow. The pack had leaped forward at the first death; but they halted at the second. And then terror came to them when the third wolf suddenly opened its savage lips and screamed in the death agony.

Up to this time, except for the report of the rifle, the attack had been made in utter silence. The reason was just that both breath and nervous force are needed to shout; and Dan Failing could afford to waste neither of these vital forces. He had dropped to his knee, and was firing again and again, his gray eyes looking clear and straight along the barrel, his fingers without jerk or tremor pressing again and again at the trigger, his hands holding the rifle as in a vise. Every nerve and muscle were completely in his command. The distance was far, yet he shot with deadly, amazing accuracy. The wolves were within a few feet of the girl, and a fraction's waver in the gun barrel might have sped his bullet toward her.

"It's Dan Failing," Lennox shouted as the fourth wolf died.

Then Snowbird snatched her pistol from her father's hand and opened fire. The two shells were no longer needed to free herself and her father from the agony of fangs. She took careful aim, and although a pistol is never as accurate or as powerful as a rifle, she killed one wolf and wounded another.

Frenzied in their savagery, three or four of the remaining wolves leaped at the body of one of the wounded; but the others scattered in all directions. Still Dan fired with the same unbelievable accuracy, and still the wolves died in the snow. The girl and the man were screaming now in the frenzied joy of deliverance. The wolves scurried frantically among the trees; and some of them unknowingly ran full in the face of their enemy, to be shot down without mercy. And few indeed were those that escaped—to collect on a distant ridge, and, perhaps, to be haunted in dream by a death that came out of the shadows to blast the pack.

Again the pack song would be despairing and strange in the winter nights—that age old chant of Famine and Fear and the long war of existence with only Death and Darkness in the end. And because it is the voice of the wilderness itself, the tenderfoot that camps in the evergreen forest will listen, and his talk will die at his lips, and he will have the beginnings of knowledge. And perhaps he will wonder if God has given him the thews and fiber to meet the wilderness breast to breast as Dan had met it; to remain and to fight and to conquer. And thereby his metal will be tested in the eyes of the Red Gods.

Snowbird stood waiting in the snow, arms stretched to her forester as Dan came running through the wood. But his arms were wider yet, and she went softly into them.

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"We will take it easy from now on," Dan Failing told them, after the camp

"We Will Take It Easy From Now On."

was cleared of its dead and the fire was built high. "We have plenty of food; and we will travel a little while each day and make warm camps at night. We'll have friendship fires, just as sometimes we used to build on the ridge."

"But after you get down in the valleys?" Lennox asked anxiously. "Are you and Snowbird coming up here to live?"

The silence fell over their camp; and a wounded wolf whined in the darkness. "Do you think I could leave it now?" Dan asked. By no gift of words could he have explained why; yet he knew that by token of his conquest, his spirit was wedded to the dark forests forever. "But heaven knows what I'll do for a living."

Snowbird crept near him, and her eyes shone in the bright fire light. "I've solved that," she said. "You know you studied forestry—and I told the supervisor at the station how much you knew about it. I wasn't going to tell you until—until certain things happened—and now they have happened, I can't wait another instant. He said that with a little more study you could get into the forest service—take an examination and become a ranger. You're a natural forester if one ever lived, and you'd love the work."

"Besides," Lennox added, "it would clip my Snowbird's wings to make her live on the plains. My big house will be rebuilt, children. There will be fires in the fire place on the fall nights. There is no use of thinking of the plains."

"And there's going to be a smaller house—just a cottage at first—right beside it," Dan replied. He could go back to his forests, after all. He wouldn't have to throw away his birthright, fought for so hard; and it seemed to him no other occupation could offer so much as that of the forest rangers—those silent, cool-nerved guardians of the forest and keepers of its keys.

For a long time Snowbird and he stood together at the edge of the firelight, their bodies warm from the glow, their hearts brimming with words they could not utter. Words always come hard to the mountain people. They are folk of action, and Dan, rather than to words, trusted to the yearning of his arms.

"We're made for each other, Snowbird, darling," he told her breathlessly at last. "And at last I can claim what I've been waiting for all these months."

He claimed it; and in open defiance to all civil law, he collected fully 100 times in the next few minutes. But it didn't particularly matter, and Snowbird didn't even turn her face. "Maybe you've forgotten you claimed it when you first came back, too," she said.

So he had. It had completely slipped his mind, in the excitement of his fight with the wolf pack. And then while Lennox pretended to be asleep, they sat, breathless with happiness, on the edge of the sled and watched the dawn come out.

They had never seen the snow so lovely in the sunlight.

[THE END.]

GARNER HAS SOME MOONSHINE EXCITEMENT

Garner Signal: Some moonshiners and bootleggers have thought they were getting off easy when they were being fined $5 or $100 after entering pleas of guilty in district court. But they are going to find out differently before the government gets thru with them. Mike Senna, a beet weeder, entered a plea of guilty and was given a small fine for moonshining. Now comes a request from the government to come across with a sum that makes his fine look like nothing. He is fined $2,000 for having a still in his possession illegally. He is charged a federal tax of $6.40 a gallon for making whiskey. The first notice from the government called for a payment of about $3,500, and because he doesn't pay it he is drawing a fine of $100 a month. In time there is going to be quite an amount piled up against him. In his case, it doesn't matter so much, as he can't pay it, but this will probably be a lesson for some others to learn from, as the fine would be collected, if he was worth it.

MRS. ANSON AVERY

Lovina Philo was born in upper Sandusky, Ohio, January 22, 1831, and died at Garner, Iowa, March 24, 1921, aged 90 years, 2 months and 2 days. She was united in marriage to Anson Avery, Sept. 9, 1847, and in 1854 she with her husband left Michigan in an immigrant wagon for Iowa, and arriving in Hancock county, settled in what is now known as Avery township, becoming one of the earliest settlers of the county. Her husband was called by death November 22, 1903, leaving the heroic woman who had with him shared the hardships of pioneer days. Since her husband's death she has made her home at Goodell and Garner.

She was the mother of six children, four of whom survive her. Alice, the oldest, the wife of Marshall Fuller of Alberta, Arkansas, and George Avery of Belmond, who was the first white male child born in Hancock county, Mary E., wife of A. W. Schmalle of Garner, and Louis G. Avery of Goodell. One son died in infancy and Layton who died early in manhood, leaving a son, Layton E. Avery who was cared for by his grandparents. Grandma Avery was a remarkable woman. Her whole life was active and unselfish. She lived to see the fifth generation and when the call came she sweetly fell asleep.

She united with the Methodist church in early life and afterwards was identified with the United Brethern and Congregational church. Thus has passed another hero of the great conflict of converting the wild west into fertile fields. Her work is done. She rests from her labors.

The children were all present at the funeral. She also leaves besides the four children, 15 grandchildren, 27 greatgrandchildren and five great great grandchildren.Garner Signal.

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For Sale—Early Ohio seed potatoes. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tf

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1 music cabinet
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WAVERLY SUGAR FACTORY NOT TO RUN THIS YEAR

The million dollar sugar factory at Waverly will not operate this coming season, according to reports from authentic sources. The low price of sugar is given as the reason for closing down the plant, which was recently remodled at a cost of about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The plant was built about ten years ago and ran for several years, then closed down for a period of eight years. Last season the plant made around four million pounds of beet sugar, and had contracted for an acreage this year of 2,500 acres. About three hundred men are idle as the result of closing the factory.

SOME ANCIENT HISTORY

Mr. Luick dropped into the Independent office one day last week and told us some "ancient history" of the town. He had been to the Englat funeral anl his thoughts ran in queer channels.

The first cemetery, says Mr. Luick, was started on the hill west of town, across the river, and there are three graves over there now, on land belonging to Henry Groen. They are th graves of Mrs. Andrew Dumond and her child, who died of disease about 1855 or '56, Mr. Luick recollects and were buried on the highest spot on the hill across the ravine north of the Baldridge home. The third grave is that of an Englishman, whose name is not known, and who froze to death. He had a claim on the south side of what is now known as East Lake, near Kanawha, living in a log cabin and trapping mostly for a living. In the midst of winter he ran out of food, and started for Belmond to procure some. He was caught in a blizzard, lost his way, and was found west of Hickory grove frozen.

The present cemetery was donated, the original ground, by Henry Luick and Dr. McNutt, the latter a sort of traveling herb doctor. The first burial was that of Mary E. Clifford, a granddaughter of McNutt, Clifford residing then on what is now known as the Pletch farm east of town, or in that neighborhood.

Who knows some more "ancient history"? If you know any unusual or interesting incidents of Belmond's early days, send them in, the Independent will be glad to print them.

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SUGAR FACTORY WILL NOT OPERATE THIS YEAR

First National and State Bank In New Home

Consolidated Banks Now Doing Business In Fine New Building—All Accounts Are Transfered.

LIST OF OFFICERS NEXT WEEK

This week is moving week for the First National and State banks, who transfered their records to the new building yesterday and are now doing business at the new place.

With this move the First National Bank goes out of exhistance, consolodating with the State Bank and forming a new bank to be known as the State Bank of Belmond, with a capital of $80,000.

The affairs of the First National, notes, accounts, money, etc., have been transfered to the State Bank and the business of the First National's customers will be given the same attention and care at the new bank as was given at the old. Checks on the First National will be honored at the State.

The officials of the First National Bank wish to thank their customers for the patronage they have given them in the past, and to assure them that they will be protected and welcomed to the new institution.

The list of officials of the new bank is not now completed, but is expected to be ready for announcement some time next week.

GARNET SELMA CHAPMAN

Garnet Selma Chapman, youngest child of J. E. and Julia A. Chapman, was born on the home farm south of Belmond, July 19, 1919, and died at the family home in Belmond on April 5, 1921, at the age of one year, eight months and sixteen days. Garnet Sema was the youngest of nine children, six brothers, John, Charles, Edwin, Harvey, Elmer and Grant, and two sisters, Daisy and Slyvia, still living. Aside from these a large number of other relatives mourn her early death.

She was a very sweet and loving child, and being about nine years younger than the next youngest member of the family held an exceptional place in the affection of the home. While she had never been a real strong and healthy child, yet her baby innocence and sweet and patient disposition made her a joy and comfort to all.

"Dear little hands, I miss them so!
All thru the day wherever I go—
All thru the night, how lonely it seems,
For no little hands wake out of my dreams.
I miss them all thru the weary hours,
I miss them as others miss sunshine and flowers;
Daytime or nightime, wherever I go,
Dear ittle hands, I miss them so."

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Episcopal church in charge of Rev. J. H. Edge, Thursday afternoon and interment made in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

NEED A FARM HAND?

If any farmer in this vicinity is in need of a farm hand, call at this office and we'll supply the demand. The supply of labor seems to be much greater than last year, for the Independent had seven answers to a "blind" local ad last month in which a man was wanted for work on the farm. This paper has had probably a half dozen inquiries within the past week or ten days, from young men seeking work. So if any farmer reader of the Independent needs any help, if he will let us know we will be glad to locate a man for him, at no charge whatever.

Charley Johnson was reported as being on the sick list last week a few days, but is better now.

TWO CLARION MEN LEASE CORNELIA PAVILION

Two Members of Goslin Orchestra Lease And Will Hold Dances Twice A Week.

Two young men from Clarion, R. M. Goslin and D. H. Warner, have secured a lease on the dance pavilion at Lake Cornelia, and are planning on holding dances there twice a week thruout the summer season. They expect to remodel the pavilion, adding to the length, roofing in the structure and screening it all around. They plan to employ a watchman, to look after the cars of those who drive to the dances, and will furnish the music with their own orchestra for most of the dances, bringing in an outside orchestra about once a month.

This will doubtless make Cornelia the Mecca of the younger set this summer, as the improvements planned will overcome the greatest objections that have been held to the pavilion.

CLARION BAND TO START CONCERTS NEXT MONTH

The Clarion Municipal band according to the Clipper expects to start the season with a concert soon indoors and following this, after a couple weeks rehearsal, will start the regular season's concerts within a couple of weeks. The Clipper says in part: "The band will be a credit to the community and when the open air concerts start there is no doubt but that they will attract people from our trade territory and beyond."

Bert Fisher, County Sheriff Dies Suddenly

After Weeks Of Illness And Bitterly Fought Battle For Life, Sheriff Dies At Rochester Hospital.

FUNERAL AT EAGLE GROVE

Wright county was saddened Sunday when the news arrived that Bert Fisher, Sheriff of the county, had died at the hospital at Rochester that morning at 7:30 o'clock, after weeks of illness and a hard-fought battle for life.

Sheriff Fisher probably had more friends in the county than any other man in it. He was a splendid character, an honorable and upright man and made friends wherever he went. He had been sheriff for three terms and began this year on his fourth term. As a police official he was second to none in the state and made Wright county a county that was to be steered clear off by crooks of every character.

Bert Fisher was born at Campaign, Illinois, on May 30, 1870. The family came to Iowa when he was a young boy, locating first at Webster City, where they remained for two years and then moved to Eagle Grove. He was a police officer at that place for twelve years, for six years he was then deputy sheriff. He was married on January 1, 1896, at Woolstock to Frank R. France, to which union six children were born, five boys and one girl.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. C. Smith, at Eagle Grove. Court was adjourned and the bar went to the funeral in a body, the court house officials sending a fine floral offering. A large delegation of Clarion friends attended the funeral.

Mr. Fisher's mother died some years ago, his father still living and making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Smith, at Eagle Grove.

It is understood that Mr. Fisher's death was due to pancrea. An autopsy was held at Rochester.

Miss Marie Leavy and sister Beatrice returned last week from their visit with friends and relatives at Grinnell.

Civil War Veteran And Old Settler Dies On Sunday

Well Known Citizen Dies After Only Short Illness—Came Here In Early Days.

FUNERAL SERVICES ON MONDAY

The community was shocked and grieved Sunday when the news was given out that D. L. Cuppett, one of the old settlers and a veteran of the Civil War, had died at his home here that morning. Mr. Cuppett was one of the town's best-known and most popular citizens, and his passing is mourned by the entire community. Funeral services were held Monday at the Congregational church, with the Rev. Leinbach in charge. The following obituary was read:

David L. Cuppett was born on December 25, 1841, in Bedford county, Pa. In 1852 Mr. Cuppett's father moved with his family to Delaware county, Iowa. David attended the public school until he was old enough to go to work in a pottery where he was employed for four years, when on September 10, 1861, he enlisted at Dubuque in Co. G, Ninth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He first served under General Curtis at the battle of Pea Ridge, Missouri, on March 6, 7, 8, 1862. On March 7 Mr. Cuppett received a wound in the right shoulder and he was sent home on a two months' furlough. He returned to the army in July and took part in the western campaign and was in the battles of Chickasaw, Bayou, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Jackson, Brandon and Cherokee, Miss, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge in Tenn., and Ringgold, Georgia. He came home on furlough in 1863 and received as honorbale discharge on Jan. 1, 1864. He again enlisted on the same day and took part in many battles in Georgia, So. Carolina and North Carolina. He took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 18, 1865. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in May, 1864, and in two days was promoted to Orderly Sergeant. He was later promoted to second Lieutenant and served for a time in this capacity, but never received his commission.

After Mr. Cuppett's discharge from the army he returned to his home at Dubuque, where he became a partner with his former employer in the pottery business. He continued in this relation for two and a half years when he returned to Colesburg, where he purchased an interest in a general store. He remained in Colesburg for about two years and a half when he moved to Belmond in the fall of 1871. Here he was first engaged in the hardware business with Mr. E. S. Hubbard. This partnership continued for several years when Mr. Cuppett bought out his partner and continued the business alone.

In 1891 Mr. Cuppett sold out his hardware interest to Val Griesy and devoted his attention to the implement business until the year 1906 when he sold out to Mr. Harry Tyrrel.

Mr. Cuppett was married to Lucretia K. Hubbard on Sept. 24, 1866 at Colesburg, Iowa. To this union six children were born three of whom suhvive their father, Arthur B. and Mrs. Bailey of Belmond, and Mrs. Sara F. Englat of LaVina, Montana. The deceased children were Mrs. Mary A. Thake, who died Oct. 24, 1919, Lee H., who died Sept. 10,1914, and Harold S. who died Nov. 7, 1884. Mr. Cuppett's wife died on April 26, 1917.

Mr. Cuppett was made a Mason by King Solomon lodge No. 210 on Feb. 9, 1883. He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodges of Belmond and also of lodge of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has held many places of trust both in the town and community and was one of few who saw this communiy when it was almost naked prairie grow to the thriving town and community.

There were twelve children in Mr. Cuppett's father's family, only one brother is still living, Mr. Wm. M. Cuppett of Cresco, Iowa, who has been for some time an invalid.

Besides the three children Mr. Cuppett leaves eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and a large circle of friends and neighbors who mourn his death.

FREEZE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY HURTS LITTLE

Heavy Freeze Visits This Vicinity Last Week But Does Not Injure Fruit Much.

This vicinity was visited by a good solid cold snap on last Friday night, the weather turning colder suddenly in the late afternoon. The freeze that night withered some of the gardens which were more advanced, but little damage is reported to the fruit trees. The cold snap was followed the next day by continued cold weather, with intermittant spits of snow thruout the day, and Saturday night sufficient snow fell to lightly cover the ground.

JOHN FINLEY KENT

John Finley Kent, a brother of Wm. Kent of Belmond and uncle of Miss Rena Purdy of this place, was born at Middletown, Ohio, on August 6, 1844, and died at his home in Dows last week. He came to Illinois with the family in 1849, residing there two years and then moving to Cedar county, Iowa. A few years later he move to Wright county where he had since made his home except for about a year and a half, which he spent in Alden. He assisted his father on the farm until he was 25 years of age, then he married and moved to Belmond where for several years he ran a hotel, known as the old Kern House. He retired from the hotel business and was engaged in the furniture and agriculture business here. He moved to Dows in 1881. [illegible] services and interment were at that place.

Explains Why School Taxes Are So High

Raise In Teacher's Wages Not The Cause For High Tax Rate For Belmond This Year.

OLD WARRANTS BEING PAID OFF

A number of patrons have inquired concerning the high rate of school tax this year, hence the following statement may be of interest to others:

The advance made in teacher's salaries the past year has caused only a small increase in the tax rate, but we have been compelled to add two extra teachers to take care of the increased enrollment in the grades during the past two years. In addition to the above, the Board levied an extra tax to pay off a large number of warrants which have been carried for a number of years at 6 per cent interest and no fund set aside to call them in.

Unless something unforseen happens, the school tax rate will be considerable lower next year.—E. S. yler.

Klemme high school came to Belmond last Friday to play ball, but the weatherman decided that it was too early to start the season and sent a rain and cold wave. Klemme is reported to have a very good team for a small village, and undoubtedly we will cross bats with them later in the season.

The boys are experiencing difficulty in securing cars to take them to Dows where they play their first game of baseball this season. The high school scedule depends upon the ability of te players to return games.

The Normal Training club will meet Saturday, April 16, at 8 o'clock. Miss Quigley will give a fourth grade language demonstration. Special ef-

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PLANT WILL BE SHUT DOWN 'TIL NEXT YEAR

Lack Of Necessary Funds Is Given As Reason For Closing Factory Until Next Season.

MASON CITY TO TAKE BEETS

Acreage Of Over Four Thousand To Be Taken Over By Plant At Mason City.

The plant of the Iowa Valley Sugar Company will not operate this year.

This informaton was given from authentic quarters Monday, and is the first official word given out as to the future policy of the company.

The factory will be closed, the force in all lines cut down to the barest necessity, and only sufficient force retained to keep the plant from deteriorating.

The company had contracted for over four thousand acres of beets for the 1921 season, and this acreage it is understood has been transfered to the company at Mason City, who will receive and pay for the beets the same as the company here.

The reason given for ceasing operation is first and foremost the lack of sufficient funds. As is very well known, the plant here was operated at a loss last year, due primarily to the high labor cost and the drop in sugar prices. The company was undercapitalized to start with, the cost of construction was larger than expected, and they had insufficient reserve funds to carry them thru the coming season.

The company, to meet its pressing obligations and those of the preparatory campaign for the operating season, has to have the assurance of $200,000. Owing to present conditions of the money market, it has not been able to obtain this assurance and the directors considered the wisest thing to do was to suspend operations for this season.

There will be no overhauling of the plant this year, simply care taken of the factory to prevent excessive deterioration.

The factory will resume operations next year, for the 1922 season, and the interim will be used to get the affairs of the company squared away so that operations can be resumed next year. The sugar company is not "broke," as some of the wildest rumonrs have had it—there are far more assets than liabilities—but no concern can operate without liquid capital, or ready money, and this the company, owing to the loss sustained in its initial campaign, has not.

The closing of the factory means a large financial loss to the community, and the coming year will drive the fact home to many. The company has placed into circulation in this vicinity from one to two million dollars during the time it has been in course of construction and operation, money which the town and the community would not have had otherwise. The lack of this amount or even half of it the coming year will be felt in nearly every line of business.

The company last year dispensed around five hundred thousands for beets, grow by the farmers in and around Belmond. The payroll for the operaing season was close to one hundred thousand dollars, and the purchases of supplies and materials locally and in the state ran into the tens of thousands. How much was paid out locally for labor cannot be definitely given, but that it ran into many thousands no one can doubt.

BELMOND BOY TAKES CHARGE OF MOVIE

Pat Champlin of Dows, a former Belmond boy and well known here, has taken charge of the moving picture theatre at Lakota, and left last week to assume his new duties. Pat has been engaged with his father, in the restaurant business.

FREE AIR!

Did you ever stop to think of the news that isn't printed?

In any community, the most interesting news—from some angles—is the news that never sees print.

Take it right here in Belmond; a quiet, peaceful, little town; if the newspapers were to spill all they have on file, great would be the sensation therefrom!

Boy howdy!

And the editors would be dodging bullets at every corner.

But editors get used to dodging bricks and bullets and other household utensils. If an M. D. makes a mistake its buried; if a preacher makes one the judge fixes it; but when ye ed makes one—good night.

Queer what the printed word will do, isn't it? And how folks will take it.

This paper was the mark for the verbal whiz bangs of some folks a while ago for not splurging in red ink a sensation that was going the rounds. They just ripped us up and down and then tore us across. We didn't print the news; we were controlled, spineless, toadying to the Upper Class, so on and so forth and also.

One guy who roasted us the hardest never stopped to think that nothing had been said when he got stewed, pulled and fined—which was "news."

It makes a difference whose tire is punctured, doesn't it?

Did the freeze hurt your garden? If you need any good rich dirt to start another, you can get all kinds of it free of charge, paying just for the hauling. Where? Off the pavements.

Grand Jury Investigating John Berg Case

Grand Jury Reported To Be Looking Into Case Of Local Cashier Who Misappropriated Funds.

RESULT NOT KNOWN SO FAR

Clipper—The outstanding feature of district court, which convened this week, is a thoro investigation of the John Berg case from Belmond, in which Berg, former cashier, is facing probable indictment for embezzlement. Many witnesses from Belmond, including bank officials, have been subpoenaed and are giving testimony before the grand jury. It is not thought that this case will be disposed of before next week some time, as the investigation is a slow and tedious one, and is believed to be covering a period of several years back, when the speculations are thought to have commenced.

That Berg not only stole money from the bank, but from the bank's customers as well is rumored. One account goes that one of the bank's good customers lost several thousands in Liberty bonds which Berg appropriated to his own use. The bonds were in the custody of the bank. Another story is to the effect that one customer lost several thousands deposited there against a land payment last March, Berg failing to place the deposit on the books and appropriating it to his own use also.

The fact that Berg had apparantly effected some kind of a settlement with the stockholders of the bank is cutting no figure with the grand jury in the investigation. Public sentiment is behind the officials in this action, and will endorse the investigation and prosecution, should the facts warrant it. Berg is said to have lost large sums of money in land speculations, some of it going into Montana land deals. A few years ago he is reported to have made some big money on a Minnesota land deal, but his later ventures probably swallowed the profits of the successful venture. The

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Announcement!
Having leased the Machine Department of the Motor Inn, we are prepared to do all kinds of Machine and repair work. Cylinder re-boring, Valves machined, true to original factory taper. Automobile and Tractor parts made while you wait. Bring us the old parts for a pattern.
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There Is a Man In Our Town
who patiently waits his turn at the store, he stands in line at the ticket office window and at the bank, but when he waits seven seconds for the telephone operator to answer, he says the service is "rotten."
He sees that the clerks are busy but he cannot see the telephone operator.
He forgets that others are frequently ahead of him at the switchboard and that when several subscribers call at once, they can't all be answered first.
Belmond Telephone Company

Vacation?
If you have'nt already began to do so, you'd better begin now to save for that much needed vacation. A full bank account procures one and no worries are attached.
The Belmond Savings Bank

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

MISS IMLAY RECOMMENDS MORE MILK

Miss Florence Imlay, milk utilization specialist from the Extension Department at Ames, has just completed a campaign in Wright county for the purpose of urging the more general use of milk and milk products.

Miss Imlay's talk on milk were directed particularly to the growing boys and girls in the various schools of the county. In impressing upon the minds of the young folks the use of more milk the specialist compared the growing body of a child to the building of a house and pointed out how necessary it is to have the different materials in completing the structure.

In speaking of foods for nutrition of the body Miss Imlay said that many people are actually starving to death not because they have insufficient food but simply because they have not the proper kinds of food and explained quite in detail how necessary the use of milk is to the body and especially to the growing child since a young person who is developing requires so much lime for the building of bones. According to Miss Imlay four cups of whole milk are equal to 46 average potatoes and 36 pounds of beefsetak in lime content. She explained also how the lime that is found in milk is used in building good hard strong teeth and went on to say that experiments have shown that people with soft and decayed teeth have been found to be persons not using milk.

One of the most convincing parts of Miss Imlay's lecture was the display of the pictures of two rats which had been experimented with to determine the value of milk in an average diet used by the human which was given those two rats. Both rats were fed the same ration except that milk was added in one case and it was found that at the end of the experiments the rat which had received milk in its ration was bigger, healthier, more active and in general exhibited more "pep" in its actions while the other rat grew poor and lifeless.

Everyone who heard Miss Imlay talk is thoroly convinced that more milk should be used in the preparation of our foods because it is one of the best balanced foods that is known.

BLAIN HOME TALENT

Members of the Blaine township Farm Bureau spent considerable time during the winter months in preparation for giving the play "Prairie Rose," which was given recently at Dows, Belmond, Galt, Rowan and Blairsburg.

Those who took part in this home talent play should be congratulated upon the splendid showing made in presenting the play. Those who saw the play report that the various parts were well handled and everyone who took part in the play should feel that their efforts were highly appreciated.

This is another instance of the people of Blaine township showing their ability to enlist the talent of their home community in the service and entertainment of their own community. We understand that the proceeds of this play are to go in part towards financing the next picnic which is to be held in the picnic park just north of Dows some time next June under the auspices of the Farm Bureau of Blaine and Vernon townships of Wright county and Morgan and Oakland townships of Franklin county.

IS YOUR FARM FREE FROM T. B?

Records which have been compiled by the state veterinarian show a very high per cent of cattle tested to be affected by the deadly disease of tuberculosis. In most cases where tuberculosis was present in the cattle the other animals on the farm including the chickens and hogs were also found to be affected by this disease. In many cases it has also been found that where tuberculosis was present in the livestock of the farm the children of the family were also affected with the disease.

In many cases people think that by using milk from a healthy looking animal they are not running a chance of contracting the disease by the use of the milk, but it very often occurs that the healthiest looking animal is the one affected with these disease germs. Since it is possible for any farmer to have his herd tested for tuberculosis free of charge under government supervision it would seem that every farmer should know whether or not the milk which is used by the family contains the deadly tuberculosis germs. Applications for tuberculin testing of herds may be had by applying to the county agent.

MUCH POOR SEED DUMPED IN IOWA

Iowa is the dumping ground for much low grade clover and grass seed and in many cases as high as 50,000 Canadian thistle seeds are sown per acre along with this seed, says H. D. Hughes, chief of farm crops at the Iowa experiment station at Ames. "In few states," says Mr. Hughes, "has as much low grade seed been sold as in Iowa in the past years."

Last year one lot of two tons of seed was shipped into one Iowa county as "pure." Upon examination it was found to contain 64.6 per cent timothy, 8.8 per cent alfalfa, 7.7 per cent red clover, 16 per cent millet, 2.8 per cent red top and 2.5 per cent weed and several other small percentages of other weeds.

Each pound of this mixture contained an average of 23,000 weed seed consisting of thirty different kinds, among which were Canadian thistle, buckthorn and dock. When the farmers refused to pay for this seed, which they had thought before the test to be fine, the seed company explained by saying they thought a mistake had been made and screenings had been sent.

Another farmer bought what was said to be good clover seed which when tested was found to contain fourteen kinds of weed seed. He returned it to the seedman and took a substitute clover which looked better. This he planted before testing because it looked btter and then a later test showed it to contain 21 kinds of weed seeds.

Samples containing as high as 29 kinds of noxious weeds have been sold running as high as 10,000 seeds to the pound and this was paid for at first class seed prices.

FREEZE DID NOT HURT IOWA

"Iowa farmers have no great need to be alarmed over reports of heavy loss of fruit due to the cold weather we have had, according to C. V. Holsinger, extension specialist in horticulture at Iowa State College. Prof. Holsinger just returned from a trip thru all of southern Iowa and parts of Missouri and Kansas as far south as Kansas City, where studied the effects of the recent freeze on fruits.

"In no Iowa counties except those in the southern tier is there reason to think that any buds have been damaged," he stated. "That is the only section where the fruit was far enough along to be ruined by low temperature. Southern Iowa peach growers are quite fortunate this year. There were many peach buds killed but because only from two to five per cent of the total number of buds that come out are required to produce a good crop, it is only reasonable to believe that plenty of them went thru the frost to insure a crop. Peaches, pears, plums, cherries and apricots in Missouri and Kansas were completely wiped out because they were in bloom at the time of the freeze. The killing temperature reached as far south as Dallas, Texas. Oklahoma fruit growers suffered a great loss."

There is nothing that can be done to save fruits that have been nipped once, according to Prof. Holsinger. After the temperature gets much lower than 28 degrees there will be much loss if the tree is in full bloom.

The foregoing was given out before the freeze of Friday night, April 8, and reports on the extent of damage, if any, due to this cold snap are not available at this writing. It is not probable, however, that any great amount of damage was done.

FARMERS MUST BACK THEIR SELLING AGENCIES

At a meeting of the Farmers' Live Stock Marketing Committee of 15 at Chicago on April 7, the necessity of having local co-operative live stock shipping associations supporting the farmers' co-operative live stock selling agencies on the terminal markets was emphasized, in order producers may sooner and more adequately correct the abuses that exist there at the present time. When farmers' co-operative selling organizations handle the bulk of the live stock received at these markets they then will be able readily to bring about more orderly marketing, stabilization of prices, more economical handling and better service.

The Committee of 15 is studying the marketing methods of the Equity Co-operative Exchange and the Farmers' Union with a view of learning what has been accomplished by these two large successful co-operative selling agencies owned and controlled by farmers. These two organizations will form an excellent foundation upon which to build a greater organization of farmers' cooperative selling agencies on all other terminal live stock markets.

ORGANIZATION AND CO-OPERATION URGED

Speaking before 175 representative of universities, colleges and liberal clubs at Cambridge, Mass., on April 5, Senator Ladd of North Dakota, pointed out that lack of proper credit for farmers' needs, transportation charges that place him at a disadvantage and lack of adequate laws to enble farmers to co-operate in marketing their products were hindrances to agriculture. As remedies he suggested organization, co-operation, a proper appreciation of business methods and protection of the interests of agriculture to the same extent as other industries are protected.

FARMERS ADOPT GRAIN MARKETING PLAN

After two days of discussion, the 107 delegates representing every grain growing section of the United States in a ratification conference at Chicago on April 6 and 7 voted unanimously to accept the grain marketing plan recommended by the Farmers' Grain Marketing Committee of 17.

Under the provision of the plan as adopted, farmers will market their grain thru their own national sales agency, known as the United States Grain Growers Inc., which will be under the supervision of a board of 21 directors. Amendments to the plan providing for compulsory pooling of wheat in states where wheat predominates and compulsory pooling of at least one-third of all farmers' grain were defeated. Voluntary pooling is to be permitted.

HOPPER FEEDING OF POULTRY A MEANS OF SAVING LABOR

Receptacles or hoppers that feed automatically are used on practically all exclusive poultry farms, and there are advantages in having them on the general farm.

They are commonly used for feeding mash, grit and shell.

An important advantage is the saving of labor. Fowls will help themselves and the hopper wil not require filling oftener than once a week or longer.

It allows the birds to balance their own ration or to supply any deficiency in it. This is especially the case on any farm where the fowls have to forage for much of their food.

It is sanitary as compared with wet mash feeding, where the birds often cool their feet in the mixture, where it may spoil if not eaten promptly.

There is slight danger of over-feeding, unless there is little else for the birds to eat. In beginning hopper feeding where chickens are unaccustomed to mash it is well to have the hopper open for only an hour or so the first day, gradually increasing the time.

The requirements of a good hopper are capacity, sureness of operation, and freedom from waste in feeding.

Grit and shell can be fed in a small hopper having a partition.

It is more economical to build than to buy large hoppers. Persons interested may receive plans for a hopper by writing to the poultry department of the state college at Ames.

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Board and Room. Prices Right.

WHY SHOULD A RETAILER ADVERTISE HIS STOCK?

Replying to this question, one might ask why should a retailer open his front door? Really, why should a retailer go into business if he does not intend to advertise? Why should a retailer attempt to go into store keeping if he does not intend for the public to know he is in business and what he has to sell?

Some retailers think of letting the public know when they have some special bargains in goods that have been carried a long time and are somewhat shelf worn and are out of date and must be disposed of. It is then a big splurge is made and new clerks are added for a few days and big sales are enjoyed for a short time and when it is all over a rest is taken from the unusual ten day's task. But old easy days are on again and trade has resumed its normal dull routine. The merchant is content to turn over his merchandise about twice a year and advertise only to get rid of goods that are slow sale. The idea is gained that advertising is essential only when something has grown stale and unsalable by the usual efforts. It is then that advertising is put to the hardest test and if it fails it is condemned as being a useless and unproductive sales feature.

This is like advertising only when business is dull, thus giving advertising an unfair test. Successful merchants do not wait until business is dull to advertise. They keep their advertising going during the brisk season that there may not be any dull periods. They carry a given number of clerks, but they cannot wrap up merchandise until folks come in and buy, and they are not supposed to use the telephone to bring in trade.

We have for a long time heard the adage: "Keep your name before the public." And this is why so many names are seen on the roadside fences. Yes, and they put names on tombstones and keep them there a long time. But they do not create trade.

If the name is kept before the public in connection with real, for-sure salesmanship merchandising so that the public will think more of your store and the goods you have for sale than of your mere name, then something is accomplished. Keep your name before the public but hitch it up with your merchandise and the service to be had in your store and the good values you have to offer and the pleasure to be enjoyed while in your store. Then there is profit in so keeping your name before the people. Put sales talk in your advertising talk the same as you put in your sales conversation and you will bring the public into your store. Unless advertising is regarded as a part of the sales effort it is not being used to its best advantage and fullest effect.—Business Chat.

IF EDITORS TOLD THE TRUTH

Awhile ago the editor of an Indiana newspaper grew tired of being called a liar, and decided he would tell the truth in his next issue. The paper contained the following items:

"John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Bellville on Monday. He said he was going on business, but he went for booze."

"John Coyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is so dusty and dirty, how can he do much?

"Rev. Sty preached last Sunday night on 'Charity.' His sermon was punk and fully an hour long."

"Dave Cankley died at his home here on Tuesday. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. Whiskey killed him.

"Married—Miss Sylvia Robs and James Collins were married last Saturday night at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. J. Gordon. The bride is a very ordinary town girl who doesn't know any more about cooking than a jackrabbit and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks at home and his life is not worth shucks. It will be a hard life."

"Died—Ezra Plumb, aged fifty-six years, six months and thirteen days. Deceased was a mild mannered pirate with a mouth for whiskey. He came here in the night with another man's wife and joined the church at the first chance. He owes seven dollars for the paper, a large meat bill, and you could hear him pray for six blocks. He died singing 'Jesus Paid It All,' and we think he is right—he never paid anything himself. He was buried in an asbestos casket, and his friends threw palm leaf fans in his grave as he may need them."—Exchange.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

John Stadtlander, Sr., formerly a resident of Pleasant township, died at his home in Meservey last week Wednesday. Funeral services were held Monday and the body was laid to rest in the Meservey cemetery.

The milk demonstration given by Miss Imlay of Ames last Wednesday at District number 5 was very instructve to the pupils. Owing to the bad weather, however, none of the neighboring schools were present.

Bertha Gartz and Hazel Hendrickson of Alexander were Sunday callers at the W. A. Gartz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foss and family were Sunday visitors at the Fol Mennenga home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halfpop and children were guests at the parental home on Sunday afternoon.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

J. P. Larson of Fort Dodge was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends here.

Henry Anderson was a business caller here on Saturday.

Viva Rourk came up from Belmond on Friday for a visit with the home folks.

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was visitor with friends here on last week Saturday.

Cecil Benzler was an over Sunday visitor at the home of relatives and friends at Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Olson and family of Britt were callers here on Saturday.

Fred Knudsen autoed to Iowa Falls on Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends.

The town and community were shocked to learn of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlston's little son, Keith who passed away at the home early Sunday morning. Keith had been very ill with scarlet fever for several weeks.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Mr and Mrs. S. O. Windecker and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baxter and baby drove to Iowa Falls on Sunday where they spent the day at the home of friends and relatives. Mr. Baxter will spend the week at that place.

Mrs. Culver of Clarion spent last week at the home of her niece, Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

Geo. Baxter and J. C. Johnson went to Clarion, Monday, to serve as petit jurors.

Mrs. W. D. Morse of Belmond was a visitor part of the week at the home of Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor with relatives at Belmond his cousin, Mrs Nels Stockseth being quite sick.

About 24 of Mrs. Ole Hanson's neighbors and relatives took their lunch and went to the Hanson home last Tuesday, to remind her that it was her 60th birthdoy. A pyrex baking dish and a neat sum of money was given her as a small token of their esteem.

Olaf Eliason was an Iowa Falls visitor on Sunday.

The Ladies Aid at the John Eliason home was well attended Wednesday. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Andrew Olson on the 27th of April.

Clarence Scott and wife spent Sunday at the Snyder home in lBelmond.

Esther Thorman spent Thursday at the home of Miss Alma Ericson.

John Shurson is helping Nels Fatland with some of his farm work.

ROUTE ONE NEWS ITEMS

(Too late for last week.)

The Misses Vida, Virgie, Gladys and Wava Jenison accompanied by Floyd Thayer were business callers at Clarion last Saturday.

C. J. Schmalle returned Saturday from a trip to Sanborn, Iowa, where he visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Jenison.

Mrs. E. D. Jenison has been quite ill the past week with an abcess in her head. She is much improved at this writing.

G. Sandman and family spent Sunday at the August Rabe home.

Miss Esther Hardwick was a dinner guest at the O. D. Jenison home on Sunday.

Fred Nolte has rented the 20-acre farm of John D. Pals northeast of Belmond. He and his two brothers John and Frank, have moved to the farm. They will devote their spare time to their trade, painting and paper hanging.

The program given at the basket social in District No. 4 last Friday evening was very interesting and enjoyed by all present.

NORWAY TOWSHHIP

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbe and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig and families were guests Sunday at the home of Hans Asbe at Eagle Grove. Mr. Jas. Mehr and children were also visitors at the Asbe home that day.

Mr. Laughlin from Eagle Grove came up to look after his business interests at his farm Monday.

Mrs. Harold Riley from Iowa City is home now, helping take care of her sister, Mable Olson.

The farmers of this neighborhood are busy nowadays putting in their crops.

Miss Jeanette Mehl came home on Sunday from Eagle Grove, for a few days vacation.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Edd. Tesdahl on Wednesday afternoon.

Henry Asbe has been helping his father and brother-in-law this week with their spring work.

ROWAN NEWS

Mrs. Geo. Whitten and daughter Vinnie went to Mason City on Monday. Vinnie is in the hospital there.

Miss Esther Fowler spent several days in Iowa Falls, assisting her aunt Mrs. L. D. Bingham, who has just returned from a hospital in Chicago.

Miss LaVonne Ballou spent the week end at the Tom Ross home.

Mrs. J. F. Howell returned home Saturday from the hospital at Iowa Falls, where she has been the past five weeks.

The American Legion have rented ground from Mr. Moellering for a ball diamond and are getting it in condition for an up-to-date ball diamond.

L. D. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, J. F. Howell and children and Miss Carol Hoke drove to Iowa Falls, Monday to see Mrs. J. F. Howell.

Miss Wilda Whitten who has been spending the week end at home, was a Dows caller Saturday.

Duncan Farran and the Carmon Brothers went to Thornton, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls were guests at the home of relatives in Rowan this week.

There were no services in the Congregational church Sunday, as the interior of the church is being redecorated.

The M. E. pulpit was filled Sunday morning and evening by Mr. Bradshaw of Fort Dodge. The church was well filled at both services.

The Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior of the Congregational church held their county meeting at Eagle Grove last Tuesday. The delegates from the Rowan society were Mrs. H. J. C. Box, Mrs. Logan McCallum, Mrs. D. W. Whitten, Mrs. O. E. Ballou, Mrs. R. Virden, and Mrs. Fred Brooks.

The attractive poster which our delegates took won third place in the poster contest. They report a fine meeting full of pep with a large attendance.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion and daughter Marion spent a few days the past week visiting in Rowan.

Mrs. U. B. Kepford of Waterloo, who has been visiting relatives here, left for her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Myers, the mother of F. M. Myers, passed away Tuesday, April 5. She has been in poor healh for a number of years. The remains were taken to Lacona, Iowa, for burial. Mr Myers has the sympathy of his many friends.

ALEXANDER ITEMS

Miss Wilma Foughty of the 9th grade visited with friends in Belmond last Saturday.

Miss Pogue, who took Miss Hettie Price's position as 5th grade teacher, is also substituting for Miss Mors.

Mrs. C. R. Clark taught the 7th and 8th grades last Wednesday.

Alva Polmateer and John Smith have been absent a few days the past week looking after farming interests. The boys' fathers are assisting them.

While the high school boys were digging up young trees at the Chas. Hansen farm, Bennie Arends had the misfortune of freezing his ears.

County Agent Morris McNie and Prof. Ear of Ames visited our school last Friday for the purpose of organizing a poultry club among the pupils.

The 8th grade pupils have begun working on a program to be given in connection with their graduation exercises.

Last Tuesday the school set the 12 elm trees. A tree was assigned to each grade for care and protection. Other school ground improvements are contemplated.

Thursday evening of this week the high school will give their annual play, entitled "The Deacon's Honeymoon." The proceeds of the play go to the fund for purchasing a moving picture machine.

Miss Bertha Gartz was a week end guest with relatives near Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jessie and Nellie visited with friends at Clarion last Monday

Oscar Hensell was a business caller at Latimer last Saturday.

Miss Alvena Johnson spent the week end with her parents at Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bobst are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born Wednesday, April 6.

George Latch and lady friend, Miss Barnes of Luverne, Iowa, were Sunday visitors at this place.

Word was received from Los Angeles last week announcing the marriage of Miss Anna Bell to Mr. Marble of Waterloo..

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton spent Sunday at the Fred Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenfield and little daughter of Belmond visited with Alexander relatives last Sunday.

Alice Peters was a Hampton caller between trains last Saturday.

Mrs. Otto Kieslich visited with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Joe Douglas, at Hampton last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and sons of Hampton spent Sunday at the home of relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Mabel Pogue and Vivian Meirbachtol visited Miss Alvena Johnson at Latimer last Friday.

For Indigestion and Constipation.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Tablets,' writes Melard F. Craig, Middle Grove. N. Y. They work like a charm and do not gripe or leave any unpleasant effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy

SOME MERCHANTS DON'T SEE

No local merchant can afford not to advertise in weekly newspapers of the better class. It is a sad commentary upon small town business men that they don't see the advantage to them of carrying an advertisement in the small town paper every single week. Such an advertisement is the cheapest salesman that the merchant can employ. The money spent in advertising in the better class of weekly newspapers is an investment and not an expense and it is the best-paying investment that the merchant can make but not one in a thousand publishers of the weekly papers is compensated anywhere near what he is worth to the merchants and to the community in which he lives and to whose interests he dedicates his life. Every editor of a weekly newspaper is constantly working in behalf of every merchant in his community, whether that merchant patronizes the local paper or not; but every merchant of every community, unfortunately, 'oes not have the business common sense and the business foresight to see that it is to his own advantage to help support the country editor by advertising—telling the people in the newspaper what he has, how it can be used and what it costs.—Union Gazette, Newark, N. Y.

Birth Record

March 24, Raymond, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robb, Liberty township.

Mar. 26, Ambrose, born to Mr. and Mrs. Casper Kern, of Belmond.

March 26, twins, boy and girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Guild, Clarion.

March 23, Leo Thoms, born to Mr. and Mrs. August Nystron, of Eagle Grove.

March 27, Marley Calvin, born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Griffith.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whoop-

Belmond Local News

P. J. Scarbro of Brookings, South Dakota, was a visitor here a few days the first of this week, meetng old friends and renewing acquaintances. Prof. Scarbro was superintendent of the Belmond schools for some eight or nine years, moving from this city to Brookings to become state leader of the boys' and girls' clubs of that state. Mr. Scarbro has had very good success with his work in South Dakota and has increased the membership for the clubs materially. Mrs. Scarbro accompanied him. They have been to Chicago where the Professor attended a convention, and from there they went to Cedar Rapids to visit her folks, coming from Cedar Rapids here. They left yesterday for their home at Brookings.

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The American Legion benefit picture, " The 168th Regiment," was shown at the Lyric theatre on Sunday, and drew immense crowds. The picture was pronounced very good, and gave the people an idea of what the boys went thru when they were "Over There."

—I—

The high school Annual, on which the Independent force has been working the past two weeks, is one-third completed.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGERSHIP, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912. OF THE BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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State of Iowa, Wright County, ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared R. A. Rankins, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is publisher of the Belmond Independent, and that the foregoing is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown.

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R. A. Rankins, Publisher.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of April, 1921.

(Seal.) C. M. MORSE

(My commission expires July 4, 1921)

JESUS SAVES

You are invited to hear the Gospel Story at

Methodist Episcopal Church

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Wright County, Iowa.

October Term, A. D. 1921.

Lillian H. A. Aldrich, Plaintiff,

vs

Nathan Aldrich, Defendant.

To Nathan Aldrich, Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, is now on file in the District Court, of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, claiming and asking that the bonds of matrimony, now existing between you and the plaintiff aforesaid, be dissovled, and that she be granted a decree of divorce, on the grounds of adultry committed by you; also asking for the allowance of temporary alimony in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and permanent alimony in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, also asking for the allowance of attorney fees for the compensation of her attorney; and that a writ of attachment has been issued herein by order of the Court, and that your personal property by virtue of the same has been attached and levied upon, to secure the payment of said sums mentioned as aforesaid.

For further particulars see petition now on file.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the October Term of said Court, which will commence at Clarion, Iowa, on the third day of October, A. D. 1921, default will be entered against you, and upon final hearing, the Court will render judgement against you, in favor of the plaintiff aforsesaid, for the said alimony; and costs of this action, as aforesaid; and that an execution will issue for the sale of so much of your property as may be necessary to satisfy said judgement, interest and costs, and for such other and further relief as to the Court shall seem equitable.

W. E. BULLARD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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WEAR GRANDAD'S HAT

The man who does not advertise because his grandfather did not, ought to wear knee breeches and queue.

The man who does not advertise because it costs money, should quit paying rent for the same reason.

The man who does not advertise because he tried it and failed, should throw away his cigar because the light went out.

The man who doesn't advertise because he doesn't know how himself ought to stop eating because he can't cook.

The man who does not advertise because somebody said it did not pay, ought not to believe that the world is round because the ancients said it was flat.—Business Printer.

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RECENT CHANGES IN DIRT

Among the recent changes in property here are recorded the following:

Eudora T. Richardson and husband to J. N. Johnson, ne 1-4 se 1-4 sec 19 and nw 1-4 sw 1-4 sec 20-93-23, $20,000.

G. F. Elder and wife and A. L. Luick and wife to James R. Thayer, e 12 ne 1-4 sec 2-92-24, ex ry, $13,223.

M. C. Barry and wife to S. A. Bohning, lots 1-2-11-12 blk 17 Morse Bros. add to Belmond, $1,200.

John Byl to E. A. Schmalle, in lots 3 and 5 sw 1-4 sw 1-4 sec 19-93-23, com w line Race st., Belmond, 660 ft e, 643.5 ft n sw cor, sec 19, n 95.15 ft, w 140.25 ft, n 280.5 ft, e 140.25 ft, n 16.5 ft, w 140.25 ft, thence w to s line C. G. W., 838.25 ft sw of pt where s line of ry crosses w line of Race st, thence swesterly along ry to w line of sec 19, s to pt 643.5 ft n of sw cor sec 19, east to beg., $6.000.

F. E. Ainger and wife to D. L. Cuppett, com 66 ft w nw cor lot 5 blk 3, Bartholomew add to Belmond, s 140 ft, 3 in, w 140 ft 3 in, n 140 ft 3 in, e 140 ft 3 in, in w 1-2 sw 1-4 sec 19-93 23, $1.00.

W. L. Kent and wife to Mabel C. Cline, ne 1-4 sec 31, se 1-4 se 1-4 and e 8A sw 1-4 se 1-4 sec 30-92_23, $1.00.

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LET'S CLEAN THE STREETS

This editorial is not offered in a spirit of criticism, but as a suggestion for improving the city, making a better impression on the traveling public, and beautifying the town.

The pavements of the town need cleaning, and need it badly. Everybody will agree to that. They are covered with the winter's accumulation of dirt and refuse on the streets not flushed by the hose. They are very disagreeable, not only to look at, but to housewives as well, for every wind sweeps a cloud of dust into the homes. And nothing makes the ladies more mad than to clean up the house and then have a film of dust spread over everything from the streets.

Whether the city treasury contains funds for cleaning the pavement or not, this paper is not prepared to say. But the suggestion is offered that the city authorities look into the matter and see whether there are sufficient funds to have the streets flushed from the city mains. The firemen we believe would undertake the job if it were made worth while, and the cost should not be prohibative. The streets could be quickly and easily cleaned by this method, without raising a disagreeable cloud of dust and without taking a very long time. It is self evident that they are in need of the cleaning. We have good streets, well paved, and it seems too bad to leave them covered with dirt all summer. The rain only washes the dirt to the gutter, and on some streets the gutters are now so choked with their accumulations of dirt that the flow of water is more or less blocked.

A little water, a little labor and a little funds will solve the question in the cheapest way. Let's go to it.

THE BALL TEAM

The efforts of local fans to form a base ball league among the towns in this neighborhood should meet with the support of the community. The plans as at present made, call for an all home team—no hired players either here or on the other towns' clubs. This means that the games played will be absolutely a home exibition by home men, that the receipts will all stay at home and the games be played for home people.

Belmond has plenty of talent for an all home team, and such a team should receive the united support of the ball fans of the city. The present plans do not call for a cent to be solicited to start the ball going; there are sufficient funds now in the treasury, together with the sale of season tickets, to start the ball going.

A good ball team means good clean amusement during the summer for the town, is something that most people enjoy, and the home team this year should have the loyal support of the community.

IF THE PAPERS PRINTED ALL THE NEWS

What a howl would go up; what a sensational time would be had; and how many bullets the editor would have to dodge if—the paper printed all the news!

For the most sensation news, the news that everybody knowns but that never sees print, is the news that is intentionally left out. Any newspaper man, every time he puts his paper to press, leaves out news that would start every tongue to waging in the town. An he leaves it out on purpose, because considers that to print iit would do more harm than than good.

Does the public, we wonder, realize and appreciate what a newspaper publisher has to decide; what he has to take responsibility for; when he puts his paper in the mails? He can unmake nearly every prominent citizen of his town; stir up a row in the churches that would break them wide open; and ruin the reputation of a lot of the controlling interests.

But he doesn't; he keeps still; and listens to them tell the rest of the world what's what. But if he wanted to—Boy howdy!

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Aid will hold their business meeting for the month in the parlors of the church on Thursday.

The Webster City Association meets at Alexander next Tuesday and Wednesday. A good program has been prepared and all who can are urged to attend.

Last Sunday was a banner day for attendance at all the services—the largest number at Sunday school for over six months. We hope to see more present next Sunday. We have a good superintendent and good teachers and we can accomodate about 100 more.

The solo by Miss Sideon and the music by the young peoples' choir was greatly appreciated by all. Come next Sunday night and enjoy the service with us. Miss Sideon has charge of the evening choir.

Sabbath school at 10:00, morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services at 8:00. Come.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

The attendance at the services last Sunday was very gratifying. Let's do as well or a little better next Sunday. Faithfulness is a very noble trait of character.

Harry Wolle came home Saturday night to spend Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle. Harry has charge of a ditching gang at Perry, Iowa.

—I—

Will Starnes has been on the sick list the past week or so, but is reported as being better at this writing.

—I—

Mr. Mickesel of the sugar company was a business caller out west several day last week.

—I—

The school base ball team has been practicing lately for their schedule of games, which commences this month.

—I—

Sunday was a real spring day, and as a consequence there were several hundred people out enjoying the day and the scenery. The American Legion benefit play being given on that day drew a large number of people, and the streets looked like a celebration day.

—I—

We have often wondered why LuVerne Smith walks to Belmond nearly every Sunday. At first we thought he went there to hold down a chair in some young lady's home but we have abandoned that idea, Vern is too bashful. At least we have discovered that he is official "spike counter" for the Rock Island Railroad between Klemme and Belmond. That is why he walks between Klemme and Belmond so often. Vern reports that there are 36,960 rail ties between here and Belmond, 31,335 spikes in the ties and that on each trip he takes 38,269 steps. He miscounted a few times and had to go back the next Sunday to verify the report. However the above is official and if you don't believe it walk to Belmond some Sunday with Vern and take an adding machine with you.Klemme Times.

Cheer Up

The Lord Still Lives and Reigns

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Bring in Your Winter Clothing

and have them Cleaned Up and Sterilized

KEEP THE MOTHS OUT THIS SUMMER

Listen! We have Reduced Our Prices on All Work!

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On all unsatisfactory purchases, we cheerfvlly refund money. A guarantee that insures every article sold by us.

LADIES FIRST

and gentlemen next. No doubt a good many men let their wives buy a spring outfit first. Now is your turn. We just received a new shipment of suits from Embey Tailors of Philadelphia, in the latest shades. STRIPES ARE THE THING THIS SPRING. It is featured in a wonderful display of double and single breasted suits, prices ranging from $19.50, $25, $27, $30, $35 and $40. A remarkable scope of selection in this popular style; two line, three line pin, pencil and chalkline stripes, in grays, browns, greens, blues and blacks and novelty weaves in all harmonious colors of the season's smartest models.

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Men's Neckties, remarkable values ---------- 25c, 65c, 98c, $1.25

SPECIAL FOR BOYS

Just received one lot of boys' French serges, an $18.00 value, at only ---------- $11.85

Sizes 14 to 18

Another good grade of serge, a $15 value, at only ---------- $9.95

One lot of boys' fine cassimere suits, $12.00 values, at only ---------- $8.50

Boys' knickerbocker Pants at ---------- 98c

Better grade, all wool cassimere ---------- $1.48

Boys' Blouses, all sizes, blue and brown ---------- 75c

Boys' Blue Work Shirts at ---- 49c

Boys' Stockings, for Friday and Satur day, a 45c value, at only ---------- 25c

Boys' Caps at ---------- 48c

A better grade at ---------- 98c

Men's Furnishings

For Friday and Saturday

Madras Shirts, narrow and wide stripes, at ---------- 95c

A better grade of fine percale, at ---------- $1.49

Men's O. K. Brand Work Shirts blue, grey and polkadot, at ----89c

Mens' Black Beauty brand Nsateen work shirts at -------- 95c

Men's Ribbed Union Suits, long or short sleeves, at ---------- $1.25

Men's octogon fibre silk hose for Friday and Saturday only, black, brown, grey, green, per pair ----------45c

Sox special, men's 15c sox in black or brown, per pr. ---------- 10c

Men's heavy overalls or jackets at ---------- $1.45

Boys' blue stripe overalls at ---- 69c

Children's play suits, special at ---------- 69c

Children's 2 piece wash suits, special at 98c and ---------- $1.49

Canvass gloves for ---------- 10c

Men's Shoes

A big value in dark brown Russian calf ---------- $3.50

Ask for No. A502

Other grades, $5.00, $5.50, $6.00 and ---------- $6.85

A combination last in brown calfskin or kid at ---------- $7.50

One lot of men's black shoes, odd sizes, $7.00 values, to close out at only ---------- $3.25

Men's outing shoes, $2.45, $3.25 and ---------- $1.00

Men's Thorogood brand work shoes, $3.75, $4.25 and ---------- $3.75

A large assortment of men's rubber boots, $3.50, $4.75 and -------- $6.00

Boys' first quality at -------- $2.50

Special on Men's Hats

Black, brown, green, grey and blue ot ---------- $2.50

Other grades at $3.50 up to -- $6.50

One lot of men's caps to close out at ---------- 48c

One lot men's caps, big values -- $1.25

Extra fine caps made up in pleated backs, in dfferent shades at -- $2.45

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HARRY MARK

THE CLOTHIER

17 So. Federal Ave. Mason City, Iowa Across from 5 and 10c Store

John Chandler and M. P. McComas of Kansas City, Missouri, were the guests of lady friends here last week a couple of days.

—I—

Miss Marion Luick was a guest at the home of Mrs. Mille Smith at Klemme on Sunday of last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spitler of Klemme were business callers here one day last week, looking after their farming interests.

—I—

Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Rabbit of this place were visitors at the home of friends in Klemme recently.

—I—

Some of the local fishermen have dug out the old tackle the past few days and tried their luck at the river. Some fair catches are reported of suckers. The reports say that the finny tribe are fairly plentiful this spring.

—I—

Bert Trumbell is attending high school at Klemme for the balance of the year.

—I—

The roads are in fine shape now, and auto owners hereabouts are taking advantage of them to enjoy a few joy rides. The roads have not been better in the spring for many years. Considerable graveling has been done in the county the past few months, and the roads this summer should be in first class shape.

—I—

Miss Mabel Starnes of this city was a recent guest at the home of friends in Klemme.

—I—

Mrs. Charles Papousek went to her former home town, Garner, last week for a few days' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jacobs.

—I—

Mrs. Papousek of Des Moines, mother of Charles Papousek of this place, died at her home last week. Charles has the sympathy of his many friends here in his loss.

—I—

Miss Catherine Pritchard arrived in Garner, Monday, for a visit of three weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pritchard and other relatives. Miss Catherine will complete her nurses training course in Chicago this spring.—Garner Recorder.

—I—

Mrs. Angus McDonald of Spirit Lake spent a few hours in Clarion Saturday calling on old friends. She was returning from Sycamore, Ill., where she had been called by the illness of her father, who was better when she left. Mr. MacDondald has been writing life insurance since retiring from the county auditor's office on Januaary 1.—Monitor.

Mr. MacDonald will be remembered by many Belmond people, as he was superintendent of the local schools for several terms a number of years ago.

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Charles Papousek's mother, residing in Des Moines, and who had been very ill for some time, died last week. Charles, who had been called to her bedside, arrived before she died. He has the sympathy of the entiere community in his loss.

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J. S. White was on the sick list a few days last week, suffering from an attack of tonsilitis.

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The local ladies drawn on the jury for the April term of district court, left for Clarion the first of the week to either serve or be excused.

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A number of local men were at the county seat last week, looking after some affairs at the district court. A number of local cases are up for trial at the present term.

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J. F. Howell of Rowan was a visitor in the town one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Leslie Reed of Alexander was a visitor with her father, J. J. Flynn, one day last week.

—I—

Joe Sampson drove up from Ackley the first of the week to spend Sunday with old friends here. He is in the moving picture business at Ackley and has enjoyed a splendid busininss. He was accompanied by his father, and the two returned to Ackley Monday.

—I—

The American Legion car, a Ford Coupe, has arrived and was on exhibition Sunday on the street. The car is to be raffled off in the near future, the boys now selling tickets on it at one dollar each.

—I—

Henry and Maurice Dillon oiled up their rifles Tuesday and went out to see what they could find to shoot at. They returned a while later with a full grown wolf and five cubs, secured about five miles south of town. The bounty on the animals made their trip a profitable one, to say nothing of the excitement.

Keith Carlston, a nephew of Ed. Carlston, died at the home in Kanawha last week from scarlet fever.

—I—

Mrs. F. E. Christie went to Waterloo last week Friday where she attended the funeral of her grandmother.

—I—

District court was adjourned yesterday, that the members of the bar might attend the funeral of Sheriff Fisher, held that afternoon at Eagle Grove.

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A. J. Lester arrived last week from California for a few weeks' visit and to look after some business matters. He was formerly a resident of this place.

—I—

The Kings Heralds meet this week Saturday at the home of Helen Luick at 2:30 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

—I—

Mrs. R. W. Beach who resides at Wapeton North Dakota, returned to her home on Saturday night after a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stacy.

—I—

Miss Shirley Brooks is suffering from a broken ankle suffered in a fall when she jumped from a buggy. Her horse started to run and she jumped.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moe are the parents of a baby boy born last week Friday morning.

—I—

The home of E. S. Fyler is under quarantine for small pox his brother being the victim. The disease is in only a light form.

—I—

Philip McBurney and Bert Nelson are spending a few days at the homes of their folks here before returning to Coe college to resume their school duties.

—I—

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay gave a birthday surprise party to Miss Jane Ramsay on Monday evening of this week. Twelve guests were present and a fine time is reported. A three-course supper was served and a jolly time enjoyed by the school ma'ams.

—I—

The Priscilla club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rufus Morse on this week Wednesday.

—I—

Miss Wallace returned to her home at Goldfield last week. She has been staying the past winter with her brother here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder of Newton Iowa drove to Belmond on last Saturday to spend the week end at the home of his parents.

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A number of the local ladies are planning on attending the missionary convention to be held his week Thursday at the county seat.

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Clara Eliason of Kanawha was a visitor with friends here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Gilbert of Eagle Grove was a visitor in the town on last week Friday.

—I—

Miss Inez Kent is spending a few days at the home of relatives in Dows this week.

—I—

Mrs. Walter Cameron of Rowan was a shopper here on last week Saturday.

—I—

C. E. Butterfield of Mason City drove over Monday with a load of household goods for his mother. He will take a load of furniture back with him for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis.

Mrs. Howard Moore went to her former home, Cedar Rapids, last week to get some of her belongings for her new home.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kent were recent guests of relatives at Des Moines and also to attend to some affairs of business.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Butts was a guest of relatives at Dows last week a few days.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Guest went to Iowa City last week to enter the hospital there for an operation.

—I—

Mrs. Alfred Englot and little son Edward left last Thursday for their home in Montana. They stopped at Mason City for a few days visit with relatives at that place.

—I—

Miss Betty Boardman of Marshalltown was a recent guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glenn Klemme.

—I—

Miss Mary Barry, accompanied by her two little nieces, was a guest of relatives and friends at Ackley one or two days last week.

—I—

Mrs. M. C. Barry is spending a few days at the home of her folks at Iowa City.

—I—

Mrs. G. L. Cutler of Clarion was a guest of relatives at this place last week.

—I—

Mr. Allen has rented the L. W. Wendell home in north Belmond, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell having recently moved to Nora Springs to make their future home.

—I—

Miss Matilda Skovlin came up last week from Des Moines, to spend a few days at the home of her folks here. She is employed at the capital building.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Courtney have returned from their visit at Dubuque.

—I—

Unknown thieves broke into the garage conducted by Mr. Kemp one night recently and stole some parts from a car that had been left there for repairs. The robbers gained an entrance thru a back window, leaving the same way. No trace has been found as to the guilty parties at this writing. The value of the aricles taken was small.

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GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING JOHN BERG CASE

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seven grand jurors serving the county in this investigation are G. H. Lewis, Eagle Grove; R. H. Lester, Goldfield; J. A. Lowden, Clarion; W. A. Burrows, Dows; Ole Melhus, Clarion; S. J. Packard, Renwick; and Newton Brown, Eagle Grove.

Blanche Jennings was divorced from Claude Jennings, formerly of Clarion. He was charged with a friendliness for John Barleycorn, and left home some time ago.

The divorce case of Lillian Aldrich vs. Nathan Aldrich was continued, because of lack of service.

C. N. Reese, suing W. L. Kent, was given judgement for $399.59, and $29.-97 and costs extra.

The Rowan State Savings bank, suing Tom and Mary Whitten, was given judgement for $428.83, with interest and attorney's fees and costs added.

The Parker-Gordon Cigar Co. secured judgement against Wm. Albert for the sum asked.

Thursday is naturalization day, and several applications for citizenship papers are being heard.

The April term of district court was begun Monday with Judge G. D. Thompson presiding. Assignments of cases for the term were made Monday and equity cases occupied the attention of the court until Tuesday evening when an adjournment was taken until Thursday.

The second week of the term will be devoted to the old cases set for trial, among which are the following:

H. Hodges vs. G. H. Jameson, law.

S. Michael vs. Chris Lammers, law.

Bridget Brennan vs. W. M. Wood, law.

John Orr, a minor, by his next friend, Jessie Orr, vs. Carol Brown, law.

E. F. Mosher vs. Chester Hunt, et al, law.

Robert Wildman vs. Clarence Franklin, law.

The National Finance Co. vs. C. A. Hettling, law.

Cement Products Co. vs. Berkland & Little, law.

James M. Fort, Adm., vs. G. H. Jameson, et al, law.

James M. Fort, Adm. vs. Farmers Grain & Lumber Co., Dows, law.

James M. Fort, Adm., vs E. Evens, Oscar Rhodes and Luella Rhodes, law.

James M. Fort. Adm., vs. Hans Peterson, law.

The following cases are assigned for the third week, but before they are cleaned up the court will take up criminal cases:

F. W. Spencer vs. E. Tyck, equity.

C. R. I. & P. Railway Co. vs. Board of Supervisors of Wright, et al, equity

O. O. Sandven vs. Board of Supervisors of Webster county, et al, equity

Severt Amonson vs. Board of Supervisors of Webster county, et al, equity.

Helen Ryerson et al vs. Board of Supervisors of Webster county, equity

L. E. Goslin vs. Bunah Irene Goslin, equity.

The Fort Dodge pawn broker charged with receiving stolen goods from the Goldfield and Woolstock stores, has been granted a continuance of his trial until the August term of court by Judge Wright. The Messenger makes the following mention of the matter:

In asking for a postponement of the trial, the defense stated that Mrs. Sarah Selicovitz, "who will testify to material and important things in the case," is unable to appear in court on account of serious illness. The witness, according to the motion, was present at the store when the transactions were made. Her testimony the defendant's counsel states, will be to the effect that the pawnbroker "paid a fair price for the merchandise purchased; that the boys told him they were closing out stock from their store in Minnesota, and that they came to the store at 10 instead of 7:30. a. m.

Selicovtz was bound over to the grand jury in December, 1920, after Sheriff George Bassettt and the sheriffs from Hamilton and Wright counties had raided the shop and seized a large quantity of goods identified as that stolen from merchants at Goldfield and Woolstock.

A message from Rochester was received yesterday (last Tuesday) stating that there was no change in the condition of Sheriff Bert Fisher, who has been near death for the past week. Mrs. L. L. Kirkpatrick, who has been with Mrs. Fisher at Rochester for the past two weeks, returned Monday. She reports that the nurses have given up hopes but that the doctor still thinks there is a chance.

The grand jury is reported to be investigating the case of Cashier Berg of the Belmond State Bank. It has been the general opinion of all that the matter should not be allowed to go unnoticed. While everyone expresses regret and sympathy for Mr. Berg, yet the laws of our land cannot be carried out along such lines.

A. M. Axen is suing Will Woosley for $185.37, alleged to be due as a balance on rent account. $392 was alleged to be due on hay and pasture rental. Plaintiff alleges he was to pay $7 per acre for hay and pasture land figured at 56 acres, but learned later on that there were only 46 acres in the grass land. He sets out credits on the excess because of labor, corn and twine, and claims an additional $24 for a hay sling outfit which was either removed from premises or destroyed.

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EXPLAINS WHY SCHOOL TAXES ARE SO HIGH

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fort should be made to attend this meeting, as fourth grade language work is difficult to teach, and all who attend will receive many helpful hints and suggestions.—A. M. R.

The boys' and girls' basket ball teams were royally entertained at the Sharon home Saturday evening, the hostesses being the Misses Thomas, Stedman and Sharon. All games indulged in pertained to basket ball. The guests tried their luck at basket shooting in a somewhat different manner than they used to. Some of the guards discovered they had missed their calling. At eleven o'clock the guests were asked to retire to the dining room where a delicious two-course lunch was served. A picture of both teams in a basket-ball folder was presented to each one, after, which the guests departed all carrying with them memories of a "wonderful" time.

A special assembly of the high school, with the eighth grade as visitors, was held last Friday afternoon for the purpose of awarding the "Honor B" to the members of the boys' and girls' basket ball teams who had earned them during the season just closed. Participation in six "association" games required. Miss Stedman and Mr. Skovlin as coaches, made very fitting presentation speeches, commending each player for giving the faithful practice and loyal support which is necessary for the coach to demand in order to build up a winning team. The following were recipients of the "B":

David Luick, William Vestweber, Merrill Stapley, Clifford Johnson, Irving Madsen, Lewis Parsons, Everett Parsons, William Tyrrell.

Beatrice Leavy, Agnes Dillon, Elaine Rierson, Mary Forristal, Katherine Thiltgen, Mabel Cramer, Leona Jacobs.

Mr. Skovlin was pleasantly surprised by the presentation of a charm in the form of a miniture basket ball as a token of the appreciation of the hours which he, as a business man, has given so willingly to the athletic interests of the school.

"Wonder what the high scool boys and girls tink about?" The cartoonist might endeavor to answer in his way, but we have another way. As we are given space in the next few weeks, we shall print several themes from members of the ten grade English class in which they ave endeavored to ezpress their opinion editorially.

Physical Training For Every Student

Phyical training should be a part of every school course and every student required to take it. This training should be given in school hours and an instructor hired for this purpose only. The classes should not be long and tiresome—let us say, classes from two to three times a week of forty or forty-five minutes each. A period like this with some well directed exercise, would corr many physical defects among our boys and girls.

We have at present perhaps thirty or forty students who are taking this line of work along with their other school duties. These persons get too much exercise, and the remaining members of the student body don't get any, which they are badly in need of. If B. H. S. intends to have good healthy students, capable of doing number one work, let them begin now providing opportunity for every student to use the gymnasium, and they will see the good results of this beneficial activity.—Mildred Parsons.

It Is Time To Act.

Belmond has no athletic field close to the school building. The school has always been able to rent Mr. Luick's pasture to play baseball in, but sooner or later, no doubt, this field will be sold for residence lots. There has also always been difficulty in paying the rent for the use of this lot. But the real disadvantage of using this field is that it is situated so far from the school that it can be used only for base ball. In future years the Belmond high school will want a football team, but they will have no convenient place to play.

The block just north of the school ground would make an ideal athletic field. This block could be purchased comparatively cheap now, to what it can be later when more houses are built upon it. At that, it would take nearly a year to clear it and get it ready for use. So it is very important that the matter be pushed if possible at once, while adjacent ground is available.—Winston Thiltgen.

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PART I.

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Moral Emblems.

Please don't skip this description of Robert Hervey Randolph—six feet straight up and down, broad of shoulder and narrow of hip. sandy-haired, blue-eyed, nose slightly up-ended and wearing a saddle of faint freckles, clean shaven, well groomed, very correctly dressed, and twenty-six years old. Let it be added that his eyes were placed just far enough apart to stamp him *forever honest*; he had an open and most prepossessing countenance.

At the moment of the start of this rapid yarn, he was standing in the Van Telliers' library, looking down in pained and flushed surprise at Miss Madge Van T., who was sitting in a huge leathern chair half facing the fire in the open grate, one leg very much under her, the other waving a satin-and-silk combination of foot and ankle in distracting accompaniment to her disturbing speech.

"Bobby," said Miss Van T., "you are darned good-looking; you're strong, straight, and a gentleman; there are times when you are wholly adorable, but, nevertheless, I'm not going to the show with you tonight, or to the opera tomorrow, or anywhere any more. There, there, dear boy; you don't have to say anything. You have one of those faces that is absolutely beyond the aid of a vocal organ. It says everything that is in your heart of gold before your brain has time to tinkle a bell."

"Look here, Madge," said the pained Mr. Randolph: "are you making fun of my face or of my brain or of both?"

"My dear," said Miss Van T. quite gravely, "*I'm not making fun of you* in any way whatsoever. I'm merely telling you how lovable you are, so that you will understand how serious it is when I say that I've decided not to love you any more."

"B-but how can you help it?" stammered Mr. Randolph, his tongue for once saying the same thing as his face at the same time.

Miss Van T.'s breast fluttered as though rising against its mistress to the defense of this disingenuous young man, and she was obliged to swerve her eyes from his and draw a long breath before she answered.

"I can, because I will," she said, her face paling. "Oh, Bobby, can't you wake up? Look round you and come to earth! You are born and bred on Manhattan, yet you've never seen New York."

"I guess you're right," said Bobby thoughtfully. "Look here, Madge: why should *I try to see* New York, and why should we be talking ash-cans when I've got you to look at in one of the most bewitching and abbreviated bits of dress goods that ever revealed a completely adorable person? Tell me that."

"Well," said Madge, her face hardening, "I will. It's a long story, not in words but in generations. The Van Telliers have lived in East Ninth street since the year one of the island. That is, they used to live here; now they hardly exist. They are merely an assorted lot of animated corpses that crawl out of their tomb periodically to take a strange air, leaning on a rotten stave called the 'Old Order.' Listen to this, Bobby: The new New York is a fever, and I've caught it. I want a rainy-day car, a calling-car, and a touring car; I want dresses that will stab with envy the heart of every woman that looks at them; I want my jewels to run to size and quality, and I want a yacht just for the papers to talk about, because I hate to ride in the smelly things."

Bobby's eyes had grown rounder and wider as the list progressed.

"Do you think you could get along on a hundred thousand a year?" he asked very softly.

"I don't know," she said slowly. "I've been going into the subject rather thoroughly, and a hundred thousand would be running it on a pretty close margin. By the way, just what is your allowance under that crazy will?"

"Ten thousand," said Bobby.

"Well," said Miss Van T., "there you are! Just enough to keep you comfortably in debt, and you want to marry me on it! It wouldn't be quite so out of the question if you knew you were going to have it forever, but you don't. It may be cut off—"

"Any day," said Bobby promptly. "It isn't likely, after all these years, but it may."

"Well, there you are!" Miss Van T. repeated herself. "I'm not altogether a pig, Bobby. Ten thousand with you thrown in is enough to make any woman think three times, but the truth is you have been killed by too little and too much kindness. If you had never gone on as super for a disappearing heiress, you might have amounted to something by now. Instead of making you, that money has buried you."

"You don't know me altogether, Madge," said Bobby. "Do you think I've never thought things out? When I need to make money, I'll do it. The great thing nowadays, it seems to me, is not to have too much."

"Not to have too much!" exclaimed Miss Van T., a puzzled frown on her forehead. "Bobby, do you know that you've said something original? No; I won't put it quite as strong as that, but I will say that you've given birth to an exotic idea.

"But it doesn't alter things as far as I am concerned," she continued, almost without a pause. "In fact, it only simplifies matters. You've signed the warrant. I want loads of money; you're afraid of having too much. So we'd better turn our backs on each other and march."

Mr. Randolph looked at her through narrowed eyes.

"I suppose," he said, "you have picked out the man with a hundred thousand a year?"

"Not finally," said Miss Van T., "though they are not so scarce in this hurly-burly world as your question implies. After all, it isn't the cash I'm keen on, but what it will bring. If necessary, I'll earn my own living."

"Earn your own living!" exclaimed Mr. Randolph. "Will you please tell me how you could earn anything?"

"Well," said Miss Van T., "I've had a couple of offers without even asking. When I tried to jew Simon Simon down on this very frock on the grounds that I was hard up, he said, in the nicest way, that he would take me on at sixty a week any day during the next five years."

"And the other?" asked Mr. Randolph.

"The other," said Miss Van T., dropping her eyes, "was Beacher Tremont. He wasn't quite so nice, but he offered more. He said he was looking for a private secretary, who could name her own price."

"During the next five years—at your own price," repeated Bobby, his mind dazed but nevertheless going straight to the kernel of each proposition. "Madge, do you know what you're saying? Do you know the horrible things you infer?"

She moved one hand impatiently.

"Bobby," she said, "don't get theatrical. I tell you New York is a fever. I've caught it, and I'm not a bit sorry. The choice between being a Van Tellier corpse and a fastish woman is easy. The semi-declassees of New York, if they play for high enough stakes, have a world of their own that is worth moving in. Money is merely an adjunct to it—nothing but the bridge across which clever men come to show themselves off at their untrammeled best."

"Madge," said Bobby, at once frightened and earnest, "you only half know what you're talking about. There is such a world as you speak of—it's the world of insatiably hungry women. It's brilliant and fascinating for a while, but it breathes a poisoned air, and all its roads lead down. Every woman that goes into it with her eyes open has an idea that, with her beauty and her brains, she can buck the tiger and get away with it. She won't look over her shoulder and read the record of an endless losing run on the black."

"It Would Take Me Years to Learn to Kiss You Again."

Miss Van T. smiled.

"I'm already beginning on my reward," she said. "You've never talked so well before in your life."

"It's more than talk," said Bobby, flushing angrily. "And the ways of access that you have imagined!" he continued. "You read happy stories to the public taste of midinettes, showroom girls, and dress-models, and perhaps you think they mirror the life. Why, Madge, the taunts that those girls fling indifferently at virtue and at vice are so vile that they couldn't be repeated even among half-decent men. And the other way, the private door for the private secretary. That's a road of burned bridges. Every man, decent or indecent, feels a queer sinking of the heart when he hears of a woman taking it." He looked at her shrewdly. "And yet you may do it," he said, half to himself. "If you are one of the hungry women, God help you, for they all walk blindfolded."

"They don't walk," said Madge, flushing, and her eyes gleaming strangely. "That's just the point: they rush, whirl, and—"

"And crash," finished Bobby.

"That's the very word," said Madge. "If you'll only keep on the way you've started, I'd love to talk to you all night."

"No chance of that," said Bobby, straight-lipped. "I'm through, and I'm going." He turned toward the door.

"Not without kissing me good-by, Bobby!" cried Madge.

He looked over his shoulder with a polite but impersonal smile.

"I'm not much on kissing strange women," he said lightly. "It would take me years to learn to kiss you again."

He left the room and the house.

With his top-hat pushed back on his head, the ends of his muffler flying loose, his overcoat half unbuttoned, he swung up the deserted lower reaches of the Avenue, punctuating his thoughts with the solid rap of his stick on the pavement. It might be supposed that he was thinking and mourning over the sudden demise of the Miss Van Tellier he had thought he had known for many years, but such was not the case.

Mr. Randolph was not built on mourning lines; at the moment under review, he was thinking about himself and the strange fate that had made him a foster-child of fortune. He proceeded to look back ten years. Just a decade ago he had had his one meeting with the young lady whose disappearance had brought him an unstable affluence. It had taken place on this very avenue and less than forty short blocks away. He had reason to remember the encounter, for it had brought into sudden conjunction a lovely Persian cat, a lovely wire-haired terrier, a lovely child, and himself. The cat had dashed from a proud front door to cross Forty-something street under the nose of a taxi-cab; the dog had flown in yapping pursuit and, in the act, yanked his young mistress off her pins. He, Mr. Randolph, had seized one of her flying feet, hauled her and the terrier back to safety, and no sooner placed her upright and smoothed down her absurdly short skirts than he, she, and especially it, the dog, became the center and circumference of an animated pinwheel.

Her unshaken determination to hold to the leash, whatever happened, brought disaster. The said leash wound three times round her ankles and those of Mr. Randolph, bringing them both down kerplunk and facing each other. "My, what a bump!" she had cried, in startled tones, and then thrown back her curly head and laughed.

It was so that he remembered her—a child of ten or eleven summers and no winters, merry as a sunny day, dark-haired, dark-eyed, pink-cheeked, pampered but unspoiled. She had risen and taken his hand, told him her name, thanked him, ordered a flurried nurse to thank him, shaken her finger at the terrier, and said, "Good-by" and "Come on, Maggie," all while he was still rubbing the seat of his first long trousers.

On that day she had been Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton, petted darling of the gods and Mr. Brewster Thornton, banker and widower; two months later had come Thornton's financial smash and, immediately afterward, his spiritual, moral and bodily collapse. Everything that had made for life in him having been swept away, he died as a matter of course, and was buried. For sole inheritance, little Genie Thornton found herself possessor and possessed of one Maggie O'Rourke, a nurse of long standing, of earnest and faithful face, and a monster heart imprisoned in a pitifully thin chest.

It had taken Genie's great-uncle, Asa Thornton, six more months to forget a quarrel of sixteen years' standing with his nephew, and by that time child and nurse had been seeped into that lower world which can't afford morning and afternoon editions and is too busy praying for daily bread to look for a rain of manna in the daily press.

In short, Maggie and her charge, traced down the ladder of reputable, disreputable and impossible lodgings, had slipped ultimately from sight and the ken of people with addresses, and, as a result, Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph, whose relationship to Mr. Asa Thornton is of no import whatever to this tale of cause and effect, came into ten thousand a year and a string—the string being the possible reappearance of Miss Imogene Pamela.

"Bob," had said old Asa, on the verge of a tardy demise, "I'm not introducing you to a war between conscience and self-interest. There's no silly story-book test about my money; you are under no obligation to look for Imogene or to shout if you step on her by any twist of chance. My lawyers have all the instructions necessary along those lines; they are to make every reasonable effort, and if they succeed, wh· you're man enough to look out for yourself. It—it isn't going to make a devil of a lot of difference to me where the cash goes so long as I die with—die with the credit."

With that last sentence, his mind had stumbled and wandered off to memories of his nephew Brewster. Looking back from the vantage of twenty-six years, Randolph caught, for the first time, the full import of Asa Thornton's farewell words to him and to life: "Die with the credit." They held the kernel of the old man's carefully measured amend.

"Great old top!" murmured Mr. Randolph aloud, and half unconsciously turned to the left at Forty-second street. Five minutes later he was caught in the maelstrom of the Thanksgiving crowd milling around Times square.

Presently he found himself on the edge of a human sea, banked up to give passage to a honking empty taxicab. Here was another question for a suddenly inquiring mind. Where did taxi-cabs, empty ones, go to in such a hurry? The door of this one was swinging open, and the proof of how intent the crowd was on its myriad individual goals is evidenced by the fact that a dozen voices did not inform the driver that the season was off for fans on wheels.

The cab was moving more slowly than Mr. Randolph's subconscious mind, which led him to step into it and quietly close the inviting door. Upon seating himself, he tried to analyze the impulse that had lifted him from the curb. He decided that it was not so much the curiosity as to the destination of empty cabs as a natural and ancient dislike for being pushed and elbowed by people.

It was not long before the cab, unwittingly loaded for bear, drew up with a final honk at the stage-door of the Crocodile. Immediately came a rasping voice that was vaguely familiar to Mr. Randolph.

"Well," it said, "you sure took your own time getting here." The driver, expert in aggravating repartee without words, pressed the bulb of his atrocious horn three times. "Cut it out!" said the rasping voice. "There isn't any hurry now."

It was incredible, reasoned Mr. Randolph with himself, that anyone should forget that voice once heard, and he was right. He remembered it. It was the voice of Mr. Duke Beamer, whom he had had the distinct pleasure of blackballing for one club in college and three in town. Mr. Beamer, to his honest mind, was the best living example of animated slime in tailor-made clothes.

Mr. B. was not alone; Mr. Randolph could just see his companion through the slant of the half-raised window-glass, and even that distorted glimpse was very close to a vision. The girl was young, beautiful, and troubled. Her cheeks were thin and pale, her parted lips aquiver; her chin was atremble. Of course she was very cheaply but neatly clothed.

"Make up your mind," said the rasping voice. "Ride with me or walk the streets by yourself, and don't forget that there's no job behind you. You've said good-by to that door for good."

The girl's wan face went through that contortion which says, "I won't cry," and doesn't, thereby achieving a pity beyond the meed of tears. The quivering of her lips, the trembling of her chin grew more pronounced—only to steady down as she swept up stricken and imploring eyes to the face of the unseen man.

"Oh, Duke," she begged, "promise—promise you'll be always good to me."

"Of course, little one," said the rasping voice, promptly and much relieved, promising lightly to pay on demand, in full for a soul delivered in advance. "You'll never regret it, believe me."

The girl tore her doubting eyes from his face and stepped toward the cab. Mr. Randolph made himself exceeding small in the corner nearest the curb. An unseen agent opened the door; the girl slipped in and turned to seat herself; her escort made to follow. Then did Mr. Randolph suddenly lean forward and proceed to push in the face of Mr. Beamer with his open hand and the full weight of his shoulder. That astonished scion of a once gentlemanly house reeled backward and sat down on the pavement kerplunk.

"My, what a bump!" spoke a keen young voice over Mr. Randolph's shoulder, but he was too occupied to take note of it at the time. He leaned far out so that the driver could get the full effect of his modish top-hat and spoke cryptic words.

"My, What a Bump!"

"Ten dollars' worth of the park," is what he said.

The driver welcomed the sudden apparition with a friendly grin, honked defiantly three times, and threw in the clutch. They were off, and trailing after them came such a string of blasphemous utterances as made Mr. Randolph wince.

The girl was laughing. No longer did her eyes search for a gleam they thought they had lost forever. It was there within them, come back to rollick in her pupils and spill itself in reckless spending.

"Oh! Oh! What a bump!" she gasped.

"Funny, wasn't it?" said Mr. Randolph weakly.

"Awfully," said the girl.

Thereupon fell a long silence. The cab cut across the traffic, reached the Avenue, and eventually the dark park before Mr. Randolph found anything further to say.

"Funny, wasn't it?" he remarked.

The girl cast him a startled look.

"Why," she gurgled, "that's what you said before."

"So I did," said Mr. Randolph, frowning thoughtfully. "So I did. By the way, what's your name?"

The girl caught her breath and swallowed her laughter.

"Vivienne Vivierre," she said, after a pause.

"How awful!" commented Mr. Randolph. "One of those deliberate alliterations that go with the back row of the chorus."

"Front row," Vivienne defended promptly, but unsmiling. Her lips twitched down at the corners. "At least, it was front row."

"I know," said Mr. Randolph. "You've been fired. I heard what Beamer said to you. How long have you known that snake?"

"Not very long," she answered. "He got me on, and I suppose he got me off." She drew a long breath and turned appealing eyes to Randolph. "Please," she said, "don't let's talk about him. I want so to be happy for a few minutes. I love the park at night with its border of lights. Let's play a game."

"'A game?'" said Randolph doubtfully.

"Yes. We'll guess which is Central Park West and which is One Hundred and Tenth street and which is the avenue. It is not as easy as you think after you've been going round a while. I'm feeling d-dizzy a-already."

"You are!" exclaimed Mr. Randolph. "Well, let me tell you it isn't from buzzing round a two-mile circuit. What did you have for dinner?"

Miss Vivienne shut her lips tight.

"Won't you please play my game?" she asked faintly.

Mr. Randolph frowned as though considering the subject very seriously, but the matter that held his attention was not the proposed guessing-match. That would not have been fair nor amusing, as the deadlights of his own very comfortable apartment blinked at him every time they came to Fifty-ninth street. He was justifying to himself a very questionable move. He wished to feed this stray damsel and, at the same time, talk to her with a purpose. He could not see himself doing it in a cabaret, and every hotel supper room had already become one of those things. He came to a decision and spoke.

"I'll take a hand in your game, all right, but not just as you think. Do you—would you trust me?"

Immediately the girl was on her guard. She looked into his face and read it.

"I would never have thought of not trusting you if you hadn't asked that old, old trap question," she said gravely.

"Forget that I asked it," said Mr. Randolph promptly, and leaned out to give the driver his address. A thin-lipped and weary scorn was still on that individual's face when he drew up before Mr. Randolph's abode and honked three times derisively to the world in general as seen from the front of a taxi.

"Wait," said Mr. Randolph to the jehu, as he handed out the girl. She paused with one foot half-way to the curb, but that single word directing anything as expensive as a taxi to stand by reassured her.

Randolph preceded her to show the way and turn on lights. He never looked back to see if she followed, and this implied trust in herself seemed to drag her after him up the single flight of stairs that led to his rooms.

"Old-fashioned but cozy," he said, as he applied a latch-key and opened a door that gave directly on a large square sitting room. "I hate elevators in a place you call home."

In an open grate was a dying wood fire. He proceeded to poke and feed it at once, saying over his shoulder:

"Sit down anywhere, will you?"

Facing the fire was a deep and much worn leathern couch, with a pedestal at each end carrying shaded lamps. They were the only ones he had lighted and their glow was so subdued that it blended with that of the fire without fighting it. The girl chose to seat herself stiffly in a corner of this couch.

Mr. Randolph looked at her rigid pose with marked disapproval, but said nothing. Having rejuvenated the fire till it leaped merrily to an attack on the fresh backlog, he left the room and was absent for a considerable time. When he returned, it was to place a small table before his guest, and then he fetched a tray well loaded with those things which grace in perpetuity a healthy bachelor's larder.

He drew up a chair for himself and, with an inviting nod, started to eat a great deal and very rapidly.

"Get in on the lunch while there's time," he admonished. "I warn you there's nothing more in the house."

The girl gave him a grateful look and proceeded to fill herself with the most sustaining food within reach. She did not fail to note that there was nothing to drink but water. When they could eat no more, Mr. Randolph removed the table, and then seated himself in the opposite corner of the couch.

"You don't seem to be at ease here," he said presently. "If you think you'll be more comfortable, we can go down and sit in the cab. I want to talk to you."

The girl considered gravely for a moment; then her face broke into a rippling smile that swept up and settled in her eyes. She reached for a cushion, put it at her back, tucked one

"Now Talk," She Said.

foot under herself, and waved the other in the same fashion as had Miss Van Tellier earlier in the evening.

"Now talk," she said.

"Do you like me?" asked Mr. Randolph.

She nodded her head.

"You're not afraid to be here?"

She shook denial.

"Have you ever been in a man's room before?"

She looked him straight in the eyes and made no other sign.

It was Mr. Randolph's turn to flush.

"Then," he said, "if you like me and if you're not afraid, please begin at the start and tell me all about it."

The girl's eyes fell and sought the fire. Her face slowly paled to the shade of her somber thoughts. She was no longer pretty; she was beautiful, with a revealing transparency that made her seem unfleshed, a disembodied spirit of sincerity and truth, indubitably pure.

"I had a nurse once," she said, in a low voice, "and a wire-haired terrier, a show-dog and a darling. His name was Sport." She raised solemn eyes to Randolph's face as though measuring his powers of understanding. "My nurse died and then, one day, I had to sell Sport; I wasn't old enough to sell myself."

She stopped speaking with an unmistakable finality. Randolph was overwhelmed by the flood of information that this slip of a girl had packed into two-score words. A life-story in four lines and a revelation of the heart thrown in for good measure! Over and above that, he had to reckon with the confirmation of a suspicion which had been slowly establishing itself in his mind that he had met her before, that not for the first time this night had those soft lips, curved for merry words, cried, "My, what a bump!" within his hearing.

So many considerations pressed to his immediate attention that he awoke to the actual present too late to stem the tide of tears that suddenly rose to the girl's eyes.

"Oh," she sobbed, "what is to become of me? I was so happy here, if you hadn't made me think!"

If anything has been said in the course of these pages to give the impression that Mr. Randolph was modeled after Joseph or hewn out of ice or packed with probity to the exclusion of red blood, forget it. At the sight of those tears, he slid the length of the couch to first base, fielded the girl in his arms, switched her round so that she lay across his knees, drew her face against his shoulder, and rocked her gently.

"You poor kiddie," he said softly, "what a devil of a time you've had! But believe me when I tell you it's all over. This is the night that starts your old happy sun into the blue sky again. Don't worry."

She stopped crying and looked up into the honest face so close to her own, puzzling as to how just those words could have come from it; but the world had taught her a hard lesson in varying standards. She drew a long quivering sigh.

"If you could only wait until I love you, body and soul," she breathed.

"What on earth do you mean?" asked Mr. Randolph.

"Why, then it wouldn't be so bad—so ugly."

"I don't get you," remarked Robert Hervey.

"A man told me just a little while ago that he was making a catalogue of reasons why women give themselves," she continued. "He had eleven already, and yet he was one of the nicest men I've met. He talked to me as though he were showing me a way that I must travel alone."

"Really?" said Mr. Randolph, stiffening perceptibly.

"The lowest reason of all was for cold cash," she went on, as though he had not spoken. "Then came the glitter of precious stones, and, after that, silk underwear."

FIRST BALL GAME PLANNED FOR SUNDAY

The first base ball game of the season is planned for this coming Sunday afternoon, at the local diamond east of the Rock Island depot. The game will be between two local teams, and will be simply a practice game. It will be the first of several such games before the regular season opens up. Those who will form the two teams Sunday are:

Catchers—Morse and Fulton.
Pitchers—Thomas, Wenzell, Dillon, Chapman, Skovlin and Foss.
First base—Packard and Atty. Jensen.
Second base—Jones and Kaufman.
Third base—Heinsch and Wolf.
Short stop—Collins and Scott.
Right field—Parsons and Nelson.
Center field—Harbison and Amblie.

Left field will be filled by the extra pitchers when they are not in the box.

It is expected to arrange the final details of the base ball league this week, a meeting being held for that purpose. As soon as everything is arranged, the schedule of games will be announced.

The game Sunday will start at 3:00 o'clock, and will be free of charge, no admission being charged at the gate.

For Indigestion and Constipation.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Melard F. Craig, Middle Grove, N. Y. They work like a charm and do not gripe or leave any unpleasant effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy

CONTEMPLATIONS

I've dabbled in rhetoric, waded in Greek,
Thru chemistry hewn me a path,
I've pondered accounting until I was weak,
And swum boldly forth into Math.
I've studied Psychology, ethics, geology,
Harked to the Clarion call
Of collge and learning, for knowledge I'm yearning,
But what is the use of it all,
At all,
Oh, what is the use of it all?

There'll come graduation, I'll find occupation,
Existence that's meagre and lean;
While a respected safe-blower will move in next door
And ride in a big limousine.
But professors don't gimme instructions in "jimmy,"
How to burgle a safe in a wall.
We delve in in the mystery of Spanish or his'try,
And what is the use of it all,
At all,
Oh, what is the use of it all?

With my education and some concentration
I'll hold me a job as a clerk,
I'll keep my position thru constant ambition
And strictest attention to work.
And while I endeavor to keep ends together,
Some yap who can clout a base ball
Gets great compensation without education
Oh, what is the use of it all,
At all,
Oh, what is the use of it all?

Some chap pugilistic, with tendencies fistic,
Who can scarce write his name on the checks,
May fight thirty minutes and find there's no limits
To the size of the purse he collects.
The man with the learning at night comes returning
To three rooms, a kitchen and hall;
While the bird who can wrestle may live in a castle;
Oh what is the use of it all,
At all,
Oh, what is the use of it all?

—Coe College Cosmos

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cough.

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WANT ADS

WANTED

WANTED—Cattle to pasture. Phone 1503-Belmond, or address Lars Grindem, Kanawha, Iowa. 212*

WANTED—Plain sewing. Phone 848. 221c

WANTED—Base ball games with American Legion or town teams. Write or phone H. W. Cain, Mgr. American Legion team, Rowan, Iowa. 211c

Wanted—A few cattle to pasture. Phone 3710. 8tf

FOR SALE

For Sale—Some mixed hay. Phone 1812. Ed. Jenison. 20tfc

Buff Rock Hatching Eggs for sale. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tfc

For Sale—Early Ohio seed potatoes. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tf

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MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—To Goodell, Alexander, Rowan and Meservey customers: We pay parcel post one way on all Dry Cleaning and Pressing. Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree, Prop. 202c

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E. G. Miller, speeding, fined five dollars and costs.

V. F. Mikesell, speeding, fined five dollars and costs.

C. H. Veeder, speeding, fined five dollars and costs.

Paul Van Buskirk, running auto without lights, fined five dollars and costs.

Cyril McGuire, speeding, fined five dollars and costs.

Ben Cumminers, running auto with cut out open, fined five dollars and costs.

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Senior Class Play To Be Given Next Month

"Nothing But The Truth," Class Play, To Be Given About May 16—Many School Doings.

FIRST BALL GAME AT CORWITH

ybody is busy as this week closes the 5th six-week period of the year. Only six more weeks of the school year remains, but much is to be done.

More play-ground apparatus arrived this week and we hope to get it in place and ready for use before school closes. The new apparatus, the traveling rings, will be of interest to the upper grades and high school pupils as well as the lower grades

No more cold weather wanted by the ball team, as we have had very little chance to practice and get ready for Hampton, April 27, the first home game of the season.

The ball team expects to go to Corwith next Friday, if weather and roads permit, and expect a hard but victorious game.

Now is the time to plan to attend the remaining events of the school year.

April 29 ____________Grade Operette
May 6 __ Cho-Cho, the Health Clown

The class play will probaby be held during the week of May 16. It promises to be the best play for several years. "Nothing but the Truth" is highly recommended.

Commencement week, May 30-June 3.

Last Saturday evening the members of the Freshman class gathered at the high school gymnasium for their second class party. The entertainment had been well planned and games were provided to occupy the entre evening.

Physical Exercise A Necessity

There has long been a question in the minds of the school officicials as to whether they should require every pupil in high school to take physical exercise or not. There is only one answer to this question. It should be required, for what a student do in his school work with a poorly developed body? Of course, the opposing side would raise as an argument the fact that some pupils are not physically able to take athletic exercises. We admit this fact to be true; still, with a good physician's aid, these students, who have weak hearts or other physical defects, could be found and excused from active training or given work especially adapted to their condition.

There is still another unanswerable argument on the affirmative side. As we have good a gymnasium, why not use it for the benefit of every student in high school, instead of the few—not more than thirty at present "reaping the harvest" from it. The only ones who are now obtaining any benefit from the gym are the members of the basket ball teams The only pupils who will be admitted into the basket ball squads are those who aready have good physical health Therefore, it is only the pupils who do not especially need the physical training who are at present obtaining it. With these unquestionable facts in mind, I sincerely hope that the school board will take immediate steps to have physical training a required part of the school activities.—Leona Reed.

Why Be Untidy?

Tht looks of the halls of the school building could be much improved by an intensive cultivation of the habit of tidiness on the part of each individual pupil. Coats and other wraps are hung on the locker doors, which are usually wide open. Hooks are provided for the wraps, so why not use them? Books, papers and various other articles are strewn around on the floor outside of the lockers. It is not an uncommon thing to hear someone saying, "I can't find my pencil," or, "My notebook's gone." Have you seen anything of it?"

If the books and papers are kept tidy, in the lockers, not only time and money could be saved, but the appearance of the hall would be vastly improved.

A pupil is judged by his attitude toward keeping other people's property as well as his own. B. H. S. does not want any of its pupils to be thought of as careless or disinterested in those details which tend to make their school the best in the country.—Cloe Thomas.

The literary program of last Friday was marked by the appearance of an unusual number of freshmen in individual contributions. When that ordeal is over, the freshman feels that he is truly initiated into the society.

Following is thhe program as given:

Reading ______ Beatrice Davenport
Piano solo ______ Wilma Thompson
Reading ____________ Nellie Murphy
Original story ________ Grace Leavy
Reading ____________ May Starnes
Discussion: Resolved, That our forefathers enjoyed life more than we do.

Affirmative—Grace Quigley, Alphia Bayliss, Lois Reed.

Negative—Ralph Tiara, Ralph Hedges.

B. H. S. Newspaper.

Editorials—Gladys Dziwanowski, Ethel Luick.

Class News—Coetta Foster, Opha Thompson, Josie Kallestad.

Adv.—Ira Sturebaker.

Athletic—Glenn Rierson

Poem—Emma Jacobs

Current Events—Matilda Lutz

School Organizations—Leila Dibble

Miss Mary Barry visited grade 1 last Thursday.

The following pupils received gold buttons as awards in Penmanship:

Marian Luick
Earl Johnson ,
Marview Hanson
Lorena Ersland
Stanley Moe
Hans Jorgenson
Gaylord Gunderson
John Zieger
Edward Obrect
Edwin Niering
James Koall
Maynard Harty
Albert Rhul

Ex-Cashier Indicted By Grand Jury On Two Counts

Ex-Cashier Who Misappropriated Funds From Bank To Face The Court On Two Charges.

BONDS ARE PLACED AT $20,000

John Berg, ex-cashier of the State Bank of this place, and who misappropriated the funds of that institution, last fall, was indicted by the grand jury last week on two counts. Bonds were fixed at thirty thousand dollars, and it is understood these bonds were later reduced to twenty thousand.

The bonds have been furnished, a number of local men standing good for them.

It is not known at this time when Berg's trial will take place. He is represented by three attorneys, Jensen of Belmond, Files of Webster City, and Birdsall of Clarion.

A number of local men, and some of the bankers of the county, were called before the grand jury. On what counts he was indicted is not known, the report being that one of them was in connection with Liberty bonds, which he is alleged to have used unlawfully.

Mr. Berg has been at the Steele hospital here for several days, being ill. Dr. Steele has been deputized as deputy sheriff.

Mr. Berg has made no effort to make a "get away," and the fixing of his bonds at the amount stated was more form than need.

Walt Ramsay came up from Des Moines last week to spend a few days at the home of his brother Wallace and to meet old friends.

Another Pioneer Goes On The Long, Long Trail

G. H. Richardson, Pioneer Banker Of Belmond Dies In California After Lingering Illness.

FOUNDED FIRST BANK HERE

The people of Belmond were saddened last week when word was received here that G. H. Richardson had died at his home in Rialto, California.

Mr. Richardson died on Tuesday night, April 12, after but a few days of serious illness. He was in bed but five days. Altho he had been failing for several years, the friends had hoped that the change of climate would restore him to his natural state of health. Death was due to advanced age and the infirmities incidental to it.

The body was brought back to Belmond, his home for many years and from which place he moved a year and a half ago to California. Funeral services were held yesterdy at the Congregational church, of which he was a member and had long been a faithful worker, the Rev. Northrop of Parkersburg, a former pastor, preaching the sermon and the local lodge of Masons in charge.

Interment was in Franklin Grove cemetery, beside some of his family. tives.

Mr. Richardson was born in Waterloo, Canada, 77 years ago, February 7, 1844. He came to Belmond from Alden in the days just after the civil war. For a time he was engaged in the stock and grain buying business, having charge of the old elevator at the Iowa Central tracks.

Later he founded the first bank in Belmond, The Iowa Valley Bank, later changed to the First National Bank. This bank was a private bank, but Mr. Richardson's dealings were so fair and acomodating that the bank prospered greatly, and he was enabled to erect the present building occupied by the First National up to the time of its consolidation with the State Bank.

Mr. Richardson was a member of the local Masonic lodge, and for a time was Master of the lodge. He had always been prominent in pubic works and improvements, had been numbered among the progressive citizens of the town, and made a host of friends both in his private and business ilfe.

A complete obituary will be printed next week.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Of Whited Post No. 247, Department of Iowa G. A. R.

Whereas, The Supreme Commander has seen fit in His wise providence to remove one of our most loyal and active members from our Post, Comrade D. L. Cuppett, he will be missed by every comrade at our future meetings.

Resolved: That Whited Post extend their heartfelt sympathy to the son and daughters and other relatives of our departed comrade.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Post and printed in the Herald-Press and Independent.

Committee:
F. Christie
C. A. Church
G. W. Cram

THE NEW CIGARET LAW

The new cigarette law requires all dealers in small towns to pay a license of $50 a year. The fee for small cities is $75 and for the large places it is $100, says the Clipper. Those who pay the amounts named are supposed to take a special interest in the enforcement of the law. If they violate the law their $1,000 bond will be surrendered. License fees go to town and city treasuries and the stamp fee to the state treasury. It is believed that the new law will bring $1,000,000 a year into the state, town and city funds.

FORMER BELMOND WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

Mrs. David W. Colvin, Resident Of Belmond Many Years Ago, Dies At Home In Pocahontas.

The Pocahontas Democrat recently carried an item of the death at her home there of Mrs. David W. Colvin, who will be remembered by the older people of Belmond as a former resident of this place. She and her husband were engaged in the restaurant business here some twenty or twenty-five years ago. The Democrat said in part:

The people of Pocahontas were given a shock Thursday morning of last week when it was learned that Mrs. D. W. Colvin had died suddenly during the night at her home in this city. Wednesday afternoon she was seen on the street by her friends and from all appearances was in the best of health. She chatted and visited with them and was in a very happy state of mind and spoke of several plans she had made for the coming summer.

Hattie May Forest was born at Waterford, Washington county, Ohio on March 15, 1871. In the summer of 1887 she was united in marriage at Beverely, Ohio, to David Colvin. They made their early home in Waterford, and at Morris, Ill., coming to Iowa in 1891, taking up their residence at Ames and several other places in northwest Iowa. Twenty-one years ago they located in Pocahontas and have continued their residence here until the time of her sudden death on March 30.

The Independent wants to furnish you all the news, and to do it must have your help. If you know any news, phone it to 115. Thank you.

Prospects For Band Appear To Be Better

Band Boys In Touch With Leader And Will Hold Meeting This Week To Consider.

OLD PLAYERS PROMISE TO PLAY

The band boys will have another meeting this week, and the prospects right now appear to be first class for a good band here this summer.

The boys are negotiating with the leader of the Hampton and Ackley bands, an experienced musician who has gained a wide reputation for the work he has done.

This leader has been leading the Ackley band for several years. He received $1,200 a year last year, and the business men of that place gave him a six hundred dollar raise this year, so that he is now receiving for this year's work $1,800.

The leader spends two days a week at Hampton and two at Ackley, and has promised, if arrangements are completed here, to spend the same time at Belmond with the band. It is also planned to have him conduct classes in music during his two days here each week, and there are already a number of prospective pupils.

The boys, when definite action on the band has been taken, will notify the Chamber of Commerce, who will then start the campaign for funds. A trifle over $1,300 was raised last year for the band, but there are a number of business establishments which were not on the list last year who are expected to be on this season, for it will require as much or more money to carry the program thru this year.

It is at present planned to have a four months' concert season, beginning about the first of June. The prospects so far are good, the boys are willing to concede much, and with a little boosting the town can have its band. Get behind and push, for Belmond needs the band; we can't afford not to have it.

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING ON STREET CHANGES

Desire To Rename Spruce Street, Main Business Street, And Call Side Streets By Numbers.

ASK SUGGESTIONS ON NAME

Independent Offers Five Dollars In Cash For Best Name Submitted For Spruce Street.

Can you suggest a better and more appropriate name for Spruce street?

If you can, you stand a chance of winning five dollars.

The city authorities, after considering the matter, have decided that the proper thing to do is to name the street, and then change all the east and west streets on the north and south sides to First street north, First street south, Second street north and so on.

But they want a more appropriate name for the main business street. Spruce street as the present name is unknown by many, while Main street, as it is usually called, is in reality the next street south of Spruce.

After the streets have been named, the names of them will be placed on all corners, and the houses numbered, so that in directing a stranger where to find a certain house or a certain building, he will not be told to "go three blocks east, then go four and a half blocks north, then cut across that place with the big cottonwood trees, and its the third house on the north side of the next block." Instead he can be told that the party he seeks lives at No. 231 Blank street, or at the corner of First street south and Market street.

The council wishes to know the ideas of the people on the question, and ask that the citizens of the town send in their suggestion to them, or to the mayor, for what they think is a good name for Spruce street.

To make it more interesting and worth while, the Independent will give five dollars in cash to the person who first sends in the name that is chosen. An accurate record will be kept of the names and the time received, so that if two or more send in the same name, the one who sends it in first wins.

The council and mayor will judge the names. No time limit was set, but the council is anxious to have the new name suggested as soon as possible, so the quicker you send in your choice the more apt you are to win the five dollars.

Names will be judged on their suitability. Remember that Spruce street is the main business street, not a residence street proper, and send in a name that will apply. The names suggested will be printed in the Independent next week, and the winning name and name of the person who suggested it, printed as soon as decided.

Come on, send your suggestion. Five dollars to the best one sent in.

Don't send the names to us, but to the council or mayor.

DO YOU WANT WORK?

If any young man in the town of Belmond, or in the vicinity at all, wants a job at good wages, inquire at the Independent office and he can quickly get it.

Last week the Independent offered to help find help for the farmers, if they wanted any, and cited the fact that several young men had inquired at this office for jobs on the farms.

The farmers evidently want some help, for no less than half a dozen came in or called up to take advantage of the offer made. They are offering from $35 to $50 a month and "found," which right now and for some time to come, evidently, is good wages.

And so, do you want work? The Independent will be only too glad to bring the supply and demand together. Who's first?

FREE AIR!

As we have remarked before, the way folks will take something that is put in the paper varies considerably.

Take that list of fines last week, the special department you were to be on the lookout for, you remember.

Some folks didn't like the department at all—queer. And others were of the opinion that said department was a whiz.

And there you are.

That department isn't really ours, you know; we just print it. The copy is furnished and originates with His honor.

We want Matt to have due credit for this feature, because he deserves to have it.

One guy, he just bawled the everlastin' blazes outa us for having the thing on the place: said we had no business printing such stuff, it ought to be kept quiet. Not to us, he didn't say it; wonder why?

If such things should be kept out then such things shouldn't be done.

You know how it is.

Then there was another fellow, who came in and laughed with us at what we said recently regarding the way he negoiated a deal for some home made hootch. He seemed to think it was a joke, and took it that way.

Which kind of folks are the joy of the editor's life.

We have a suggestion to make to the government, one that we believe will prove of great value in making the foreign policy of the nation stronger and more effective.

We suggest that they appoint none but small town editors to foreign offices. A diplomate has to trike a happy medium without being struck himself, and at this the small town editor has the finest kind of training. He becomes expert.

There was a report, last week, that Hizzoner had been pulled for parking his car on the wrong side of the street, and would have a regular trial just like other folks. We wondered whether he would do like the judge in Nome, Alaska, who got on a tear and arrested himself. The judge had been fining the rest of the boys pretty steep for the same offense, and they all wondered what he would do to himself.

The judge pleads guilty to himself, and fines himself one hundred bucks, and then, in view of the fact that it was his first offense, he remitted the fine on good behavior.

But we don't believe Matt could get away with that kind of a noise. And anyway, he declares he hasn't been pulled yet anyway. (He said not to say anything about this, because he might get it yet.)

We understand that some of the high brows have been criticizing the English we use in Free Air. They picked all kinds of flaws in the way we treated the language.

Free Air isn't here for the last ten of the upper four hundred, the aristocrats of the bulging-brow viewpoint; the Air is here for the phebian class, the plain every-day you-and me folks who call a spade a spade and not an agriculture implement, and who call people folks not inhabitants.

This stuff is written to put the plain birds hep to the bunk of the times, to keep the jazz mixed with the uplifting thoughts of the universe spread upon the breeze by those intellectuals who contemplate the starry heavens filled with noble and uplifting thoughts that never seem to lift 'em very far above the ordinary kind.

If you get the meaning, which is doubtful, because we hardly know the meaning ourself.

It's so easy to criticise the mistakes of others, but hard not to make a few ourselves. Take the American Legion benefit play last week Sunday. There were some who gave the boys happy thoughts for having the play on Sunday. And we wondered whether they objected, too, during the war, to the boys fighting on Sunday, and whether they wrote the enemy notes asking if he would kindly consent to call off the fuss on Sunday so the boys wouldn't break the Sabbath—and the enemy's heads.

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In the face of the present low prices for farm products and with a price which is not proportionately reduced for the finished product which he must have to live, the average farmer is asking "Where do we go from here?" He is wondering whether he has reached the bottom of this period of deflation. He is asking himself whether he should plant the usual acreage of the various crops when the price which he received for last year's crops was less than half the cost of production, counting cost of seed and labor used in the different operations.

If history repeats itself we all must expect to experience a period of depression, a time of low prices which necessarily follows a war period. We must all sit tight and not rock the boat but have faith in the future which surely holds relief in store for all of us. We all know that industrial and commercial conditions have a great influence in this present crisis and there are those who would say that the discouraging times which we are passing thru will have a good effect in that they will bring about a reduction in the price of labor in the various lines of industry and commerce.

Everyone knows that in the face of the low prices for farm products, with corn selling at 31c, oats at 23c, and hogs at less than 8c, the outlook for the farmer, the producer if you please, is rather discouraging at present with very little relief in the near future in sight. In the midst of these low and declining prices the farmer is fortunate in having an organization such as the National Farm Bureau Federation to look to for some relief in the present emergency. The farmer should not expect the farm bureau to give immediate relief in this crisis since it was brought on by conditions which can not be controlled by any one organization but he should rest assured that the American Farm Bureau federation as well as our local farm bureau will bend every effort towards a relief from the existing conditions of agriculture in the United States.

LAKE TOWNSHIP HOLDS SOCIAL

Lake township Farm Bureau held their regular monthly social at the Lake center school Tuesday evening, April 12.

An interesting program consisting of dialogues and recitations by the local school and short talks by J. H. Abernathy of Boone township and the county agent was enjoyed by about one hundred men and women and children of Lake township.

Our local farm bureau is beginning to enlist the services of some of the men living within the county. It has been found that we have plenty of talent right at home and the farm bureau is beginning to draw on this talent in conducting meetings within the county.

From a practical standpoint the address which was given by Mr. J. H. Abernathy, who is chairman of the Boone township farm bureau, was more interesting, more instructive and more to the point than any address which has been given by specialists from the extension staff at Ames. Mr. Abernathy has a pleasing way of presenting facts and figures which was very convincing in preaching the gospel of the farm bureau.

Boone township should be congratulated upon the fact that they have a man who is so thoroly versed in the activities of the farm bureau as a state and national organization and also that he is capable of presenting this information in such a pleasing manner that townships are beginning to ask for Mr. Abernathy in different parts of the county.

IOWA SOCIAL AT STOUT HOME

Iowa township farm bureau held a social and business meeting at the home of Sim Stout, two miles north of Rowan, Wednesday evening, April 13.

About forty or fifty Iowa farmers and their families turned out to this meeting and gave their loyal support to the organizaton of a community club in the vicinity of Rowan.

In laying plans for the social developements of the community an executive committee of three members was appointed by the chairman to take full charge and be responsible for the regular social meetings which are to be held hereafter. It was decided that one member of the executive social committee was to be selected from the north, central and south portions of the township, the township to be divided into three districts or tiers of three school districts each, thus making the north tier to consist of school districts No. 1, 2 and 3. This system of social organization in the county has been tried by several other townships and has given very satisfactory results, and we believe that with the talent which Iowa township possesses it will not be long until we wil hear from Iowa township as far as social activities are concerned.

PRES. HUNT TO ADDRESS GRANT

Mr. C. W. Hunt, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation, Des Moines, Iowa, will be the principal speaker at the Grant township farm bureau social which is to be held at the Grant No. 1 school on the evening of Thursday, April 21.

The program committee, of which Mrs. Harry Woodley is chairman, has arranged an interesting program consisting of recitations and dialogues by the pupils of the local school. Mr. E. W. Campbell, chairman for the Lake township farm bureau, will also give a short talk at this program.

Mr. C. L. Hall and Mrs. Myrle Peck township chairmen for Grant, urge every farmer and his family to turn out to this program for April 21.

HOW ABOUT THAT TWINE ORDER?

Order blanks were sent from the farm bureau office to each farm bureau member and most of the orders have been signed and returned to the county agent, while a few have not returned their order blanks as yet.

Those who have not placed their orders either with the elevator managers or dealers who have order blanks, or with the county agent, should do so at once because no orders will be accpted after April 23, for the reason that all orders must be in the hands of the company with which the entire order is being placed before April 25.

WRIGHT COUNTY SPECIALISTS

Miss Margaret Baker, food specialist from Ames will be in Wright county, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 20, 21, 22, and will lecture in the townships which have arranged for her in their program of work. Miss Baker is thoroly familia with all food and nutrition problems and will surely have a message for all the ladies who can arrange to hear her lecture.

Miss Marion Tucker, clothing specialist from Ames, will also be in the county Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, and will lecture and give demonstrations in townships which have included her in their program of work for the year.

DODGING THE FARM

Efforts on the part of the state of Minnesota to give away some good farming land to incoming aliens, in an effort to get use of some cut over lands up there, have been unavailing.

Efforts to get aliens to take up farm lands in the reclaimed sections of swamps in southern Illinois have brought no better results. Of course, many immigrants cannot buy land. A batch that was checked up on arrival the other day had an average of less than five cents apiece of American money, and then, besides, they did not want to become farmers. They had heard of America and knew it as the land of the free, so they felt free to come over, free from any incumbrance of cash, to settle down in some city and live, free of entanglements, off some of their relatives already arrived.

In this way, quoting Immigration Commissioner Wallis, "they hope to learn th ropes." For this reason—this inclination to learn the ropes in a city—they do not want to go out to the farms.

But their coming over, and their inclination to loaf in the cities, or work for next to nothing for awhile, only serves to drive a lot of former farm folks back to the country, or will serve to do so, if this period of depression continues.

But why should we blame aliens for not wanting to go to the farms of the country when our young Americans, bred and born, are beating a retreat fro mthe farm, or will not leave the overcrowded cities to take up good hard, honest to goodness work on the land?

It is laziness on the part of immigrants that keeps many of them in the city, and it is laziness that is driving many people off thefarms They go to the city and the first thing they know they are running a one-horse boarding house, while the boys in the family are loafing around pool halls and the girls are struggling thru some business college trying to get a start for themselves and a chance to get something better than the boarding house home that their parents have made for them in lieu of being able to get by in the city. To the credit of the female of the country transplanted to the city it must be said that she will work, while one-half of the males taken off the farm and put in the city, sink to the lower levels, because they are inherently lazy.

It is an indisputable fact that the most of the people on the farm are there because they are not afraid to work. The lazy ones leave the farm, among others, and they become lazier in the city. The city affords them so many chances for laziness. Most any man is ashamed of being seen loafing, but in the city one can loaf along in the throng, or stand watching a steam shovel excavate for a building, or gaze up at steel workers by the hour and not be noticed. And how blissful laziness is in the city!

Between lazy, poverty stricken immigrants, and the lazy, shiftless element that is migrating from the farm to the cities, the cities are in a bad way. We talk of moral reform, but how can it be accomplished when people are too lazy to work? and get in the way of lawlessness because of unwillingness to work? Laziness and crime and vice and immorality go hand in hand. The man or woman who is busy at some useful task very seldom, if ever, turns to vice or crime. Those that will not work have to turn to crime and viciousness to secure a living.—Exchange.

SIXTY PER CENT OF FRUIT ESTIMATED RUINED

Sixty per cent of the fruit of the mid-west was estimated as being ruined by the freeze of last week, according to estimates made last week Monday by representatives of fruit growers at that city. They had received reports from all over the fruit growing belt telling of the immense damage done.

The damage caused will run into the millions of dollars, it is estimated.

Orchards in Iowa, Nebraska, western Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and in parts of Michigan were hard hit by the freezing weather.

The temperatures in these states hovered around freezing again on Friday and Saturday nights. Huge smudge fires were kept burning to protect orchards still untouched by the frost.

Cherry trees now in bloom suffered most. However, other early blooming fruit trees were also injured.

One large fruit dealer in Chicago declared that the crop this year would not be more than 40 per cent normal even if there is no futher damage.

TIMES THAT WERE HARD

It is not unusual to hear a group of men, often farmers, consoling each other over the present low prices and the shortage of money. No one can deny but trying conditions do exist and that many men rich in land with thousands of bushels of corn on hand are hard up for money. However, no real hardships exist. Feed is plentiful, no one suffers for lack of food, the country has an oversupply of everything except money. Many of the most prosperous farmers realize this. They have gone thru a period of genuine hard times. The pioneer of this country suffered hardships. Food was scare and money scarcer. One retired farmer tells how his father, a pioneer here, came to town during the cold winter after some corn meal for his family consisting of a wife and five or six children. He walked seven miles to Algona and was refused a half bushel of meal by one merchant because he had no money. Another merchant let him have it and he returned to his home where corn meal and molasses was the chief bill of fare. This is but one instance in perhaps thousands. It is only a few years ago, any voter can remember, when northern Iowa was covered with water. Farmers had great difficulty in putting in crops and often they were never harvested. Money was scarce, so was seed and food, and many merchants who had undertaken to carry their customers from one year to another failed, while a number of farmers were sold out of house and home by creditors. Those were the hard times and conditions are so much better now that it seems almost a sin to complain.—Upper Des Moines Republican.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult, and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whoop-

JUDGE WRIGHT LANDS ON ADMINISTRATORS

Judge R. M. Wright, in an open letter to the public, scores the dilatory tactics of administrators and executors in the handling of estates in the course of settlement. He says:

There is one matter of public interest and public welfare that is not brought by the press sufficiently before the public. It is this—the negligence of administrators, executors, trustees and guardians.

Negligence brings more woe upon the people than any other one thing that can be mentioned—railway accidents, automobile accidents, accidental (negligent) fires, etc. etc. It is, however, when we come to consider the management and settlement of real estates in which there is cestuique trust or when they are heirs, devisees, wards, or legatees, that negligence reaches its maximum. To get guardians, adminstrators, executors and trustees to make their reports to the courts at the times that the law requires is a Herculean task. To the judges and clerks, it is a veritabl nightmare. Some estates that ought to be closed at least as early as the end of the second year after adminstration begins, frequently run along, or rather drag along, for six, eight or even ten years. Yes, I have known of some estates that drifted along for fifteen years, and until many of the interested parties were dead; and then there came law suits to quiet title and the like.

The clerks sent out notices to delinquents—to some who it turns out have left the state, to some who, afterwards he finds out are dead, to some who pay no attention to the notices. Not infrequently the court has to threaten to cite delinquents to appear before him for contempt of court, and, in some instances, he has actually cited them to appear and show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of court. Now it is a well known fact that during the time an estate is unsettled, the property deteriorates and runs down in value more than it would if in the hands of its owner or owners The necessary repairs are not made at the time they should be made, the tenants are not as carefully selected nor as carefully looked after. Unnecessary costs are made in handling the estate by reason of prolonging the administration. The interest on the money belonging to the estate frequently is not collected as promptly as it would be by the owner as it should be. And worst of all, when matters are negligently allowed to drift along, the interested parties become dissatisfied, as they well may, and begin to grumble and find fault, and frequently members of families who had always heretofore lived in perfect harmony and good will towards each other, become alienated from each other, and bitterness takes the place of love and affection. To paraphrase the language of Coleridge afterward they stand aloof from each other, like cliffs that have been rent asunder, and between them forever thereafter there flows a dreary sea of hatred and ill will.

I know all about this; for, fourteen years while on the bench, I have seen this kind of negligence in operation. Clerks who are trying to do their duty send notice after notice to the delinquents, who ought to do their duty and conform to the requirements of the law without any notice whatever. Sometimes the clerks get respectful answers to their letters; sometimes and quite frequently, they get no answers at all, and occasionally they get saucy, belligerent and insulting answers. If a man can't or won't do the duty required of him by the law, let him refuse to take the job. If, however, he does take the job and is willing to take the fees, the court must, and will, insist that he shall perform the duties which the law imposes upon him.—Clipper.

BREAKS BACK IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Oswald Solsaa, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Solsaa, residing on a farm four miles north of Ventura, suffered a broken back early Wednesday night of last week when the car in which he was riding turned over, pinning him beneath the front seat. The accident occurred within 30 rods of the home.

His parents heard the crash of the upset and immediately rushed to their son's aid. He was taken to the house and two physicians from Clear Lake were summoned. He was taken Monday to a Mason City hospital but little hopes are held for his recovery.

The accident occorred at seven o'clock. He was traveling at a speedy rate, it is said. He was riding west, but the car, following the overturning, was facing east.—Garner Signal.

ROWAN NEWS

Friends of Mrs. Edwin Nelson will be glad to learn that she is beginning to improve after her long illness.

There were no services at the Congregational church this week as the church is still unfinished but they hope to have services soon, as a new candidate will speak here as soon as the church is ready.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Peddl spent Sunday at the home of V. E. Munson.

Miriam Sellers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sellers, who broke her arm at the elbow while swinging in one of the swings at the school house, is improving very nicely.

Mrs. Ted Townsan and little daughter of Belmond visited at the D. E. Harris home a few days the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and family spent Sunday at Dumont.

Mrs. John Miller, who speent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Kercheval, writes from Tonkawa, Oklahoma, that the frost has taken the fruit and early garden at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and families spent Sunday at the Frank Kercheval home.

Mrs. Will Bailey was quite sick the last of the week but is better now.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou and Mrs. Elsie Allen ere elected delegates to attend the Webster City Association of the Congregational church which will be held at Alexander on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The district superintendent of the M. E. church spoke at the church here on Sunday morning. His subject was "The Gospel According to You."

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Branden were Fort Dodge shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Alfred Davis went to Crystal Lake one day this week with her sister, Mrs. D. K. Stout.

Forde Lee of Clear Lake visited at the home of his cousin, Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Blanche Jennings also spent the evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson took their son Malcom to Clarion, Friday, where they had his tonsils and adnoids removed.

Miss Lottie Williams was a Belmond caller Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Bingham and daughter, Loretta Maude, and Mrs. Will Whitten went to Thornton, Thursday, to attend a reception given for Mrs. Everett Albertee, nee Georgia McCallum. They report a large crowd and a fine time, and also that Ernie McCallum who is home from the hospital at Mason City where he had an operation for appendicitis is doing very nicely.

Mrs. George Thom, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. D. Yoeman, went to Dows, Friday, to visit relatives at that place, returning to Rowan Saturday.

Mrs. Jess Williams and Mrs. Chas. Peddle went to Mason City, Thursday and were accompanied home by their sister, Miss Vinnie Whitten, who had been in the hospital at that place. Miss Whitten is still very weak but is doing nicely.

Mrs. Clifford Snow spent the week end at Rienbeck.

Mrs. Lester Myers visited at the F. M. Myers home the last of the week. She had been called to Belmond by the death of her grandfather, David Cuppett.

The house on the farm where Chas. Snyder lives caught fire Saturday evening and did quite a lot of damage.

R. E. Lee Aldrich was a Clarion visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strayhorn and family, Marjorie Brooks and Edgar Mantle visited at the Earl Jacobs home at Goodell on Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. G. R. Stumph and Mrs. Blanche Jennings were Clarion visitors Tuesday.

R. E. Lee Aldrich and Reuben Cupp were Clarion callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Riley went to Iowa F on Wednesday to visit her daughter, Dolly, who is attending Elsworth college. She returned home Thursday.

Duncan Farren was a Clarion caller Wednesday.

Minnie Aldinger was a Fort Dodge caller Wednesday.

Dolly Riley was a visitor here on Friday from Iowa Fals, spending the week end at the home of her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthuh Hansen and children, Edna and Avard, were entertained at the Peter Hansen home Sunday of last week.

Ardis, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harris, was sick the first part of the week but is better at the present time.

Mrs. Clint Kercheval and son Chas. have been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Lillian Aldrich is making an extended visit at the C. W. Jennings home.

The Iowa township farm bureau meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout on Wednesday night, April 13. They organized a Community Club at this meeting. It is divided into three divisions. Mrs. Veeder has charge of the north division, Mrs. H. J. Whitten of the central, and Mrs. T. Stravrler of the south division. There will be a good speaker at each meeting. The county agent spoke Wednesday night. J. E. Miller, who was chairman, sang a solo, "Don't Leave the Farm, Boys." There was a good crowd in attendance altho the rain stopped some from going. The next meeting will be held the second Friday night in May. Light refreshments were served and the friends departed at a late hour feeling they had spent a very enjoyable evening and hoping to be able to attend many more of these meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher visited in Clarion at the home of Mrs. Fletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Reasoner of Conger, Minnesota, came Friday to spend a few days with Mrs. Reasoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey.

Harvey Lineweaver and Charles Emerson are getting subscriptions for the Wallace Farmer and also taking a census of the last year's crops. The object is to find out if the farmers lost money last year and how much.

Mrs. Eson spent Wednesday at the Irvin Knuths home.

J. L. Sinclair of Clarion was a business caller in Rowan, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval were entertained at the Fred Kercheval home on Sunday of last week.

Gertrude Reasoner of Dows and Clarence Lindsey yere called on jury duty this week, but were excused on Tuesday and Wednesday on account of the funeral of Bert Fisher.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson went to Dows on Tuesday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parkenson.

Mrs. L. D. Yoeman and her sister, Mrs. George Thom of Denver, Colo., visited in Belmond on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. George Whitten returned on Saturday from Mason City.

A few members ofthe Rowan branch of the American Red Cross have paid their 1921 membership dues in order to hold our organization at this place. Anyone wishing to renew their membership may do so by paying their dollar at the bank or toMrs. F. B. Sheldon, who is treasurer.

Miss Sadler, of Eagle Grove, spent the week end at the R. H Keith home.

The business men of Rowan met last week and organized a Business Men's Credit Association. This is in connection with the Belmond association. The object is to protect the business men from dead beats. Rowan is always ready to accept a good thing when they find it.

Mrs. H. Hill of Harvey and Miss Pearl Mickelson of Clarion were callers here Tuesday.

Walter Myers came home Tuesday from Des Moines where he has been attending the Babcock School of Chemistry. He has finished the course and expects to go back Wednesday to finish the examinations.

They started to gravel the half mile of road south of the C. G. W. railroadto the E. Bingham farm last Tuesday but the rainy weather hindered the work. This strip of road has been in need of gravel for a long time as it was nearly impassable thru the muddy season. It will be a big help to the people wishing to travel over it. Mr. Bingham is donating the gravel to fix this road for the benefit he will receive in going back and forth to his farm.

Those who attended the Women's Foreign Missionary society convention last week in the Clarion Methodist church, report a helpful and inspiring time. Interesting addresses exercises and special music made up the program. Speakers were Miss Josephine Liers of India, Mrs. Shroyer of Sanborn, Mrs. D. P. Smith of Fort Dodge and others. The meetings were ably presided over by Mrs. W. R. Ramsay of Belmond. Rowan delegates were pleased to learn that their own auxiliary ranked among the highest four, in the district in reaching the standard. Those who were present from here were: Mesdames F. B. Sheldon, D. E. Harris, Earl Sellers, Guy Stumph, Carr, Myers, Thomas, Tomkinson, W. R. McCallum, G. R. Sheldon and Miss Esther Fowler.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

A county fair was put on by the high school pupils Monday evening April 11. A fairly good crowd attended. The fetes were well spoken of, especially the Wild West show, "The Rustlers Last Stand," given by two girls and five boys. This playlet was written by a few high school boys. The action was splendid and was much enjoyed by all.

The R. I. D. club met with Miss Newman on Wednesday evening, Apr. 13. A bottle shower was given for Mrs. Snow.

Lillian Azeltine, a pupil of the 7th grade, is going to attend school in Clarion beginning April 18.

Esther Emerson is on the sick list.

Miss Newman was unable to teach school Thursday afternoon and Friday owing to sickness.

Two gentlemen friends of Mr. Morrison called to see him Thursday afternoon. He went home to West Union with them to spend the week end. They drove thru with two new Ford roadsters.

Mr. Moule spent the week end with his home folks in Mason City.

Mrs. A. E. Emerson visited Mrs. Snow's room Friday afternoon.

Six week examinations were given this week. The pupils need worry only once more over examinations which will be semester examinations as there are only six more weeks of school left.

The high school pupils are working very hard on the Senior play, "The House Next Door," which is to be given in the near future.

Marshall Myers entered school on Monday, after a week's absence, due to the death of his grandmother.

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KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

Harry Sandquist of Dayton, who was employed here at the Prussia Clothing store last year, was a visitor here the first of the week.

The Messrs. Fred Knudsen and C. C. Lucas were business callers in Goldfield on Tuesday evening of last week.

Albert Judd came Saturday for a short visit at the home of his parents Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Judd.

Wm. H. R. Johnson, who is attending school in Des Moines, was an over Sunday guest at the home of his brother, Oscar, and family and with friends. He returned to his school duties Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kalvig are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Walter Nelson of Algona spent several days this week at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs C. Van Oosting.

Mr. Shiley of Dows came last week and is assisting at the Deibler barbershop.

Mrs. Arne Skaar and children of Belmond were over Sunday guests of relatives here.

ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

Little Robert Arends has been on the sick list for the past week.

Miss Ethel Hall began her term of school eight miles east of Alexander last Monday.

Miss Alvena Johnson spent the last of the week with her parents at Latimer.

Miss Alvina Westweber was a Belmond caller one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Greenfield and son Frederick were visiting with relatives at Belmond last Tuesday.

Miss Dora Bobst of Hampton spent several days last week at the home of her brother, Fred.

Raynold Kinseth of Belmond was a caller in town last Wednesday.

Will Aldinger was transacting business at Moason City ast Tuesday.

Alice Peters was a caller at Hampton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Peters were Belmond shoppers on Monday.

John Stoffer and son Cornelious and George Stoffer were business callers at Mason City last Tuesday.

Miss Mary Winwood is teaching school four miles north of town this spring.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Fred Rodemeyed next Wednesday afternoon, April 20.

Miiss Hazel Hendrickson, Bertha Gartz and Bert Barker visited with friends near Belmond, Sunday.

The readers of this paper will be very much interested in a wedding which took place at nLong Beach, California, on Easter morning at ten o'clock. Miss Anna May Bell and Mr. Edmund Preice Marble were united in marriage by Rev. L. L. Magee, puastor of the Zaferia M. E. church at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Herman, 1403 Redono Ave.

The bridal couple were attended by little Evelyn Herman, niece of the briide, as flower girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bell as best man and maid of honor. The bride was daintily attired in lavender organdie over pink satin. She wore a bridal veil and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink rosebuds tied with white tulle. The ceremony was performed in front of a bower of bridal wreaths and white snowbells.

Previous to the ceremony, Mr. Arnold des Plantes of Glendale, sang 'Because," by Guy d' Hardelot and was accompanied by Mrs. des Plantes who also played the wedding march, from Lohengrin. Heary congratulations were tendered Mr. and Mrs. Marble and also Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bell, who were married on March 26.

A wedding dinner was served by the bride's sister, oMrs. John Herman, to 24 of the deaest friends and relatives of the newly-weds. The young couple will be at home to their many friends after April 15, at Bunker Hill, Los Angeles.

Mr Marble was formerly from Waterloo, Iowa, finishing East high school there He had two years of college at Mt. Vernon and last fall completed a concert tour thru the southern states. Mrs. Marble and Glen Bell are well known at Alexander and are the daughter and son of Wm. Bell who was a former resident of this place.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. C. R. Clarke, Mrs. Henry Schulte and Mrs. Fred Green field were 4th grade visitors last Thursday afternoon.

Deacon Briggs and wife who have been visiting at Palsville and other nearby communities visited high school last Friday.

The following pupils of the 6th grade were neither absent nor tardy the past six weeks: Sylvia Arends, Hazel Arends, Dick Blau, Herbret Bohlen. Theodore Bohlen, Edith Edens, Johnnie Freerks, Harry Hall, Mildred Larsen and Elmer Kieslich.

The high school play given last Thursday night was wel attended, considering the inclement weather, and bad roads. Each participant performed his part well, thus showing that their coach, Miss Scheideman, had given them thoro drilling.

The 4th grade reports the following pupils perfect in attendance during the period just closed: Alyer Hagen, Verna Larsen, Henry Moddermann, Esther Muhlenbruck, and Helen Suntken.

Several pupils have already enrolled and more are expected to join the poultry club. A list containing the names of various breeders having eggs for sale, may be obtained from the superintendent's office or from county agent. Those pupils in first grade perfect in attendance during the past six weeks were Harold yyKerch, Leona Geitz, Amelia Yakel, Elsie Pals, Albert Ammerman, Johnnie Bergman and Henry Bergman.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Geo. Baxter is still courting in Clarion.

Alma Ericson went to Kanawha on Saturday evening to visit Gertrude Johnson.

Miss Blanche Baker of Belmond spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

Before purchasing your voile for summer dresses, look at the beautiful pieces at the S. O. Windecker store, cut in dress patterns.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. A. M. Olson, the Ladies Aid will meet at the E. N. Ericson home instead of the A. M. Olson home.

P. Swenson and family and Rev. Jensen took dinner at the T. Tendall home Sunday.

Mrs. Andrew Olson is very ill of leakage of the heart. A trained nurse from Belmond is helping to care for her.

Martin Paulson went to Belmond on Saturday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Nels Stockseth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vesterby of Mason City visited at the S. O. Windecker home last Tuesday. The Mason City sugar company has taken over all the beet contracts for which Belmond's sugar company had contracted.

Mrs. Geo. Baxter and little Margaret returned from Iowa Falls on Monday after a week's visit with a number of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Joel Soma kho has been very ill with pneumonia, is slightly improved.

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The vigilance guard of Hampton which was organized last year for the purpose of guarding the town against robbers and effecting their capture should they visit the town, has been rounded into shape and recently met at the sheriff's office for the purpose of looking over the past and future situation.

The county has been divided into eight districts, with seven men and a captain to each district. They are each sworn in as deputy sheriffs with power to and autherity to make any arrests they see fit. They are armed to the teeth with riot guns and heavy calibre revolvers. About half of the force are ex-service men who saw the real stuff overseas.

The guard has plans whereby, when or if a robbery occurs, the main roads leading into town are to be patrolled and the guard on the watch for the culprits, each armed and with power to make arrests if the chance arrives.

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CLARION PLANNING ON COMMUNITY BUILDING

The American Legion of Clarion is backing a movement at that place to erect a Community House for the county seat town. The plan was endorsed at a recent meeting of the post at that city, and a committee appointed to meet with the commercial club there to work out the matter. Under a new law towns are permitted to bond themselves for such purposes and are allowed a tax of not more than five mills for the upkeep of the building. The proposed building at Clarion is estimated at a cost of around sixty thousand dollars.

PUBLIC SALE!

Having taken over the property of Nathan Aldrich, I will sell at public auction on the J. H. Rowan farm five miles south of Belmond and four miles northwest of Rowan on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Commencing at 1:30 p. m. the following property:

Eight Head of Horses and Mules, as follows: One brown team, mare seven years old and gelding four yrs. old, wt.2100; One 2-yr.-old bay mare colt, wt. 1200; span of bay mares 12 yrs. old, wt. 2000; one yearling colt, one good work mule.

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29 Head of Hogs, as follows: 17 head of Poland China brood sows, bred to pure bred Poland China boar; one Poland China boar; 11 head of stock hogs and pigs.

15 Head of Good Ewes and Lambs.

35 Head of pure bred White Leghorn hens and three roosters.

7 turkeys, one gobbler and 6 hens

11 Muscovie ducks.

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Aid society will hold a social afternoon in the parlors of the church on Thursday. All are invited to attend.

Last Sunday was another banner day but we hope to raise the standard a little higher next Sunday. Let us make it 125 strong next Sunday at 10:00. The morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services are at 8:00. The young peoples choir is giving us some fine music at the evening services. We would like to have a few more young men in the choir.

Spring has come and the roads are good and we hope to have the help of everyone in making our church count for more in the shaping of lives in the community.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

Thursday evening of this week we have the second of our bi-weekly suppers and "get-togethers." Supper will be served at 6:30. Following the supper Dr. J. J. Bushnell, our district superintendent, will give a short devotional address, after which he will hold a metting of the Quarterly Conference. All official members of the church are urged to present and any others interested are welcome.

Give the church and things of God a place in your life.

The Mesdames Ramsay, Edge, Bailey and Snyder were among the ladies from here who attend the convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at Clarion last week. Mrs. Ramsay is president of the society in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton drove to Mason City on Monday of last week on a business trip.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church has added an improvement to the parsonage, by remodeling the porch and several other improvements that add to the comfort of the place.

Miss Clyde Fuller and her sister came last week from Washington, D. C., for a visit with friends and relatives here. They were formerly residents of this place. They are visiting at the home of their unile, Mr. Timby.

The Kings Heralds met at the home of Helen Luick on Saturday of last week. Some twenty or twenty-five were present and a very enjoyable afternoon is reported.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Court convened Monday morning and adjourned that evening until Wednesday morning to permit the members of the bar to attend the funeral of Sheriff Fisher. On Monday a jury was empanelled in the H. Hodges vs. G. H. Jameson case. Three women are serving on this jury, Mrs. Corilla J. Beck of Clarion, Mrs. Leva Knutson of Eagle Grove, and Miss Mary Gealow of Belmond.

The case is a $20,000 damage suit. The petition states that on April 28, 1918, there was an unsettled partnership between the plaintiff and the defendant, and upon Mr. Jameson's request Mr. Hodges went to the former's office for the purpose of making settlement. Mr. Jameson had prepared two notes, one for $149 and the other for $250, which he demanded that the plaintiff sign.

Petition further states that while plaintiff was endeavoring to reach an amicable agreement, defendant locked the door of his office and assaulted the plaintiff, who was seated in a chair, choking him and said, "You must sign these notes or you'll never get out of here alive."

Mr. Hodges alleges that the reason of the assault, the imprisonment in the room, threatening words, he, under duress, executed the two notes and was later assisted from the office by a third person. As a result of this malicious act he has suffered greatly in body and mind, and by reason thereof has been damaged in the sum of $20,000. —Clipper.

(This case went to the jury late Thursday afternoon, and after four hours resulted in a verdict of acquittal for Jameson.)

Monitor: The grand jury will reconvene Thursday (last week) and take up unfinished business.

An appointment to fill vacancy will be made by the board of supervisors to the office of sheriff in the near future.

The Mexican arrested some time ago and held in jail on a charge of stealing several silk dresses from the Stark store, has been released for want of evidence to convict.

Chris Nelson, assessor for Boone township for 19 or 20 years, he does not remember which, brought his books to the court house yesterday to be turned over to Auditor Walker.

Thursday of last week was naturalization day in district court, and the following were admitted to citizenship:

Victor Earnest Pinkele, of Eagle Grove, a native of Germany.

John Patrick Whitty, of Clarion, a native of Ireland.

Jean Louis Scheppler of Woolstock a native of Germany.

Harold Theo. Halgerson of Goldfield, a native of Norway.

Edward Bates Kelling of Clarion, a native of England.

Application of George H. Vivian of Eagle Grove, Alfred Pehl of Clarion, Carl John Kalvig of Belmond and Anton Espeland of Eagle Grove were continued.

Mathia Ramer, a native of Austria, was denied citizenship, having used an assumed name.

Martin Nissen of Belmond, a native of Germany, was denied citizenship because witnesses were incompetent. Ole Tysdal of Rowan, a native of Denmark, was denied citizenship for the same reason.

Application of Hugo Cornelson of Goldfield, a native of Germany, was dismissed because of death of petitioner.

John Adoph Anderson of Clarion, a native of Swenden, was denied citizenship, his witnesses proving incompetent. Clipper.

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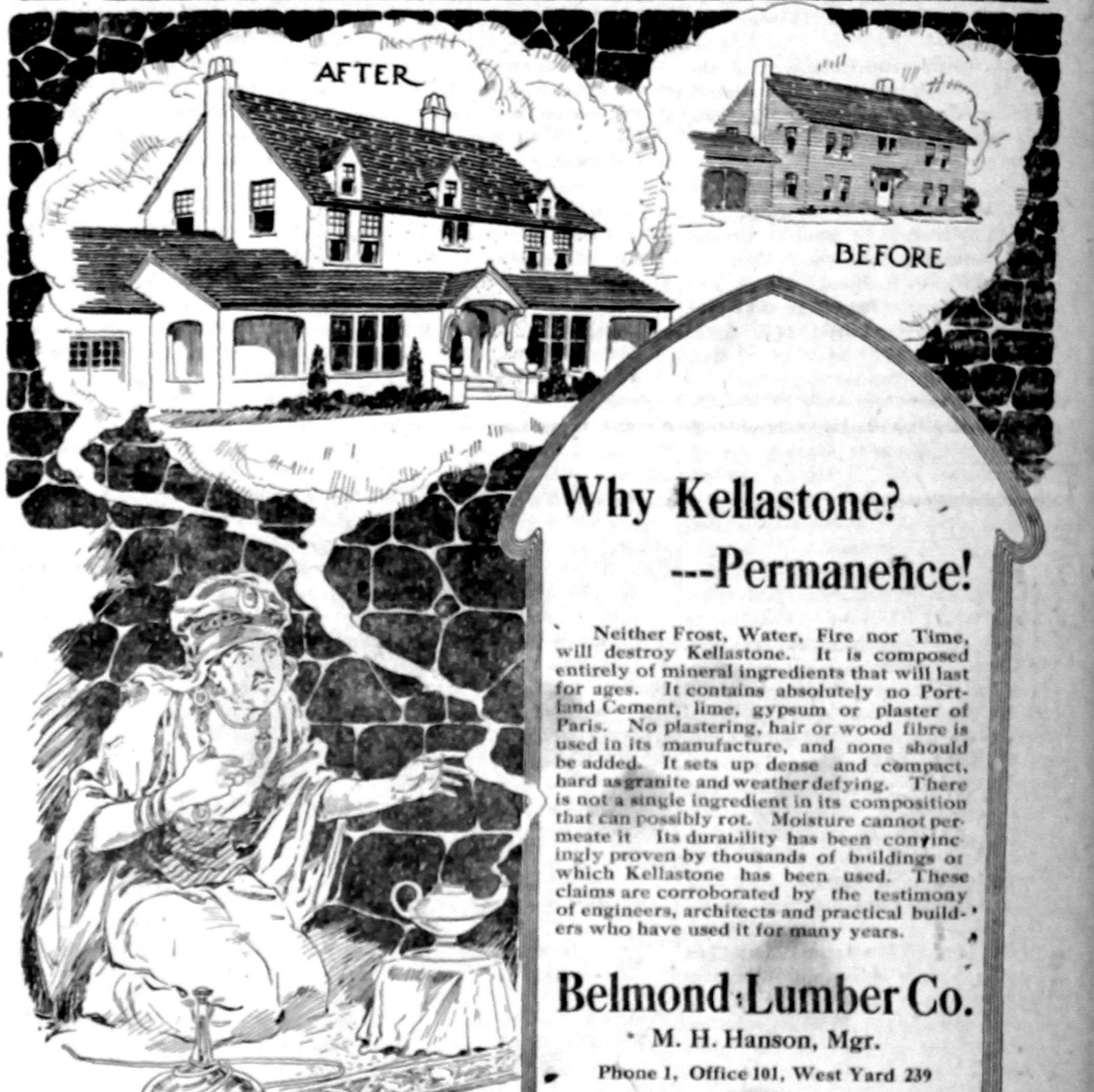

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—I—

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—I—

Charley Papousek was a recent business caller at the town of Klemme, where he fixed a number of the street lights at that place.

—I—

An Overland automobile was sold on the streets last week and was purchased by the Wright County Furniture company, who, it is understood, intend to make the car into a truck.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kalvig of Kanawha, who moved to that place this spring from Belmond, are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born on the 13th of this month.

—I—

L. S. Fyler is out again from his recent illness. He was a sufferer from chicken pox.

—I—

The Senior class at school are at work on their class play, which will be given sometime next month.

—I—

Mr. Iserman of Rowan was a visitor here on Sunday of this week, on his way home from North Dakota, where he moved this spring. He came down to drive his car to his new home. He reports seeding almost completed in Dakota, with some fine weather for the crops.

—I—

The supper given by the ladios of the Norwegian church on Thursday evening of last week was reported as being very successful and leaving a nice balance in the treasury.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans have been spending the past week or so at the home of friends and relatives in Buffalo Center.

—I—

A paper was being circulated last week among the business men for keeping Nightwatchman Rierson on the job thruout the coming year, each business establishment paying so much per month. The paper was very generally signed and it is understood that Mr. Rierson has commenced his duties.

—I—

The board of supervisors of the county will hold a meeting in the near future for the purpose of electing a sheriff to take the place of Fert Fisher, recently deceased. Under Iowa law, the coroner automatically becomes sheriff upon the death of the presiding official, and Dr Walker is now acting sheriff of the county. It is probable that Deputy Lang will be made the active sheriff when the board meets.

—I—

Paul Northrop came up from his home at Parkersburg last week Saturday to spend the week end with his friends here, his former home. Paul started learning the printing game the first of the year at the newspaper office in Parkersburg, and has made remarkable progress for the short time he has been in the ring. He has concentrated on the linotype, and is fast becoming a first-class operator.

—I—

Harry Wolle left last week for Perry, Iowa, to resume his work on a ditching outfit at that place, where he has charge of the machine on the job.

—I—

Henry Johnson left last week for North Dakota, where he will spend a couple of months visiting at the home of his son and assisting in the work of the spring season.

—I—

The town of Parkersburg is paving this year, and the Independent was informed were paying over four dollars a yard for the job. Compared to the two-forty that was paid for the paving here, Parkersburg folks are going to have some bill on their hands when the paving is completed and the settlement comes.

—I—

D. E. Harris of Rowan, supervisor of this district, was in town recently looking after the interests of the county in some road work.

—I—

A petition was being circulated last week for the reappointment of R. C. "Rufe" Morse to the post office here. The petition was heavily signed and the necessary steps taken to present it to the proper officials. "Rufe" has made a most excellent postmaster, has conducted the duties of the office in a capable and efficient manner.

Sugar

At 8c

For $5.00 in Groceries you can buy 12 1-2 pounds of Sugar for - - - $1.00

For $10 in Groceries you can buy 25 pounds of Sugar for - - - $2.00

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Sugar and Flour in Barrel Lots.

You can get soap cheap per box for the next two weeks.

Watch our Bargain Counter

It Pays to Trade at

ROBINSON'S

W. E. Bullard was a business caller at the county seat town the first of the week, having some cases up at the district court.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Church have returned from their trip to California, where they have been spending the winter months.

—I—

Hedli Enger returned last week from his trip to points in the west, having spent considerable time in California the past few months enjoying the sunshine and roses.

—I—

After a week of cold, rainy days this vicinity has been enjoying a real taste of spring the past few days, and the farmers have been able to get into the fields for some real spring work this week. Most of the seeding around here is thru.

—I—

THE KID cost over a million to make, and took a year to finish.

Next Monday and Tuesday at the Lyric, Charley Chaplin in his latest, THE KID, 6 reels of ceasless laughs.

—I—

Irene Campbell was operated on at the local hospital yesterday morning for appendicitis, and is coming thru the ordeal in very nice shape.

—I—

Donald Goelz, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Goelz, was operated on last week Thursday for mastoid, and is getting along nicely.

—I—

Mrs. Hamilton left recently for Rialto, California, where she was called by the serious illness of her father. She expects to be gone for about a month.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Bernold Kinseth are the parents of a fine baby girl, which came to their home last week.

—I—

Miss Agnes Dillon was hostess to her cousin, Miss Allen, one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. H. L. Schultz and little son have returned from Iowa City, where they have been the past week or two visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

—I—

Mrs. Woolridge of Brunswick, Missouri, was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Townsan.

—I—

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hood was quite badly burned one day last week when he spilled some boiling hot coffee on his chest. He is getting along nicely at this writing, however.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel of Manly, drove down on Tuesday of last week for a visit with friends and relatives here. They are former residents of Belmond, where Mr. Kimmel had the dray line for several years.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton entertained the father and mother of Mr. Eaton last Sunday. The old people reside in Fairbanks.

—I—

Oscar Lien of Kanawha, who is in the real estate business, was a business caller here one day the first of the week.

—I—

Oscar Hensel of Alexander was a business visitor here on Wednesday of last week.

E. G. Miller of the Welding company is a believer in advertising, and offers as prove that it pays, the fact that he spent twelve dollars on advertising recently and one of the resus from it was a forty-five dollar piece of work which was headed for Hampton until his advertising started pulling. It pays to advertise.

—I—

Miss Emma Kassner of Eagle Grove was a Sunday guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Foster.

—I—

Miss Anna McNamara was a caller at Mason City the first of the week, going up to have some dental work done.

—I—

E. Kall of Eagle Grove was a visitor with friends here on Sunday of this week.

—I—

Mrs. W. O. Eaton was a caller at Mason City the first of the week.

—I—

Guy Judd, the hardware man from Kanawha, was transacting business in the city on Monday of this week.

—I—

Ed. Carlston of Kanawha was in town the first of the week, attending to some business matters.

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—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Richardson came up from Des Moines to attend the funeral of Claire's grandfather, G. H. Richardson, which was held Tuesday afternoon of this week. Clair reports everything in Des Moines as just getting over the worst snow of the winter, which occured there on Saturday of last week when six to eight inches fell.

—I—

A number of local ment went to the county seat the first of the week on business matters.

—I—

THE KID went along and broke the windows, and Charley came after him to fix 'em. Trade was good. See how they made it at the Lyric next Monday and Tuesday.

April 25 and 26 at the Lyric you want to see THE KID, the 6-reel Charley Chaplin feature, his latest and best. Don't miss it.

—I—

Cato Griesy has taken the agency for a tractor and will hold a demonstration at the Geo. Dipple farm next week.

—I—

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thayer was the scene of a very enjoyable event Monday afternoon of this week, when some eighteen of the friends and neighbors of Mrs. Thayer dropped in to help her celebrate her fifty-third birthday. The afternoon was spent in a general good time, refreshments being served, and a very enjoyable occasion is reported by all present.

—I—

PIE SOCIAL—There will be a pie social held at Grant No. 6 school, Tuesday evening, April 26.—Esther Brooks, Teacher. 1t

—I—

A real tractor demonstration next week. Watch this paper for announcement and ask Griesy. 1tc

—I—

You will know the tractor is perfected when you see the demonstration next week. Ask Griesy. 1c

—I—

The farm of George Dipple will be an interesting place next week. Be there and see a real tractor work and ask Griesy. 1c

—I—

Place your order for Farm Bureau or Deering Twne at Griesy's now. 1c

—I—

You will use twine—We will sel twine. See Griesy. 1c

—I—

All orders for Farm Bureau twine should be in by April 23 to get best price.—See Griesy. 1c

—I—

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Joe Thomson of Kanawha were guests here on Wednesday of last week.

—I—

Miss Naomi Magar of Kanawha ws among the out of town shoppers here on Saturday of last week.

—I—

Mrs. H. H. Stewart of Kanawha was among he shoppers here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. D. I. Miller of Goodell was a visitor here with friends on Friday of last week.

—I—

The vice president from the 99th district of the Rebekahs met in conference last week Friday afternoon at this place with the district president and secretary for the purpose of forming the plans for the Rebekah convention, which will be held at this place some time during the month of June.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs Carl McDermitt were Clariion visitors the latter part of last week.

Lyric

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
"THE DARK MIRROR"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

DOROTHY DALTON

Also a two-reel comedy.
11c and 25c

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
"THE FEAR MARKET"

A Realart picture featuring

ALICE BRADY

Also a two-reel comedy.
11c and 25c

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
"HIS GREATEST SACRIFICE"

A Fox picture featuring

WM. FARNUM

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
"SAND"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

WM. HART

Also another of those Ape comedies.

11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY
APRIL 25 & 26
"THE KID"
CHARLEY CHAPLIN

Charley is himself, but he has injected himself into a story of heart interest that has seldom been equalled. The synopsis of it sounds rather trite for it starts with the abandonment of her baby by the Woman who has been wronged. Charlie finds the baby and raises him to boyhood. The typical Chaplinesque methods of raising the Kid are responsible for a good part of the humor with which the piece abounds, while his pitable whimsical procedure to gain the child's love dampened many an eye. The dramatic climx of the film comes with Chaplin's losing fight, and the Kid's despair when the aw separates them, but this is followed by a bit of comedy which, perhaps, is the best of the piece that people laugh the lumps out of their throats.

If you love comedy you cannot afford to miss this one.

11c and 30c

Richard Timby is reported as being on the sick list this week being quite ill.

—I—

An airplane came to town Sunday, and took you up to see the clouds at five dollars a look. The aviator found business brisk and some fifteen or more local people took a ride.

—I—

Miss Kate Liddle, the Red Cross County Nurse, was in town the first of the week on matters pertaining to the free tuberculosis clinic which is to be held at Clarion next week, with two specialists from Des Moines in charge.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Healey came the first of the week from Long Beach, California, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Healey's father, G. H. Richardson. They report the sunshine state as being prosperous and as enjoyable as usual. Ray is at present engaged in erecting some apartment buildings.

—I—

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fitts drank some lye water Tuesday morning of this week. He was given prompt treatment and a physician was called, and at this writing the little tot is getting along in fine shape.

Look!

At these Low Prices

4 lbs extra fancy head rice	25c
4 lbs hand picked navy beans	25c
1 lb 40 to 50 prunes	15c
2 1-2 lb can of apricots	25c
2 1-2 lb can of peaches	25c
20 bars of white laundry soap	95c
49 lbs clear quill flour	$2.75
49 lbs falcon flour	$2.85
Mens work shirts	90c
Overalls	60c

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NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL

To All Whom It May Concern:

In the estate of David L. Cuppett, deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of April, 1921, there was filed with and opened by the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, a written instrument purporting to be the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of David L. Cuppett, late of said county, deceased.

And you are further notified that by order of Court the 27th day of April at 1:30 p. m. 1921 has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will, (the same being during the term of said District Court) at which time any person interested can appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Clarion, in said County, this 13th day of April A. D. 1921.

R. V. GOSLIN,
Clerk District Court.

READ THE WANT ADS

NORWAY TOWSHHIP

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dan Summers, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kalvig and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kalvig and daughters at a supper Sunday evening.

Miss Jennie Maage was out joy riding in her brother's car Sunday afternoon, but she did not get very far before she had an upset. A wheel was broke and the windsheild was smashed. She had a very lucky escape.

Bert and Joe Asbe autoed to Eagle Grove on Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Asbe.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hjlmer Jenson are ill with the chicken pox this week.

T. H. Asbe and J. E. Kalvig are working for T. A. Wicks this week.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Don't forget the regular services at the Immaneul church every Sunday night, commencing at 8:00 o'clock sharp. Services are conducted in the English language.

The Ladies Aid will meet this week Wednesday afternoon at the home of Harm Greenlander.

Minnie Smidt, who had her tonsils removed at the local hospital last week, is getting along nicely at this writing.

The scarlet fever quarantine was lifted from the Fred Gartz home last week Tuesday.

Mr. Conrad Hoppel purchased a new tractor to aid in the spring work.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sympathies. Many such, however, have been completely restored to health by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach, invigorate the liver and improve the digestion. They also cause a gentle movement of the boweus. When you have any trouble with your stomach, give them a trial.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

KLEMME MAN ONLY MISSES WINNING HALF AN EGG

Klemme Times: One evening last week two of the young men who are on the sewer gang got into an argument about eggs. "Hershy" claimed he could down two dozen, "Bill" bet him he couldn't. This little argument all started when the two were eating supper and Hershy had a real square meal to start on but he was game. Therefore they journeyed to Jim's Place and had him start frying eggs. Hershy began the task and kept Jim hopping around to fry them fast enough. The first dozen disappeared as if by magic under the young men's belt but here he began to slow up. A dozen and a half were tucked away cozily under the front side of his back at the northwest corner but then those eggs began to look big as scrambled foot balls. Hershy stuck to it and got away with 23 and a half fried cackleberries, but that last half refused to budge. A bee line for the door and the twenty-three and a half came up for air. Hershy lost but was a good sport.

HAMPTON SURGEON TAKES NEW BRIDE

Chronicle: Dr. C. F. Osborne, one of Hampton's prominent men, was united in marriage last Tuesday morn ing to Miss Anna Cronin, one of the well known young ladies of this city. The ceremony took place in Des Moines at the home of his sister.

Friends of the couple had expected the event to take place for several weeks, but few of them knew of the exact date. Dr. and Mrs. Osborne returned to Hampton last evening and will have quarters at the hotel until May 1, when Dr. Osborne expects to secure possession of his suburban home.

Nature

Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relleves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

CLINIC TO BE HELD AT CLARION

All plans have been completed for the big tubercuosis clinic which is to held in Clarion. Dr. Peck of Des Moines, chest specialist, and Dr. McCoy, also of Des Moines, a throat specialist, will be here. This is the first clinic of its kind to be held here, and therefore is attracting attention of many physicians in the surrounding towns.

The tuberculosis clinic will be held all day Friday, April 21, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the courthouse under the auspices of the Wright county Medical society, and all physicians in the vicinity are invited to be present.

Miss Kate Liddle, Red Cross public health nurse, has been doing work in the county preparatory to the clinic, working in co-operation with city and county physicians.

This gives all persons a splendid opportunity to present themselves for examination, if they have the slightest idea that they may become tuberculosis or any of its symptoms. There is no cost connected with this examination.

All those desiring to attend this clinic, either inform their physician, says the Clipper, or Miss Liddle, the county nurse, who is securing the cases suitable for this clinic.

Maurice and Henry Dillon made another haul in the wolve line the first of this week, when they got seven cubs from near Rowan. The cubs did not have their eyes open yet. The old wolf was seen and shot at, but she was too far away for good work with a shotgun. The bounty on cubs is four dollars each, so that the two men made a total of $28 by their day's work, which is pretty good wages, considering.

A talk with a number of the farmers about Belmond has developed the fact that the acreage being planted this year is practically the same as usual. As many acres of corn are being put in as ever, there being no, or at least a very small, reduction in corn acreage this year about Belmond. Small grain is running about the same acreage as usual. The talk of a reduced acrege, especially in corn, has evidently not affected this locality.

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TAXI

An Adventure Romance

By George Agnew Chamberlain

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SYNOPSIS.

PART I.—Robert Hervey Randolph, young New York man-about-town, leaves the home of his sweetheart, Madge Van Tellier, chagrined because of her refusal of his proposal of marriage. His income, $10,000 a year, which he must surrender if a certain Miss Imogen Pamela Thornton (whom he has seen only as a small girl ten years before) is found, is not considered by the girl of his heart adequate to modern needs. In a "don't care" mood Randolph enters a taxi, unseen by the driver, and is driven to the stage door of a theater. A man he knows, Duke Beamer, induces a girl to enter the cab. Beamer, attempting to follow, is pushed back by Randolph and the cab moves on. His new acquaintance tells Randolph she is a chorus girl, and has lost her position. She is in distress, even hungry, and he takes her to his apartment. There, after lunch, a chance remark convinces him the girl is the missing Pamela Thornton. He does not tell her of her good fortune, but secures her promise to stay in the flat until the morning, and leaves her. In a whimsical mood, also realizing that the girl's reappearance has left him practically penniless, he bribes the taxi driver to let him take his job, and leaving word with the legal representative of the Thornton estate where he can find Pamela, takes up his new duties under the name of "Slim Hervey." He loves the girl, but his pride forbids him approaching her under their changed conditions.

"Silk underwear!" exclaimed Mr. Randolph, mystified and interested in spite of himself.

"Of course you couldn't understand that," she said, "not unless you had seen some poor girl bury her face in crepe de chine and lace, tremble to try them on, and then sob because she had to wear clothes over them."

"Look here," said Mr. Randolph, shuddering at the pity of it: "we'll pass on to the next, if you don't mind."

"Curiosity comes next," resumed the girl obediently. "A woman is weak until she knows everything. Then comes a funny one that you won't understand at all. It's called 'Because.' 'Because he had on a coat that reminded her of an old coat that a man she had loved used to wear.'"

"My dear girl—" protested Mr. Randolph.

"I said they weren't interesting," she reminded him dispassionately. Her eyes widened. "And now," she continued, "we go up and up—spite that stabs its own heart; the lonely soul; consuming fire, and, last and greatest reason of all, just love." Her eyes glowed to some distant focus. "If all myself, my honor, my past, and my future dissolve to the single drop of a present moment in the crystal cup of love, then let me give myself to a lover's lips for, once drained, nothing will be left upon which to hang the badge of shame—nothing remain in all the world but the spirit and—and the sacrifice."

"Girl," said Mr. Randolph, crushing her to him as though he snatched her back from just beyond his clasp, "where is your mind wandering? What have you been thinking? That I was asking you to—to give yourself to me?"

Her eyes came suddenly to his face.

"Yes," she said; "I thought that." He stared at her for a long silent moment, his lips wavering nervously between pity and severity. A flush swept over her face, and into her eyes crept a look of fear. "You don't want me?" she whispered; then, as he did not speak: "Kiss me. I wish you to kiss me."

There was something in her insistence that clutched at his heart and bent him forward. He drew her head up slowly to meet his lips and kissed her as lightly, as impersonally as brother ever saluted sister, but far more fearfully. Immediately her body went limp in his arms, turned to a dead weight of uninspired flesh.

"It is true," she murmured, desperately. "You don't really want me and I can never love you now."

Randolph awoke to that still cry. He shook her, seized her head in both his hands, and forced her eyes to meet the blaze in his.

"You generous, careless, adorable little fool!" he growled. "Why, you're the most desirable and precious bundle of lovable charm that robber man ever trembled to hold in sacrilegious arms!"

She stared at him amazed.

"Why don't you kiss the way you talk?" she demanded.

"Because there's no reason for your desperate barter, my dear Imogene Pamela Thornton."

In one lithe motion she was out of his arms, on her feet, back to the fire, head upthrown.

"How dare you—how dare you call me by that name?" She was transformed; her eyes flashed with such a light as made the blaze in his own a paltry thing. "Do you think she would lie in your arms?" She asked, gulping out the words. "Vivianne Vivierre"—her lips curled in distaste at the name—"ah, yes; poor despairing thing! But I—Pamela Thornton! Oh, who are you? Why did you?" She dropped her face in her hands and sobbed as though her heart had broken.

Randolph did not leap to comfort her this time; he did not even watch her. With his eyes on the edges of fire that peeped from between and round her ankles, he began to talk.

"I knew you; I knew Sport; I knew Maggie. Just once I met you all, and I've never forgotten. I couldn't." He smiled crookedly. "You and I sat down so hard together and you cried out, 'My, what a bump!' and laughed and laughed—just like tonight, back there at the stage-door of the Crocodile."

Pamela stopped crying.

"So you were that awfully nice boy," she said, disclosing tear-stained cheeks and looking him over as though she were inventorying a long list of points of deterioration.

Robert Hervey Randolph, six feet tall, freckled-nosed, open-faced, blue-eyed and broad-shouldered, looked up at her almost appealingly as if his whole sum and substance were crying out to be appraised at face value but no less.

"That's me," he said vapidly. "My name is Robert Hervey Randolph. Some people call me 'Bob,' some 'Herv,' and the sidey ones say 'Randy.'"

"And I shall call you 'Mr. Randolph,'" said Miss Thornton bravely, and then broke into: "After—after I've th—thanked you again and—and again from my heart. I'm going now."

"That's a wrong guess," said Robert, smiling happily—he didn't know exactly why. "I'm the one that's going, after you promise me that you'll stay here until ten o'clock tomorrow. But before we come to that, please don't thank me ever. It's selfish, but I'd simply love to have you remember me as Bob or Herv or, at the very worst, Randy. Won't you?"

She looked this way and that before she let her face ripple to its wondrous smile.

"I'll go as far as Randy," she conceded mischievously; then the smile went and the shadow came. "But I really can't stay here, you know."

Mr. Randolph leaped to his feet, reached her in a single stride and caught her by both wrists. "Look at me!" he said. "If you won't promise to stay here without a break till ten o'clock tomorrow and thereafter at your pleasure, I'll stay myself and hold you. Now, do you or don't you? One—two—"

"I do."

"Do what?" inquired Robert.

"I promise."

"Make yourself absolutely at home, then," he said, as he dropped her hands and turned toward the door.

"I feel like Christmas eve," said Miss Thornton meekly. "Won't you please tell me what's going to happen?"

"You've guessed it—Christmas," he answered enigmatically, tossed the latch-key on the table, and left her.

She can be excused for spying upon him from the curtained window. She saw him awake the cabman, and then watched the pantomime of a long colloquy.

"Oh!" she moaned. "No wonder! The awful, awful price of those horrid clock things! Why did I let him tell it to wait?"

Presently she was amazed to see both the driver and Mr. Randolph disappear into the dark recesses of the cab and close after them its door. For twenty breathless minutes she watched, tormented by the thought that they had retired to have it out where they wouldn't be disturbed by the police. But at last they issued—both of them. Mr. Randolph proceeded to crank the car and then, walking rather strangely, went off, headed west; the driver mounted his box, threw in the clutch, and scurried to the east as though he were off to meet the morning.

"Strange doings!" thought Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton, as she turned from the window to start on a privately conducted voyage of discovery.

Strange doings, indeed, and stranger still could Imogene Pamela have heard as well as seen. This is what really happened: Mr. Randolph awoke the cabman gently but thoroughly; then he said:

"Look here: I want to buy your wagon."

"Gowan, boss; wot d'yer take me for? Here I been freezin' most to det' fer two mortal hours an' a gent like you starts right in kickin' on the clock widout even readin' it."

"Shucks!" said Mr. Randolph. "What's biting you? Never mind the meter-reading; here's twenty for you to forget that. Now tell me: Who owns your buzz-wagon? You?"

"Naw; the Village Cab company," replied the saturnine cabman as he stuffed the twenty-dollar bill into his trousers pocket.

"Well," said Mr. Randolph, "you and I are about the same build and I've got a proposition for you. Change clothes, hand me over your cab, and take two hundred dollars to see yourself to another job."

The driver showed no surprise; he contemplated the offer with half-closed eyes and dubiously working lips.

"More than that," went on Randolph: "I'm not taking your job just for tonight; I'm going to hold it. The only thing I want you to promise is that you'll keep your trap closed if you see any ads in the personal columns looking for me."

"How do I know you won't lift the car and whoop it up fer New Haven?"

Randolph fixed him in the eye.

"You know I won't, because I say it."

"Sure—that's all right, boss," said the driver conciliatingly. "No bones broke. Now, there's just one thing more: have you figgered that it's five hours to the opening of second-hand Sixth avenue or the Bowery, an' I'd have to wear those clothes of yourn all that time?"

"What's the matter with these clothes?" asked Randolph, a little peeved. "Well, you've heard my offer. Take it or leave it."

"Sure I'll take it!" said the driver promptly. "If I wasn't a-goin' to have took it from the first, what would I 'a' been standin' here talkin' for?"

Whereupon they entered to the cramped privacy of the cab and exchanged garments. Randolph was ready in ten minutes, but it took him another ten to complete the appareling of the puzzled chauffeur. That worthy added to his investiture in Randolph's best evening suit a sickly grin.

"Say," he asked, "how do I look?"

Mr. Randolph surveyed him.

"Oh, you'll do, all right. You look about the way I would if I'd been on a bat. Better have a few drinks, if you can find them, and the world will fall for your clothes. What time do I turn the wagon in, and what time do I go on again? Do you bunk at the garage, by any chance?"

"Never you mind where I bunk," said the ex-cabman suspiciously. "D'you think I'm goin' to throw in a happy home for two hundred? You're on the night shift for this week. Read the rules and regulations when you get to the garage. Say good-by to the boys for me an' tell the manager to go to blazes."

They followed this remark out of the cab; the tough in fop's clothing cranked the car and turned westward, as previously chronicled, while Mr. Randolph, now substitute to Patrick O'Reilly as driver of the Village Cab company's No. 1898, hurled his chariot eastward, not to meet the morning, as it had appeared to the watching Miss Thornton, but in search of the residence of the head of the legal firm charged with the duty of carrying out the instructions of the defunct Mr Asa Thornton.

Mr. Randolph, vice O'Reilly, drew up at the familiar address in Madison avenue and laid his car cheek by jowl with the curb as though anchoring it for a long stay; then he descended from the driver's seat, entered the cab, exclaimed thanksgiving at finding a rug, wrapped himself in its warm folds, curled up on the seat and went to sleep.

In the cold early morning the strong arm of the Law reached in and dragged him back from the Elysian fields where he had been wandering hand in hand with a lovely person dressed in a little velvet toque and very cheap clothes.

"Here, you!" said the voice of the Law. "Don't you know you can't put up a hotel in this burg without a license? Wot the—"

"Morning, Officer," said Randolph, trying his best to be pleasant. "I'm waiting for my fare. Any regulation against that?"

"Don't pull that stuff on me," said the Law. "This ain't the Tenderloin."

"I know it isn't," remarked Mr. Randolph. "But I happen to be waiting for Mr. Borden Milyuns, of Milyuns, Branch & Milyuns. Ever heard of him?"

"Sure," said the cop, impressed but still suspicious. "He lives here all right, but I ain't seen him turning down his own cars for night-hawks lately."

"Well," said Mr. Randolph, "I could tease you along for some time and make you look like a nut, but I won't. The truth is, his prize bitch, Bride of Lammermoor, is pupping tonight, and I'm here to take the lady and her litter down to the dog-show in time to get 'em settled for the opening. Messy job, but the meter is charging for it."

"There ain't a man living that could think up a lie like that, not sudden," murmured the officer, and turned to resume his beat, while Mr. Randolph promptly hit the mat in the hope of catching up with Elysium. He slept: he slept too deep for dreams, and was beyond the reach of the call of any motorhorn when Mr. Milyuns' town car tried to shoo him along at eight-thirty of a bright morning.

Once more was Mr. Randolph dragged by main force to wakefulness.

"Good-morning, Thomas," he remarked. "Is the old man up?"

"Hully gee! Mr. Randolph! What 'ave you been up to now?"

"None of yours, Thomas," said Robert Hervey, in a kindly but firm voice. "Get me a bit of paper and a pencil."

The chauffeur discovered the required articles in Mr. Milyuns' car, handed them over, and curiously watched Mr. Randolph write his note to the effect that Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton would receive her legal representative at Mr. Randolph's rooms in Fifty-ninth street between nine and ten. It was added that the said rooms, upon which rent had been paid to the end of the quarter, and all they contained, including the man, Tomlinson, were at the perpetual disposition of the said Miss T.

"Now, Thomas," said Mr. Randolph, "you take this in to the old man himself and tell him a chauffeur with an empty cab brought it. If you say another word I'll have you up at the union for losing me my job, and I'll lick the stuffings out of you besides. Get me?"

"Sure thing, Mr. Randolph!" said Thomas. "Leave it to me to help you make trouble whenever you feel like it. It's a slow world except for the likes of you."

As soon as the man had entered the house, Mr. Randolph started his cab and made for a point of vantage in the park, from which, in due course, he beheld the arrival of the lawyer at Fifty-ninth street. He waited long enough to make sure that the legal gentleman had penetrated to Miss Thornton; then he threw up his flag and made for the garage.

He sought out the manager.

"Say," he plunged, "Pat O'Reilly lost his job to me last night shooting craps. My clock read twenty-eight dollars this morning; here's my slip."

The manager glanced at the slip, and took a long look at Mr. Randolph.

"You're on, kid," he decided. "Take any shift you like. What's your name?"

"Slim Hervey," said Mr. Randolph promptly.

"One of them earned names," commented the manager. "All right. Go to it."

PART II.

Flesh, Spirit and the Veiled God.

Mr. Randolph spent the day getting acquainted and proved himself a good mixer. By telling a few stories that had not yet sifted down from Clubland and by standing a few drinks he soon found himself made free of all the technical information he needed and some more that was so ultra-technical that it could beat the brains that invented the delicate mechanism of the taximeter. He also established part ownership in a comfortable room in a house very much on the wrong or west side of Broadway, in fact within smelling and almost spitting distance of the North river.

While he was still in funds he bought himself a woolen khaki overcoat with one of those enormous collars which look like an inverted bucket when they are up and surpass in efficiency the traditional black mask so beloved by illustrators of the weekly press. He also had a speaking slot cut in the glass of the cab window just behind his best ear and subsequently removed and lost the slide that had been fitted over it with considerable skill and trouble.

During the next few nights he proceeded to have the time of his life; so much so that he was constantly overwhelmed with wonder at his stupidity in not having become a taxi-driver years before! It should be remembered that Mr. Randolph was of New York Yorky; he knew everybody casually, from Mr. Milyuns and his daughter, Eileen, down to the latest addition to the pitiful ranks of the midinette. More than that, so broad was his acquaintanceship that as a sporting gent he had once or twice been tipped off as to the where and when of a proposed gun-play.

In addition to being by right of birth an integral part of all the social strata of Manhattan, he knew the surface of the island and of the adjacent commoner soil of the mainland considerably better than he knew the palm of his own hand. In fact, he could scarcely ever have been conscious that he had a palm, even as a map of personal fortune; for he who is completely satisfied with the present never worries about the future and Mr. Randolph had been born content.

With such an equipment, is it to be wondered at that he found the taxi field rich with unexpected and surprising blooms? Fair flowers, he had known heretofore to nod only over tea tables and solid silver appeared suddenly transplanted to his cab and ready to nod on a stalwart shoulder. Strong male tiger-lilies of the money market, grafted to the cushions of a taxi, became complacent pillars upon which some clinging ivy twined.

In six nights he learned the sound that a banker makes when slender fingers tickle him under the chin; the gasp of a girl, first-kissed; the cry of a young man upon discovering the absence of grandfather's gold watch, his since graduation day; the cluck of a top-hat fairly sat upon in the excitement of a moment that else would have been tragic, the exasperating tap, tap, tap, of a hen-pecking tongue that explained and condoned a murder mystery in the next morning's papers, and the sob of a ruined youngster who had played with borrowed money.

All these incidents took place with people whom Mr. Randolph knew or knew of and just to show what an extremely honest young man he was, let it be said that it did not once occur to him that he need never be poor while humanity, supposedly in good standing, continued to lay itself open to blackmail at the rate of a case a night. At the same time, he was not stupid and occasionally tapped out a missive loaded with dynamite on the garage typewriter when no one was around. Here is a sample.

"Mr. Poindexter MacGuler, Sir: As I was driving you and Miss B. B. larst night who was foster-mothered by an aunt of a frend of a frend of mine, I heerd you talkin to her and all I got to say is if I see you out with her again short of the bands of matrimony I'll get another frend of mine to get Mr. Robert Herv Randolph to tell what he knows about you cheaten at cards on Dec. 23 last."

Nights that gave birth in the morning to such illiterary tit-bits could scarcely be called dull, but it was not long before Mr. Randolph found himself threatened by an unexpected monotonous employment. Unfortunately for his entertainment, his reputation as the one par excellence St. Bernard lifesaver to the inebriate elite spread rapidly throughout the Force so that the telephone was constantly burdened during the wee hours with the following: "Say, is Slim Hervey on the job? Well, when he comes in tell 'im I got another tailor-model drunk here what has lost his home address from his mind."

With suspicious suddenness Mr. Randolph proceeded to forget half his school and clubmates and cold-bloodedly leave them to their fate and a night out, not without coming to grief on at least one occasion, however. "What are you comin' over me?" demanded the irate captain of the Nth precinct. "You ain't forgot that you was vally to R. H. Randolph for seven years, have ya? Has all his frens gone on the wagon?"

It looked like a loop-hole. "Sure," said Slim Hervey promptly. "His club's near busted what with water-drinkers and softs."

"Sounds kind-a phony to me," said the captain grimly, "considerin' you took this same gent home a week ago come Friday."

"Did I?" said Slim, and with feigned surprise managed finally to recognize the mess of evening clothes that was huddled on a near-by bench. "You're right, Captain. He's drunker than I ever saw him before and besides, he's wearin' a new set of shirt-studs. Kind of changed his looks."

Slim lingered. "Look here," he murmured to the captain confidentially. 'You're on to me, but just let me 'isper. I'm getting to be the delivery wagon for all the high-spot soaks in town. The first one of 'em that loses his jewelry between the curb and his own front door, just tell me where I get off, will you? I'm honest; I got a reputation, an' I tell you, Captain, I'm willin' to bill 'em through for you when you ask for the home port, but it's nix on me handlin' all the high-explosive freight north of Forty-second street. Get me?"

"Sure, Slim," said the captain, appreciatively. "I'll pass the word, lad."

Thus did Mr. Randolph make good his new front name and a little capital besides, working on the stalwart old motto: Every knock is a boost. Instead of becoming a mystery and consequently anathema to the Force, an impression was created that Slim was a hustler, but clean white goods ready to sacrifice a fare or two that he might sit high up alongside Caesar's wife. By stopping at two or three strategically placed police stations during the wind before the dawn to ticket such drunks as were of his acquaintance, he was able to give the glad hand of farewell to a job not to his taste.

"I'm Getting to Be the Delivery Wagon for All the High-Spot Soaks in Town."

About this time a series of coincidences befell the young and fevered Fair of the city of New York which would have given pause to the persons involved had they been able to get together and compare the dope. Take what happened to Miss Georgiette Hattoné. Her people had played in hard luck and died. Georgie had secured a job and was doing pretty well at it until young Doctor Bones met her and gradually persuaded her that she was threatened with galloping consumption. Once he had frightened her, the rest looked easy; he would take her out of bad ventilation into his run-about and the open-air—out of the goodness of his heart and the fullness of his purse, he would take care of her.

He began by leading her to a Netherlimb Show and supper afterward. They danced a little and for the first time in her life, but under medical advice, she took something in the way of stimulant after the initial pretty cocktail. They issued from supper and it was when Mr. Chauffeur Slim Hervey heard the whispered address that the game became a threesome.

Counting upon the abstraction, or rather, the concentration of his fares on interior fittings, Driver Hervey soon switched his cab from the chartered route and made for down-town through silent back streets. In just ten minutes he drew up at an old-fashioned house in a very quiet square, shut off his engine to the idle and waited. Not for long. Out of the cab came a blasphemous exclamation in medical tones and with it a cry of awakening from Georgie. Through one window she looked upon the home of her childhood; through the other upon that happy railed garden-square, which was the umbrageous garner-close of all her dearest, purest and dreamiest memories.

"Oh!" she gasped. "No, you mustn't scold him. This is just where I want to get out and walk. It's—it's extraordinary." Then from the curb. "I may be going to die of consumption, doctor, but, after all, I'd rather—rather die that way."

Twist things around a little and you'll get what happened to Miss Terry de Guest with the difference that that beautiful and hungry young woman who had all but turned her back on Settlement work and her face to the Great White Way, suddenly awoke not in the moonlit embrace of Clairmonte, but before the accusing face of a House in Henry street.

Nor was Mr. Slim Hervey partial to sex in salvation. There was the instance of young Bertram Blossome who shame-facedly hurried into his cab a painted, wan-faced waif of the street with self-accusing eyes. No case this of hunted and hunter—rather two strayed bits of weak humanity driven before the unleashed dogs of poverty and lust. How readily and unquestioningly the boy slipped from the cab at his home address, miraculously confused almost as by the meddling finger of God with one very different! How gratefully the girl took the possible fare and "something over," and how her tears brimmed when ten minutes later the blue-eyed chauffeur, a wage-earner like herself, said: "Nothing doing, Sister. The ride is on me," and promptly whirled away!

While all these incidents were engaging, each in its own way, and showed a reasonable profit to all concerned, Mr. Randolph looked upon them more or less as a means of getting in his hand during a period of initiation. Once he felt sure of himself and of his new chauffeuring point of view and attitude toward the gay world from the under side, he began to haunt the neighborhood of East Ninth street at the hour when dinners are plenty and taxis scarce.

Twice he saw Miss Madge Van Tellier carried off in Somebody's private car, but he was not discouraged, for he recognized in the very fact of that public privacy the badge of preliminary outings. In due course his night and hour came. He was hailed by the arriving Mr. Beacher Tremont and ordered to stand by; twenty minutes later he was listening to that gentleman explaining to Miss Van T. that a cylinder had gone wrong on his own car at the last moment.

Miss Madge Van Tellier, upon whom Mr. Randolph had not laid eyes since the very definite parting of their ways on the rock of ready cash, was more beautiful tonight than at any other time since the evening of her coming-out party. The reason was one and the same. Tonight, as upon that other, she stood within a threshold and peered out on Life with a big L. A flame was in her cheeks and in her eyes; her lips were half-parted and thirsty, her bosom agitated. She was divinely dressed.

They were very silent on their way to dinner at the Knickerbocker, but they exuded an aura of tense expectancy that made nothing of the glass barrier between them and the car pilot, who soon felt himself lifted and carried on its wave. Something was cooking beyond a doubt and he then and there determined to stick a fist through the crust of the pie just before the smell of burning.

There is nothing more stereotyped than a night run before the fever hounds of New York. It is invariably a four-act play that starts with a single cocktail and a tasty dinner, goes on to a show peppered with double meanings, thickens at the cabaret in the close harmony of booze and dance music and finally bursts "somewhere in the country."

The first act was easy for Randolph; he went on with the villain and the leading lady, but once the revolving door of the hotel had clucked on their backs he had to withdraw to the wings and dope out a means of evolving from a super into a star of the first magnitude. He decided that it didn't much matter who wafted the couple from dinner to the show, but that the next entr'act would hold the crux of the night's entertainment, for the cab that secured the freight for the cabaret would stand a good chance of nailing it after the ball.

Consequently he was content to pick up a gutter-snipe and then trail his prey to the theater. "Them is the two," he said to his ally, suborned with the promise of two bits, cash on delivery, "the John with the high hat and the dream-dame in smoke-colored chiffon."

(Continued next week)

Extra Special

Parties are unable to finish paying factory for piano, also player piano. Will sell at a bargain for cash or on time.

E. C. FANTHON

Wholesale Salesman. Mason City, Iowa

BOX 57

The formal opening of the consolidated First National and State Banks will be held next week, and announcement of the day and particuars will be given then.

Mrs. Joel Soma has been ill the past week or two with a severe attack of pneumonia. She is reported as being somewhat improved at this writing.

Wall Paper Sale Continues

We have reduced our stock of 10,000 rolls to 6,000 rolls. Our stock is too large. We will continue our sale until

May 15th

25 per cent Discount for Cash

20 per cent Discount Charged

Wall Paper Suitable for any Room in your House.

Schultz Drug Company

FREE COUNTY CLINIC TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

A free county tuberculosis clinic is to be held under the auspices of the Wright County Medical Society on Friday, April 29 from 9:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the county court house in Clarion.

Two noted specialists will be the examining physicians, Dr. Peck and McCoy of Des Moines.

Similar clinics are being held thruout the states. It affords an opportunity for any one wishing to be examined. It frequently happens that a person is suffering with some complaint which he does not think sufficiently important to take to a physician and he discovers thru this general examination that it is more serious than he suspected.

The advice that the examining physician gives at the time serves as a warning which enables the patient to correct their condition in such a way as to avoid some such disease as tuberculosis. Inactive cases may at any time be transferred to active cases by weakened physical condition, such as overwork, on-hanging colds, influenza, pneumonia, measles, pleurisy—in fact, any disease that materially weakens the system.

The noted Dr. Louis C. Boiseiniere says: "It is generally recognized that most adult persons are infected with tuberculosis in childhood or early youth. Anyone may potentially become actively tuberculosis. The infecion remains latent and is not dangerous in the great majority of cases.

Influenza, however, not only lowers our general resistance to disease but directly attacks the safe-guards that nature has provided against tuberculosis. It is a most potent factor in the production of active tuberculosis. It is analagous to measles in children, as both frequently eat to tuberculosis.

"In view of these facts, it is well to bear in mind that every case of influenza not followed by complete restoration to previous health within a rasonably short time should be suspected of having active tuberculosis unless it can be proven otherwise."

Miss Kate Liddle, Red Cross county nurse, will conduct the preliminary work for the clinic.

Anyone wishing to make an appointment or desiring further information can phone 14 on the Clarion exchange.

Dr. T. J. O'Toole, President.
Dr. J. R. Christensen, Sec.

Hear Ye!

"The Wages of Sin is Death."
"The gift of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Hear the Gospel Message at the

Methodist Episcopal Church

WANT ADS

WANTED

WANTED—Cattle to pasture. Phone 1503 Belmond, or address Lars Grindem, Kanawha, Iowa. 212*

WANTED—Plain sewing. Phone 348. 221c

GARAGE FOR RENT—Good, dry one-car garage. Phone 315.—Mrs. Allen. 222c

WANTED—Base ball games with American Legion or town teams. Write or phone H. W. Cain, Mgr. American Legion team, Rowan, Iowa. 211c

Wanted—A few cattle to pasture. Phone 3710. 8tt

FOR SALE

For Sale—Some mixed hay. Phone 1812. Ed. Jenison. 20tfc

FOR SALE—One good working horse. Inquire at this office. 1*

POTATOES FOR SALE—Phone 2914. A. W. Martin. 222c

Buff Rock Hatching Eggs for sale. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tfc

For Sale—Early Ohio seed potatoes. Phone 3507.—Glen Baker. 9tf

Farm Raised Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs. $5 for 105. Phone 2806—Geo. G. Dipple. 76*

For Sale—Yearling Scotch Short-Horn bull, weight 815 pounds, dark roan, extra good individual. Price $125, worth $200.—John Mack. 9tfc

FOR RENT

Rooms for Rent, over Robinson's Bakery. Ask him. 20tf

For Rent—Four room house, One block from Rock Island depot, east. Phone 291. 21tfc

Furnished Housekeeping Rooms for rent.—F. E. Christie. Phone 283.

MISCELLANEOUS

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

My prices on all work in the mason line are about 25 percent lower than a year ago. See me if you have any work to be done.—W. A. Bullis. 9tf

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price. Chris Rise.

TO TRADE—Want to trade Ford touring car body for Ford roadster body.—Geo. Coburn, Cornelia, Iowa. 212c

I will open a woman's exchange at my place on Spruce street, second house east of the Klemme office. Bring in your needlework etc. Rates 20 per cent. Home baking on Saturdays. —Miss Mary Gealow. tf

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

NOTICE—You are invited to a pie social given in District 3, Pleasant township, on Friday evening, the 22 of April. Ladies please bring pies.—Vida Jenison, Teacher. 1tc

WANTED—NEWS! If you know any we will appreciate it if you will phone it to 115, the Independent, the home paper with the most news.

FOR RENT—A hundred laughs at the Charley Chaplin comedy to be at the Lyric theatre next week.

THE PRODUCT OF THE LAW MILL

As Reported by His Honor

Mayor Barry announces the following fines for the past week:

S. S. Packard, for being drunk and disorderly, fined $10 and costs.

N. C. Packard, for being drunk and disorderly, fined $10 and costs.

Claude Veeder, for speeding and reckless driving, fined $20 and costs.

C. J. Obrecht, for speeding and running auto without numbers, fined $5 and costs.

The mayor makes the announcement that the speeding must be immediately stopped, and that all cutouts must be kept closed. He says that autos must have two lights exposed in front and the tail light light, and that dimmers must be used on all front lights.

C. H. PILL'S GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

$100,000 of Furniture, Rugs and Draperies, all on sale at less than wholesale price. Everything goes regardless of price.

CASH

Bring Your Pocketbook and Follow the Crowds

FOUR HUGE FLOORS FILLED TO THEIR UTMOST CAPACITY

Furniture, Rugs, Draperies, Kitchen Cabinets, Bedroom Suites, Dining Room Suites, Living Room Suites, Phonographs, Library Tables, Carpets, Office Furniture---all goes regardless of cost.

SALE NOW GOING ON COME EARLY

All goods sold for immediate delivery.	Goods packed free for out of town shipments	Liberty Bonds accepted during this sale	No exchanges during this sale

C. H. Pill Furniture Co.

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Stop! Look! Listen!

"The Wages of Sin is Death"

but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sands Memorial Congregational Church

Save Your Eyes

Mr. F. C. Bras, Optometrist will be

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H. Schultz Jewelry Store

Wednesday, April 27th

Where we will be pleased to examine your eyes carefully and scientifically. He will not prescribe glasses unless you need them.

We grind our lenses and gives prompt service.

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COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT FOR BAND THIS WEEK

School Operetta To Be Given On May 4th

Grade Program With Seventy Pupils In Cast To Be Given Next Week Wednesday Night.

FIRST BALL GAME , TODAY

Base ball Wednesday—if the weather man permits. Belmond high will cross bats with Hampton high on the local diamond at 4 o'clock. This will be the first game for the B. H. S. boys but they can play ball and will undoubtedly make Hampton play real ball. Rain prevented Belmond from playing Dows and Corwith last week. Other dates for the above games will be arranged for if possible.

Arrangements are being made for a Triangular track meet to be held at Garner the fore part of May with Garner, Clear Lake and Belmond contesting.

We also have made arrangements for a Dual Track Meet with Clarion and have accepted the invitation to a competative track meet at Clarion the last of May, in which six or eight of the larger schools of this district will compete. It is hoped that more boys will turn out for track.

Don't forget the operetta to be given by the grade pupils Wednesday night, May 4. Seats on sale at Schultz Drug store Monday morning, May 2. School children 6th grade and below, 25c, general admission 35c.

The operetta, "On Midsummer Day," will be given by the grade children under the direction of Miss Rowland. It promises to be a real treat. Seventy-two children are in the cast and with that number one must realize the problem to be met in managing, training and costuming them. The synopsis and program of the operetta will be given next week.

Is it possible to tell the absolute truth—even for 24 hours? It is—at least Bob Bennett, the hero of "Nothing But the Truth," accomplished the feat. The bet he made with his business partners, and the trouble he got into with his partners, his friends and his fiancee—this is the subject of the Senior class play. "Nothing But the Truth" can be whole-heartedly recommended as one of the most sprightly, amusing and popular comedies that the country can boost.

Olive Butts, Leona Smith and Luella Hauge were awarded the first Honor Medal given for efficiency in typewriting by the Remington Typewriting company.

BELMOND'S FIRST LADY JURORS

Two young Belmond ladies, the Misses Maye Tracy and Mary Gealow, have the distinction of being the first ladies from Belmond and from Pleasant township to serve on the jury of the district court. They were called to duty on the first list given out for the April term, and have had the novel experience—to them—of deciding the fate of several cases at court. The duties of citizenship as well as the pleasures of the ballot. Miss Tracy was thru with her duties last week, Miss Gealow being drawn on the final case of the April term being held this week, that of a young Clarion man alleged to have illegaly appropriated some alcohol.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Community Welfare Club meets at the library basement on Friday afternoon, April 29. The program will be on civic improvement for Belmond. The leader is Mrs. E. W. Luick.

There will be a reading by Carol Tyrrell, one by Eloise Brooks, and a piano solo by Marjorie Williams.

Serving Committee: Mesdames W. R. Ramsay, T. Hake. Holt, J. M. Jensen, J. Pletch, H. B. Johnson, H. J. Bohning, Bullard, L. R. Parsons, A. E. Martin.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Moniotr: The grand jury returned two indictments against John Berg, formerly cashier of the State Bank of Belmond. Both charged him with embezzlement, one count being in the sum of $49,000 in round numbers and the other for $31,650. Judge Thompson fixed his bail bonds at $15,000 in each case. Sheriff Lang went to Belmond on Saturday and placed Mr. Berg under arrest, but as his physician, Dr. Steele, stated that he was suffering from a severe cold and nervous breakdown it would be unwise to bring him to Clarion. The sheriff deputized the doctor and turned the accused over to him. Late Monday afternoon Mr. Berg came to Clarion, accompanied by a number of his Belmond friends. He appeared in court and his attorneys entered a plea of not guilty.

At the same time his counsel asked that his bonds be reduced from $30,000 to $15,000, stating that the former sum was excessive in comparison with bonds required for even greater crimes such as murder, where bail had been fixed at $10,000 in this district. It was further stated that Mr. Berg had turned over his entire fortune, estimated at $240,000 to $250,000, to a trustee for the benefit of his creditor's; that he had mortgaged his home, which was exempt, and turned in his automobile and diamond ring in order to make restitution and save his friends from loss. County Attorney Rogers objected to a reduction in the amount of bonds for the reason that the defendant had deeded away his property and was therefore without financial responsibility. Afterward Judge Thompson reduced the bonds to $10,000 each and they were immediately furnished by eight of his Belmond friends. Those who signed Mr. Berg's bond are: Pink Trees, J. D. Baker, James Kenefick, Henry Slining, Chas. McGuire, H. L. Schultz, J. N. Johnson, and S. A. Bohning.

The Clarion Clipper has the following account of the defalcations:

The history of Berg's defalcations begins with an examination of the bank by F. F. Potter, state bank examiner. On August 2, 1920, Potter examined the State Bank of Belmond and discovered that it was carrying paper of Berg's totalling $41,500. As $10,000 is the legal limit which the bank could loan any one person, he reported the fact to the bank officials and also to the state superintendent of banking. The directors of the bank at that time took up the excess loan carried by Mr. Berg.

"I found no shortage at that time," says Mr. Potter's affidavit.

Mr. Potter made further examinations of the bank, and one of these, November 23, 1920, he discovered that an account in the name of escrow had been closed, showing no balance. He took the matter up with Mr. Berg, who explained that this "escrow" account represented an account of $10-000 deposited by E. W. Hood, to retire a farm loan maturing later on. Later, in a meeting with the directors of the bank Berg admitted that he had used the $10,000 represented by the escrow account for his own use. November 24, 1920, two deposits, one for $4,500 and one for $5,500 were made in favor of the escrow account. About this time Mr. Potter discovered that Berg had appropriated to his personal use Liberty Loan bonds totalling $31,650.

In the meantime, he learned that Berg had used funds deposited by the city of Belmond, totalling around $4,000, and $18,000 of funds deposited by the Iowa Valley Sugar company. The Carrie Brandies estate account was also short $4,405.59. Reminded of these descrepancies, Berg is said to have admitted using the money for his personal use but declared that with the Liberty Loan bonds, was all that was wrong. He credited the accounts on August 20 and gave his personal check for $188.76 to balance the day's business.

Mr. Potter's affidavit states that on November 24, 1920, he was present at a meeting of the directors of the bank, Berg appearing and signing a statement under oath admitting that he had appropriated $41,500 of the bank's funds. This statement was signed voluntarily, and so far as Potter knew, was made without any promises and without any threats of any kind being made. Later he learned that Berg was using funds of the bank in excess of the $41,500 by about $50,000.

H. H. Crist, a patron of the bank, in an affidavit filed with the grand jury, states that he left $14,650 in Liberty Loan bonds with the bank for safe keeping. Later he learned they had been disposed of. He had not authorized a disposition of the bonds. He received a note from the bank in settlement.

Jas. F. Berry had $2,700 in bonds and found that $2,200 of them had been disposed of without any authorization on his part. The bank protected him. Perry C. Loomis has $2,200 of bonds in the bank and $1,500 of them were sold without authorization on his part. He was protected by the bank.

E. W. Hood, a Hancock county farmer, who deposited $10,000 with the bank in escrow, swore that the money was used without his knowledge, but admitted he had told the bank it would be alright to use it if they needed it, provided it was ready for him when he wanted to pay of a loan maturing this spring. "I did not know John Berg or any one else used this money," he testified.

U. B. Tracy, of Clarion, testified he was at the meeting and that the report was there was an $85,000 shortage. "I extended sympathy to Mr. Berg at this meeting," he testified, "but Berg said, 'No! No! don't do that; I am not worthy; I did it myself.'"

W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., president of the bank, testified that Berg had used this money without any authorization of the bank officials.

Berg, after the trouble, turned over his equities in his properties to the bank's agent. He is said to have even mortgaged his home and sold his personal belongings in an effort to make

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American Legion Starting Campaign Of Activities

Organize Five-Piece Orchestra, Ball Team, Secure Club Room, And Plan Biig Supper.

TO START THINGS GOING SOON

The local post of the American Legion held a very interesting and affective meeting last week, at which they made a number of active moves to stir things up.

The Legion has rented a room for the present over the C. B. Johnson store, which they will fit up temporarily for a club room, until they can locate in permanent quarters. This room will be fixed up with all the comforts that appeal to the young man.

Another of the plans of the Post here is the organizing of a five-piece orchestra. The Post contains a wide variety of musical talent, and the boys plan to make use of it for their own entertainment.

The Legion is also going to organize a base ball team, to play other Legion teams in the towns around, and a big two-day tournament between neighboring Legion teams figures in the plans made. The best material in the town for a ball team is among the members of the Legion, and they should put forth a real article in that line. As at present planned, Obrecht and Fulton would be the battery, old players as far back as high school, and a deadly combination to run up against.

Sometime during the month of May it is planned to have a big supper probably in the library basement, for the members of the Post and those ex-service men who are not members but who are eligible for membership in the organization. The supper is to be free and is just for the members and ex-service men.

The local Post appears to have started on a campaign of activities during the coming months, and they are to be congratulated on their iniative. The Post has the best wishes of all Belmond people for a good time and useful service.

GEORGE H. RICHARDSON

Hon. George H. Richardson was born at Waterloo, Canada, East, February 7, 1844, and died at Los Angeles, California, on May 12, 1921, in the 77th year of his age.

Together with his parents, he returned to the United States, settling in Illinois in 1852. He was a direct lineal descendent of Samuel Richardson, who emigrated from England in 1836.

Mr. Richardson completed his schooling in the public schools of Foreston, Ill; and all subsequent education was acquired thru his own individual efforts.

During the years of 1863 to 1865 he was deputy Post Master at Foreston, Ill. In 1867 he formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, A. A. Robertson, which partnership was continued for a period of eleven years. In 1873 they came to Belmond, and engaged in business with the Iowa Pacific Railroad, then being graded, but owing to the opposition of the Granger movement was never completed, following which they returned to Alden, Iowa, where they were engaged in dealing in grain, live stock and lumber until 1878, when said firm by mutual consent was dissolved. In 1880 he caused to be constructed two elevators, one at Dows and one at Clarion, Iowa; when in 1881, following the completion of the Iowa Central Railroad from Hampton to Belmond, when he moved to Belmond and erected a large elevator on the Central right of way, also organizing concurrent therewith, the Iowa Valley Bank, which bank Mr. Richardson operated as a private bank, until 1892, when it was made a State bank with a paid up capital of $50,000, and Mr. Richardson was made its' president, which position he held for many years, or up to his practical retirement from further activity along the lines of strenuous business engagement. July 15, 1896, Mr. Richardson was nominated as a Presidential Elector of the Third Congressional district, at the time said district was represented by the late David B. Henderson. At the fall election he received better than 10,-000 majority in the district and 60,-000 in the state; and in politics, was always and ever an unflinching Republican. He was a member of the Republican League of the United States, and treasurer of the Third Republican Congressional District. He was a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of K. of P. also of the Sons of the American Revolution, serving as its president during the year 1898, making the presentation of the flag to the regiment then leaving Des Moines for the Spanish-American war. He was also a member of the Society of Colonial Sons. During his residence in Belmond, he was very much interested in the furtherance of an education, and for many years served as president of the school board, as well as being mayor of Belmond.

It can be truthfuly said of the deceased, while a resident of this city, that he had an advanced interest in Belmond, also in his county and state, and during the long tenure of his residence he at all times done his full duty unflinchingly, as a progressive and public spirited citizen.

He was married to Charlotte Jeanette Thompson at Freeport, Illinois, September 22, 1863, she being a daughter of the Rev. Seymour Thompson and Betsy McKee Thompson. Six children were born to this union: Lorena R; Grace R; Gabrielle R. Charles A; Carlotta Florence, and Cecilia G., and of these children, Cecilia G., wife of Raymond W. Healey, survives.

Mrs. Richardson's demise occurred January 25, 1900.

He was united in a second marriage with Mrs. Eudora Kline, February 26, 1903.

The deceased having retired from all active business, other than looking after his own interests, and owing to his greatly impaired health, moved to Los Angeles in 1920.

Tuesday afternoon, April 19, he was buried from the Congregational church, Rev. Northrup officiating together with the beautiful Masonic Service, and laid to rest in our beautiful Franklin Grove cemetery, beside the loved ones gone before.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his beloved wife Eudora, and his only sister, Mrs. Charlotte Robinson, now residing at Urbana, Ill. together with his surviving daughter, Cecilia Healy, now residing at Long Beach, California, and the following grandchildren: George Pond, Brayton Pond, Seymour, Pond, Clare Richardson, Robert Richardson, Richardson J. Thompson, Jeanette Thompson Blake, and Catherine Thompson.

So endeth an active career, rounded out in old age and silenced thru the immutable decree of nature, only to be succeeded by another or others who in like manner will sooner or later be called before the Throne of their Great Master.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank most sincerely all those who so kindly assisted and comforted us during the illness and death of our belove husband and father, the clubs and societies and the many friends for the beautiful floral tributes, and the Masonic lodge of Belmond for their kindness and assistance in the services.

Mrs. Eudora T. Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Healey
Grandchildren.

DEFINITE PLANS FOR BAND ARE NOW COMPLETED

Band Boys Hold Meeting And Complete Final Arrangements For Band This Summer.

$1,750 SUM TO BE RAISED NOW

Leader Of Ackley Band Secured—Chamber of Commerce Committee To Solicit Funds.

The band boys held their meeting this week and on Tuesday met with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce to complete the final arrangements for a band.

Th boys have made arrangements to secure the leader of the band at Ackley, as reported in the Independent last week, who will come two days a week. The financial end of the band calls for a total of $1,750 for the summer's concerts, and the Chamber of Cemmerce committee is to make a call on the various business establishments this week to secure the funds.

The assessments this year will be slightly more than they were last year, but the amount extra will not greatly inconvenience anyone. Unless the amount named is raised, there can be no band, and the town cannot afford to let the band go for the few extra dollars. They will be more than made up by theextra trade that is brought to town.

So be on the watch for the committee and **prepare to do your part** towards keeping Belmond on the map.

THE FARM HAND SITUATION

The Independent's efforts to place farm hands among the farmers in this vicinity appears to be meeting with both demand and supply, but with poor results so far. The main trouble seems to be that the men who are willing to work on the farm want more money than the farmers are willing or able to pay. There have been some eight or ten men applied at this office for the jobs on the list, but when they came to the matter of wages the engine wouldn't run. Farmers this year cannot afford to pay the wages that were the standard last year; $75 a month, and room and board, is more than any farmer feels he should pay at the prices he is now getting for his products.

There are one or two cases cited locally where a farm hand is receiving $75 a month, but they are the exception; the average wage appears to run from $40 to $50. There is plenty of idle labor; the hoboes are commencing to drift into town in numbers; but they seem to have the idea that their services are as much in demand as last year or the year before. The Independent will continued to use its best efforts to make supply and demand meet, and hopes be able to bring some of the two together.

FREE AIR!

There was a fellow told us a funny thing the other day. He said he heard a man make the remark that Hizzoner had the newspapers at his beck and call, and they'd print anything he wanted 'em to.

No, he hadn't been on the list.

It is to laugh. A newspaper isn't at the beck and call, ready to print anything, of anybody; leastwise, this one isn't. Why, there are a heap of things that even the publisher doesn't get printed that he would like to.

It's a funny world, ain't it?

Of course, everybody isn't going to agree; what a heck of a time we'd have if everybody agreed: no arguments, no politics, no police courts, no laws, no family rows, no nothin'.

Doesn't it give you the shivers just to think about it?

It would be a great life—for the ministers. As it is, the parsons have a hard row of stumps to blast their way thru. Hey, Reverend?

Cho-Cho the Health Clown will be here the 6th of May to show the kids both little and big how to chew-chew their chow-chow. Cho-Cho is reported to be an excentric fellow, with no time for anybody but children. That covers a wide range of years, however.

It shouldn't be long before the city treasury contains sufficient in funds to have the pavements cleaned up. Not, at any rate, if business keeps up at the rate it has for the past week.

Matt ought to have one of those signs which are becoming so popular and which are coming into great demand. Right over the door of the city hall he ought to hang it, that he who runs may read:

"ALL BUSINESS STRICTLY CASH"

We have 'em for sale, at twobits per.

We'd like to sell a few, and leave the account open so in case it was necessary we wouldn't have to go to the bank.

Remember how the greeting, "Good morning, have you used ———'s soap?" used to be on every tongue?

Styles change, however; the new form of greeting is:

"Good morning, have you been pulled yet?"

Must be the spring fever, or something.

Even the little tots are getting the fever. Couple of little three- or four-year-old tots went by our office the other day, arguing fiercely, and one says to the other:

"Well, Matt Barry says ——"

"Out of the mouth of babes—"

But at that, you've got to give Hizzoner credit.

Wonder if the Wild West was as bad!

The annual crop of lies about the "big one that got away" is about due to be harvested: the fishing law is out in about two weeks.

A lot of poor fish, both in and out of the water, are on the way. When we were a kid, we remember one that we almost got one day, that was anyway as big as ———

The season isn't open yet.

THE COUNTY ROADS

A recent artcle in the Jewel, Iowa, paper, on the Wilson Highway, gives some interesting information on the state of the roads along that highway, and incidently mentions that the highway thru Wright county, with the exception of the road south from Belmond to Solsburg, is the worst of any county thru which the Wilson Highway runs. It remarks on the finely graveled road south of this town to the turn east just south of Solsburg, saying that this is one of the best stretches on the route. The road to Clarion from Solsburg is being graveled now, and ultimately will be a fine piece of road, but right now it is a nightmare of the blackest color. All travel from Belmond to the county seat for the next month or so should be by the way of Cornelia, as that is said to be the best road; the other is beyond even a Ford.

Next week Monday and Tuesday at the Lyric theatre will be shown the big 9-reel special, "Sowing the Wind" with Anita Stewart as the star and it is reported some picture.

Noon Closing

On account of the numerous daylight hold-ups during the noon hour, and wishing to eliminate as much of the risk as possible, the Banks of Belmond will close until further notice from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p. m., commencing Monday, May 2nd., 1921.

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

KEEPING THEIR APPOINTMENT

In order to keep an engagement in two farm bureau centers across the mountains, the county agent and home demonstration agent in Shasia county, California, set out by automobile from the county seat. After traveling as far as possible by that method they transferred at the edge of the mountains to a horse and wagon, and when the snow became too deep for this to be used, finally started on foot thru three to five feet of snow for 16 miles. They arrived at the farm bureau meetings on time and found two large audiences of people awaiting them in isolated valleys over the mountain range. On the return trip they made the same 16 miles on foot thru the snow, making a total of 32 miles in all which they had walked in order to keep a previous engagement. The daily papers report the fact that the home demonstration agent completed the trip as successfully and in as good humor as did the county agent.

Miss Baker who was in Wright county last week lecturing on foods for nutrition has had an experience to relate which is almost equal to the one above except that Miss Baker walked thru mud instead of snow. Miss Baker and Mr. Edwards had started for a Lake township meeting and had reached a point within two miles of the meeting when they found themselves stuck in the mud. Rather than miss her appointment, Miss Baker walked the other two miles while the county agent stayed with the "tin Liz" to see that it did not run away.

MISS BAKER ADDRESSES FARM BUREAU LADIES

Miss Margaret Baker, specialist in foods fro mthe Agricultural Extension department, has been lecturing to the ladies of Wright county on the subject "Foods for Nutrition" and judging from all reports Miss Baker's meetings have been well attended.

Because of bad weather and poor roads Miss Baker did not succeed in filling all appointments which were scheduled for her three days stay in the county. Both Miss Baker and the county agent were very much disappointed not to be able to fill the appointments as scheduled, but of course the weather is the controlling factor in holding these meetings.

Miss Baker gave some valuable points of information regarding foods for nutrition of both old and young. She placed special emphasis upon the proper feeding of the growing children and suggested foods which should be given the child during his growing years. In speaking of food for family use Miss Baker urged the more general use of milk and told what a place of importance this product holds in the list of human foods. In speaking of foods in general Miss Baker made the statement that a very high per cent of the human ailments are brought on by the use of improper diets and urged the housewives to be more thoughtful in the preparation of the food for the family to see that it contains the elements necessary for a well balanced food.

GRANT HEARS THE STATE SECRETARY

Mr. J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation with headquarters at Des Moines, addressed the farm bureau members and visitors in school district No. 1 Grant township on the evening of Thursday, April 21.

About 200 farmers, their wives and children, were in attendance at this meeting and enjoyed the interesting program which consisted of recitations and dialogues by school district No. 1 and of a splendid address by Mr. Coupe. Miss Ruth Brooks, the teacher of Grant No. 1, should be congratulated upon the entertainment furnished by her pupils at this community meeting. The way her pupils carried thru their parts indicated a thoro preparation for the program.

Mr. Coupe began his interesting address by giving a brief history of the county agent work and explained it from the time of its inception at Binghamton, N. Y., to the present time. This is the place the farm bureau movement had its inception and the commercial club of the city conceived the idea that in order to have the various departments of the chamber of commerce complete it would be necessary for them to employ an agent to study the farmer's problems in their rural districts surrounding the city. These men realized that in order to have a successful community that agricultural interests would have to be developed in the same degree as other activities and with this in mind they established a farm bureau and employed a county agent by the name of Barrett, whose duty it was to study farm conditions in the vicinity of that city. He carried the history from ths point to the war period when our national government saw a need for increased production to feed our armies across the sea and established war emergency farm bureaus in all parts of the United States, practically all of which have become permanent organizations which make up one of the strongest and most active organizatians known in the history of our country.

Mr. Coupe spoke at length regarding the service departments of the State Farm Bureau federation and placed special emphasis upon the legislative matters which the federation has succeeded in putting across during the past few months. He stated that out of the 23 legislative bills which were presented to our legislature for passage 18 of them were passed upon favorably and became laws. Mr. Coupe explained also the legislative committee, a branch of the National Farm Bureau Federation which sits at Washington to guard the interests of the farmers in our national halls of legislature. He made a special plea to members and non-members, in fact to all farmers, to give their loyal support to this organization which is accomplishing so much for the good of all farmers.

WOLLSTOCK PUT ON A LIVE SOCIAL

Officers and co-operators and particularly the program committee of the Woolstock farm bureau are congratulating themselves upon the successful community program which they staged at the Woolstock Center school on the evening of April 22. Miss Gertrude Schutt, the teacher, at this particular school and who is also lady chairman of the township farm bureau, presided at this meeting. Her pupils furnished an interesting part of the evening's entertainment by giving several recitations and musical numbers. A. S. Chapman who is chairman of the men's department of the farm bureau gave an interesting talk on the outlook of the farm bureau and spoke especially of some of the accomplishments of our local farm bureau during the past year. Mr. Chapman spoke very encouragingy of the farm bureau and urged the farmers of this township to give whole-hearted support to this organization which is bending every effort to solve our problems. Several musical numbers were given consisting of a duet by Mrs. Archie Hockman and Mrs. Geo. Crovisier, a duet by Viola and Nell Nelson, a song by Virginia and Eva Shillington and a solo by the county agent.

One of the most interesting numbers of the evening was a reading by Miss Verla Bernard. The manner in which Miss Bernard rendered this reading indicated a thoro preparation and her audience was held spellbound thruout the entire reading of her number. The feature of the evening was the interesting and practical address given by R. E. Lee Aldrich, one of the substantial farmers of Iowa township who lectured to the people an hour on the agricultural problems of today. Mr. Aldrich began by giving a brief history of the county during his boyhood days and drew a comparison between the conditions at that time and the present day conditions and in so doing brought out the point that the city has too many attractions for the young people of the rural districts in order to keep them contented on the farm.

In speaking of farm bureau activities he spoke quite at length about the necessity of co-operation among farmers in order to effect an organization which is for the good of the farmers in a community. He used several clean-cut illustrations in making the different points in his talk. Mr. Aldrich is a fluent speaker and a man who has had many years of experience as a school teacher and with his native ability as a farmer and his training as a teacher he succeeded in delivering an address which proved to be instructive, interesting and to the point. Mr. Aldrich is one of the men of the county who is being drawn on for addresses in the township meetings in various parts of the county.

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A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whoop-

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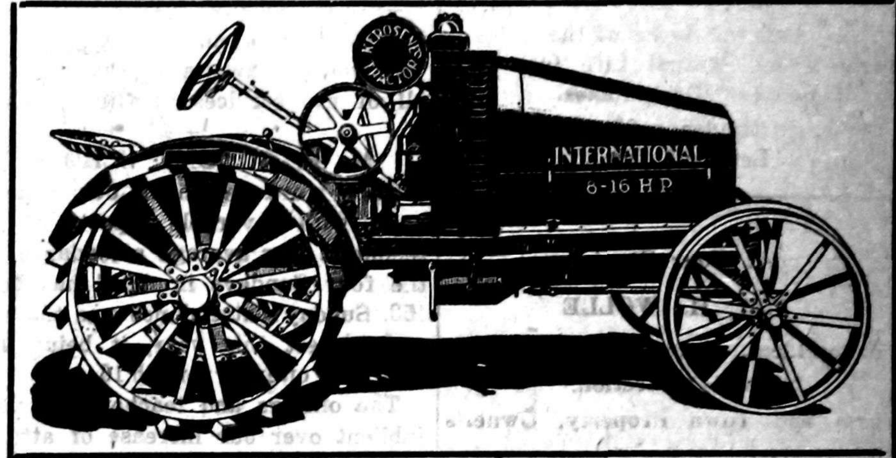

ROWAN NEWS

Help fill a page with Rowan news. Phone your news items to 62.

Will the friends of Rowan kindly keep Friday, May 6, open, as this is the day when the Epworth League of the M. E. church are holding their sale and supper. There will be three stalls at the sale, one for candy, a second for fancy articles and a third for general things. The girls have charge of the candy sale, the women of the fancy goods, and the men of the novelties—the latter is by no means the least. The supper will be a real old fashioned affair with plenty of good eats, and the men are to wait on the tables. The men promise to refund all monies if the people are not satisfied.

Please plan your affairs so that you can be present and have a real and rollicking good time. We are only charging 25 cents for the supper—there's no profiteering among the Leaguers.

The W. C. T. U. meeting was held at the parsonage last week and was in charge of Mrs. Roy Ryder who made a splendid leader.

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson and a number of others plan to be present at the big Centenary Rally at Algona next Thursday and Friday, when Bishop Stuntz and Dr. Clay Cissel of Omaha are to be the leading speakers.

Mrs. F. A. Buffington, who was a delegate from Clear Lake to the Foreign Missionary convention at Clarion last week, came home with her cousin, Mrs. J. E. Thomas, and spent several days returning to her home Monday.

Jake Thomas from Williams was over Sunday guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas.

Mrs. D. E. Harris was a Belmond visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krueger and children were Fort Dodge callers on Monday.

Mrs. George Thom, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. D. Yoeman, started for her home in Colorado on Monday.

Mrs. Blanche Jennings spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. G. R. Stumph.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fletcher and baby, and Alfred Fletcher of Dows, called at the G. R. Stumph and Cliff Steffens homes Sunday of last week.

Edgar Mantle and Marjorie Brooks spent Sunday at the Earl Jacobs home at Goodell.

Duncan Farran went to Goodell on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson and young son Malcolm spent the week end at Dows at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parkenson.

Henry Izerman of Lisbon, North Dakota, came Sunday after his automoble which he had left here when they moved away last winter. He also made a visit at the Joe Rowen home. He started home Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Carol Hoke went to Kanawha on Monday where she has work for a while.

O. F. Branden, Geo. Carmon, Jim Rowen and Harry Cain represented the Andrew Whitten Post of the American Legion of Rowan at the county convention held in Dr. Tompkin's office at Clarion on Monday night, to perfect a county organization in connection with the statewide movement to organize each Congressional district to work as a unit to make Iowa 100 per cent Legion and to get into personal touch with each ex-service man and woman.

Mrs. Ed. Riley went to Iowa Falls on Monday to visit her daughter, Dolly, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Moellering was a Belmond caller on Wednesday.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Mrs. Joe Rowen took the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowen to Dows to have a doctor remove a pea seed, with which he had been playing, from his nose. It was a very painful operation as it lodged so high up that it had to be pushed on up thru the nose into the mouth.

The Young Ladies Mission Stury club of the Cong. church met with Miss LaVonne Ballou on Monday night with Miss Blanch Box as leader. Eight members were present and enjoyed a very interesting lesson. The book which we are studying at present is very interesting and we urge the members to try to be present at these meetings. We meet with Mrs. D. W. Whitten on May 15, with Miss LaVonne Ballou as leader. There will be a short review of the chapters which we have studied so don't stay away because you have missed a part of it. All try to come.

The Carmon Bros. were Dows callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden, Mrs. Ray Williams and Miss Lottie Williams motored to Belmond on Tuesday night where they called at the Geo. Goelz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carmon and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams were Belmond visitors Sunday of last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Brooks went to Waterloo, Wednesday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. U. B. Kepford and family.

Mrs. Edwin Nelson was a Dows caller Monday.

Mrs. T. Streveler and daughter, Thelma, were Fort Dodge shoppers Wednesday.

Miss Laura McCallum spent Wednesday at Clarion at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glen Jennings.

Dr. Johnson of Grinell, state superintendent of Cong. churches, called on friends in Rowan, Wednesday evening, as he was on his way home from the association which was held in Aléxander, Tuesday and Wednesday. He reported fine meetings and a good attendance.

Mrs. Will Bingham was on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath, Mrs. Ed. Azeltine and Mrs. Howard Box were Fort Dodge shoppers Thursday.

Herb Hadley was a Dows caller between trains Thursday.

Thursday morning a special train pulled in on the Great Western on which were two cars of workers for the beet fields along the branch of the Rock Island. The morning train on the R. I. waited for them to transfer to that road.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Virden, Mrs. Will Whitten and Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchett were Hampton callers on Wednesday. While there they purchased some little chickens which were sent to them by parcels post.

Clifford Snow spent the week end with his wife at the Will Whitten home.

Clara Jane Howell spent several days the first of the week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Clint Kercheval.

Dr. Schnug was a professional caller in Rowan, Friday.

Mrs. Ed. Ballou was a Belmond caller on Thursday.

Mrs. H. J. C. Box was a Clarion visitor on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Reasoner and baby returned to their home at Conger, Minnesota, Wednesday, after several days' visit at the Chester Bailey home.

Mrs. H. H. Barker was a county seat visitor on Friday.

Word received from W. H. Binghams from Long Beach, Calif., this week states that the frost has hurt the fruit crop and also that Miss Mildred Strand, neice of Mrs. Charles Benson, formerly of this place, had been very sick from a relapse from the mumps.

Rev. Ada Anderson of Rockwell, who suppled the Congregational pulpit for about four months this winter, wriites that she has had a call to the Plymouth Congregational church at Omaha. Her many friends will be glad to learn of her good fortune and all join in wishing her success in her new field of work. Rev. Anderson did a wonderful work while she was supplying at this place, receiving 19 members into the church. We are hoping to secure her for one more Sunday before she leaves.

Miss Nellie Hackley returned to the hospital at Iowa City on Friday noon. Her mother, Mrs. Ben Hackley, accompanied her as far as Dows. Nellie was allowed to come home for a short vacation about two months ago. She is receiving a vast amount of help at the hospital and it is hoped she will soon be fully recovered.

Mrs. Will Azeltine of Galt was visiting relatives at Rowan the latter part of the week.

Paul Hearn of Bristow came Monday night to visit his sister, Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

Mrs. Bert Pelly is clerking in Theo. Hansen's store while Mr. Hansen is Belmond visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris were in the hospital at Chicago.

Esther Emerson was quite sick this week, caused from starting to school too soon after her spell of LaGrippe. She is better at the present writing.

Jess Steffens was a Belmond shopper on Friday.

Post-Nuptial Shower

Friday night at the D. W. Whitten home, the Mesdames Gay Fletcher, Tom Ross, Myrtel Myers, D. W. Whitten, and the Misses Izetta Fletcher and LaVonne Ballou were hostesses at a post-nuptial shower given in honor of Mrs. Clifford Snow. About 45 friends were present. The color scheme of orange and white was carried out in a very pretty idea. Over the dining room table was an orange and white umbrella from which orange and white streamers were run to the table. On this table was a beautiful collection of gifts, for which the bride thanked her friends with an original poem. The evening was spent in interesting amusements and games. When it came time for the refreshments to be served every one had to play the part of "Little Tom Tucker," and sing for their supper. Four guests were given the name of the same song, so as to form a quartette, this quartette to make a company for supper. One quartette proved to be a solo so only one tray was served—at first. The guests departed at a late hour voting a splendid time and wishing Mrs. Snow much happiness all thru the years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Butz of Hampton visited Miss Mullins over Sunday of last week.

R. Virden was a Dows caller between trains Saturday.

Mrs. Alfred Davis returned Saturday from Crystal Lake, where she went last week to see her sister, who was ill.

Miss Wilda Whitten came from Blairsburg to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten. A friend, Miss Peterson, came with her for the week end.

Mrs. Morris Sullivan of Fort Dodge visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher, for a week. Mr. Sullivan spent Sunday of last week with her. They are planning to go to the lakes for the summer. She returned to her home on Friday.

Friday night Fred Brooks met with some boys and organized a Boy Scout organization. The following boys were charter members: Walter Barker, Jim Heathershaw, Kennith Keith, Lindon Whitten, Eddie Ketchum, Clescent Azeltine, Harold Moellering, Douglas and Dale Farren, Burnard Stumph, George Brooks, Glen Lyming and Max Steffens.

Mr. Morrison, Jim Burt and Laura McClallum were Hampton visitors over the week end.

A. C. Rietz and family were Belmond shoppers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCallum and family of Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings and family of Clarion spent Sunday at the L. A. McCallum home.

Theo. Hansen went to Chicago on Friday to have an operation for hernia. Word received Saturday stated he got in the Presbyterian hospital right away and expected to have the operation Saturday morning. Mrs. Hansen accompanied him. Their son Raymond is staying with relatives at Coulter and their daughter, Bernice, is staying at the W. R. McCallum and F. B. Sheldon homes.

Cecil Harris came from Eagle Grove to spend Sunday with the folks at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. Blanche Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates spent Sunday at the G. R. Stumph home.

Lem Rowen and Henry Hansen were Belmond callers Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion visited her mother, Mrs. Snyder, Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Tomkinson on April 20. A goodly number were present considering the inclemency of the weather. Mrs. Roy Ryder was leader and very ably handled the subject, "Winning the Young for Service."

The W. H. M. S. met at the M. E. parsonage for their annual mite box opening. A short program was rendered with Miss Shaffer as leader, after which the mite box secretary, Mrs. Tresidder, with two assistants opened the boxes and found a sum of $56.86. Several boxes are not in so it is thought it will reach the $60 mark. Dainty refreshments were served.

Guy Stumph, Clarence Lindsey and R. H. Keith have been doing jury duty the past ten days.

The interior decorations of the Congregational church are finished but were not dry enough for services this Sunday. Mr. Davis of Clarion did the work. Mrs. Fred Brooks' Sunday school class is going to remodel the lighting system. Next Sunday there will be regular services both morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford McCallum and family of Lamont, Iowa, came Saturday for a short visit with relatives at this place.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

Nellie Haupt entered the 1st grade this week.

Burnard Stumph run a nail in his foot which caused him to miss a half day of school.

Mrs. Myers' room went to the woods Monday afternoon. They took notes along the way and then wrote essays for their language work. Robinette LaGue had the best essay.

The tennis court is being put in good shape. The girls have the use of it from 3:30 to 4:00 o'clock.

The Senior play is progressing nicely.

A playette will be given by the 8th grade in the near future.

Mr. Starbuck has been secured as a speaker for the Commencement exercises.

The Juniors had a picnic Mon evening at Tyrell Hill. The Sophs had one Tuesday evening at Morse Lake. Both classes had a fine time and big eats.

The agriculture class spent two days at the Ed. Azeltine home to watch them prune trees.

After a practice game of foot ball the boys got on top of the school house and had their pictures taken. They are very good pictures.

Snarl Street Section of Rowan News

Friend Aldrich was a Clarion caller Tuesday.

Henry Aldrich and family have moved their household furniture to the Lee Aldrich farm. Mr. H. Aldrich has been engaged in the garage business at Hardy the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kehler and family and Mr. Evans of Mason City visited at the J. E. Miller home on Thursday.

R. E. Lee Aldrich and son were Clarion callers Thursday.

Miss Marion Pletch visited over the week end at the home of her parents in Belmond.

Herman Retcliff and sons Will and Laurence were Clarion visitors Wednesday.

KANAWHA NEWS

Mrs. H. H. Stewart was a Belmond visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Summers and family left Friday for a short visit with relatives and friends at Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Petheram called on friends in Algona on Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Natzke, who was an over Sunday visitor here with her daughter, Miss Celia Natzke, returned to her home at Cedar Falls on Monday.

Miss Mable Knoll of Fort Dodge was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Knoll.

Miss Edythe Severson returned home Saturday from a short visit with relatives and friends in Minnesota.

The Messrs. Lucas, Knudson and Englet were Garner visitors on Monday.

Mrs. Neil Hanson returned home the latter part of the week from a short visit in Minneapolis.

Miss Viva Rourk came up from Belmond on Friday evening for a visit with the home folks.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP NEWS

Mrs. Elie Olsen, Mrs. Knute Munson and Selma Wicks autoed to Clarion last Tuesday to do some shopping.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Ole Carlston on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mr. Alvin Enge was a busisness caller at the county seat on Tuesday afternoon.

The Misses Anna Mae Stole and Sylvia Wicks came up from Clarion to spend the week end with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asbe spent Monday at the home of T. H. Asbe.

The Glee Club met with Mrs. Art Dutcher on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neibe are the proud parents of a baby girl, born the 20th of April.

Mrs. John Stole autoed to Kanawha on Monday to call on relatives and friends.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holm are reported as being on the sick list this week with an attack of the chicken pox.

Miss Mable Olsen, who has been very ill, is reported as recovering which we are all glad to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig were callers with Kanawha relatives on Saturday of last week.

Tom Wicks came up from Eagle Grove last week to look after his farming interests here.

ALEANDER ITEMS

Alice Peters was a caller at Hampton last Saturday.

Ted Veeder of Belmond was a visitor here the last of the week.

The Misses Hazel Hendrickson and Bertha Gartz visited with friends near Belmond the week end.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will hold a bake sale in the window of the Clarence Murphy hardware store on Saturday evening, April 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals and Mrs. Mable Symens were callers at Dows last Wednesday.

John Christopher of San Francisco, Calif., has been spending the past week visiting at the J. C. Arends home.

Miss Henrietta Pastour was taken suddenly ill last Sunday and was taken to the hospital at Belmond, Mon. where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and baby Robert were business callers at Belmond on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Modderman visited with relatives at Latimer last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bell were business callers at Dows on Saturay.

The cemetery society will meet on May 2 with Mrs. George Dunn. All interested parties are requested to be present as there will be an election of officers and other business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and two children visited with relatives at Dows last Sunday.

The Misses Lillie Cornwell, GertrudeBerninghauser, Vivian Meirbachtol and Mable Progue visited with Miss Alvena Johnson at Latimer last Friday evening.

Wm. Aldinger was a business caller at Hampton, Saturday.

Mirs. H. C. Yaw of Iowa Falls was a visitor here with relatives several days last week.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Lillie Cornwell enjoyed the hospitality of the J. C. Arends home Saturay.

We are sorry to report two accidents within the past ten days. One was when Elmer Larsen fell into Jack Stouts mouth and received a scalp wound, the other was when Willie Muheenbruch attempted to lift a large load into bus No. 8 and received a badly wrenched arm and strained back.

Herbert Mallory severed relations with an adjunct of our school in order to accept a position as baggageman in the local M. & St. L.depot.

The agriculture class planted potatoes in the school plat on Tuesday. The treating of seed, ground, preparation and planting was all done according to Hoyle.

In order to increase our enrollment a "Bring in One" campaign was instituted. As a result Jerry Beenen, Art Peters and Cornelius Stoffer are becoming quite interested. We trust that they will soon be under the tutelage of our competent teachers.

Several of the lady teachers are wearing a new form of head-gear, the loose woven five-cent hat of prewar days. At present we are undecided as to whether it is a sign that spring is here or a hint to the school board for an increase in pay.

The various grades and deppartments are planning a school exhibit for the last week of school. We regret to announce that the pedestal upon which Joe Pals has been working since Autumn of 1920 will not be completed. Joe expects to have it ready to exhibit in the spring of 1922. When completed this pedestal, considering the price of labor, will be the most costly in northern Iowa.

Miss Jessie Bell substituted in the 3rd grade last Monday, as Miss Alvena Johnson was not able to attend to school duties on account of sickness.

Quite a number of visitors attended our impromptu program given last Friday afternoon. The program was patriotic in its nature and in honor of the lamented Theodore Roosevelt. Each room now has upon its walls, a large picture of Roosevelt, presented to us by the American Defense Society.

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL

To All Whom It May Concern:

In the estate of David L. Cuppett, deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of April, 1921, there was filed with and opened by the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, a written instrument purporting to be the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of David L. Cuppett, late of said county, deceased.

And you are further notified that by order of Court the 27th day of April at 1:30 p. m. 1921 has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will, (the same being during the term of said District Court) at which time any person interested can appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Clarion, in said County, this 13th day of April A. D. 1921.

R. V. GOSLIN,
Clerk District Court.

MEASURE LEFT OVER CORN

Iowa farmers who have hay and grain on hand and want to estimate the quantity on hand can do so, using these rules prepared by the extension department of Iowa State College:

To find the number of bushels of grain or shelled corn in a bin: multiply the length by the width by the depth (all in feet) and divide by 1 1-4.

To find the number of bushels of ear corn in a crib: multiply the length by the average depth by the width (all in feet) and divide by 2 1-2 If the crib is round, multiply the distance around the crib by the diameter by the depth of the corn (all in feet) and divide by 10.

To find the number of tons of hay in a mow: multiply the length by the width by the height (all in feet) and divide by 400 to 500 depending on the kind of hay and how long it has been in the mow.

To find the number of tons of hay in a stack, multiply the overthrow (the distance from the ground on one side over the stack to the ground on the other side) by the length by the width (all in feet); multiply by 3; divide by ten and then divide by 400 o 500.—Better Iowa Magazine.

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An Adventure Romance

By

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SYNOPSIS.

PART I.—Robert Hervey Randolph, young New York man-about-town, leaves the home of his sweetheart, Madge Van Tellier, chagrined because of her refusal of his proposal of marriage. His income, $10,000 a year, which he must surrender if a certain Miss Imogen Pamela Thornton (whom he has seen only as a small girl ten years before) is found, is not considered by the girl of his heart adequate to modern needs. In a "don't care" mood Randolph enters a taxi, unseen by the driver, and is driven to the stage door of a theater. A man he knows, Duke Beamer, induces a girl to enter the cab. Beamer, attempting to follow, is pushed back by Randolph and the cab moves on. His new acquaintance tells Randolph she is a chorus girl, and has lost her position. She is in distress, even hungry, and he takes her to his apartment. There, after lunch, a chance remark convinces him the girl is the missing Pamela Thornton. He does not tell her of her good fortune, but secures her promise to stay in the flat until the morning, and leaves her. In a whimsical mood, also realizing that the girl's reappearance has left him practically penniless, he bribes the taxi driver to let him take his job, and leaving word with the legal representative of the Thornton estate where he can find Pamela, takes up his new duties under the name of "Slim Hervey." He loves the girl, but his pride forbids him approaching her under their changed conditions.

PART II.—One evening he is engaged by Beacher Tremont, notorious profligate, to drive him and Madge Van Tellier to a hostelry known as "Greenwood." Aware of the evil nature of the place, Randolph drives the pair to Greenwood cemetery. Infuriated, Beacher gets out of the cab and Randolph leaves him there, taking the girl (who has awakened to a realization of her folly) to her home. Madge recognizes him.

"That's some name for a skirt, Cap," said the extreme youth admiringly, "an' some skirt, believe me. Nor! I won't forget 'em."

And he didn't. No sooner had Mr. Beacher Tremont, bearing a thistle-down burden on his arm, swelled out from the theater with the anxious look on his face of a man with three cars in the garage at home and no call number in his left hand waistcoat pocket, than the imp was at his side. "Say, mister, wanter taxi? Got one at the head of the line that I'd give up just to youse for a dime."

"Lead me to it," said Mr. Tremont.

"Say," said the snipe to Randolph as the car jumped, "I've took the boss inside on fer a friend. You watch yeself."

It was a short run to the lair of the Midnight Rolic, but Mr. Randolph was not surprised at the double wage he received nor at the murmured conversation that accompanied it. "Fill

"Wait for Me at the Seventh Avenue Northeast Corner. Get Me?"

up your gas tank and wait for me at the Seventh avenue northeast corner. Get me?"

"Sure," grunted Mr. Randolph. "Where to, mister?"

"Greenwood hostelry," breathed the villain.

"I'm on," said Mr. Randolph, ran his car to the comfortably quiet nook designated, dug out a road map of Manhattan and vicinity, scrutinized it carelessly and settled down to meditate.

To a select and once affluent few the name of the G. hostelry above mentioned will bring certain vivid recollections and will also place the chronology of this yarn, for the said abode of reveiry was too good to last very long; it choked to death on its own popularity and consequent publicity. From the outside, even in its hey-day, it presented a most innocuous appearance, just a renovated farmhouse standing under a clump of veiling sugar-maples on the top of a hill whence the nearest neighbor was out of sight.

But once within its modest portal, its habitues found themselves in the cleverest fake atmosphere of a pleasure-loving decade. An organizing genius, sensitive to all those cheap adjuncts which usually grate on the soul hovering at the edge of the decline to Avernus, had pandered effectively to an ignoble end and made of each small room an isle of forgetfulness; price, twenty-five bucks in advance, supper and drinks extra.

For the benefit of those who do not remember the epoch of the Greenwood hostelry and are consequently reading on and on in mortal dread of the paragraph that will introduce the War, let it be said at once, Forget it. Stake out the beginning of the international mix-up, hurl another boundary mark into November of 1918, and the time left outside of those limits will be found entirely sufficient to the needs of this chronicle. Let it further be noted that it is inconceivable that a single drop of the kind of blood which flowed in the veins of Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph could ever answer to the name of slacker, proof positive in itself that the events herein set forth happened when the War didn't.

Mr. Slim Hervey, chauffeur, was still plunged in reverie when his senses were assailed by a whiff of lilac, a mere nuance of perfume, that proclaimed the approach of Miss Madge Van Tellier. He jumped out just in time to throw open the door of his cab for the couple and take the murmured order of Mr. Beacher Tremont. "All right. Hit it up for Greenwood."

Luckily for the cabman's entertainment, his engine was working in silent perfection that night. The late hour gave him almost undisputed right of way so that driving became an automatic adjustment of his course in line with the curb and released his attention to gorge itself at leisure with eaves-dropping. By squirming his shoulders he managed to cock one ear over the top of his high overcoat collar; it was the ear next to the open speaking-slot.

"What a dream of a night," said the clear voice of Miss Van Tellier. "Shall I be a traitor to my sex and betray one of its secrets to you?"

"Please do," murmured Mr. Tremont. From the very tone of his voice one could divine that he had slipped an arm around her and was holding her close.

"Well, it's this," she continued. "Women are not conquered by man alone, but by man and atmosphere. We never rush at the precipice; we flutter toward it with many stops and pauses. The silliest breezes of impulse may carry us on or a puff of unkind aid hold us back. It all really depends on the man imposing his atmosphere so steadily that the drifting soul of woman forgets its inborn title to vagrancy and sleepily assumes its enemy's goal."

"Madge," said Mr. Tremont almost earnestly, "you frighten me. I never knew you could talk like that. You frighten me because I have a terror of analyzed personal relations."

Randolph could hear a faint rustling of her robe as though she had nestled closer to her escort. "I never meant to startle you, Beacher," her voice continued, not quite so clear. Into its tone had crept, hesitatingly, a trace of unaccustomed emotion. "I was only warning you. Every man can make a world of his arms for one woman; not all can hold the illusion to beyond possession."

"I can, if you will only help me," whispered Tremont, and paused as though his own earnestness were taking him by surprise.

"I wonder," said Miss Van Tellier. "You have played the right game. You have never said a vulgar thing to me or stooped to the usual hypocrisies; those are compliments by inference that have flattered the best that is in me. You have set the play in a high plane that winning, wins all of me; but—"

"But what?" asked Tremont.

"But there is danger in the high flight," finished Miss Van Tellier. "An air-pocket in your atmosphere and, pouf! all is lost—the good in me that you will have missed as well as the bad that you could have won by a baser effort."

"What do you mean?" asked Tremont, no longer making the slightest effort to hide his awakened interest.

"I was thinking," said Miss Van Tellier, dreamily, "that every woman is a group of three individuals. Shall I tell you their names?"

"Yes," said Tremont.

"The first," continued the girl, her voice floating from her as though carried on the bosom of her dream, "is called Flesh; the second, Spirit, and the third—the third I shall name the Veiled God."

"Madge!" cried Tremont, and Randolph, listening with all his ears, could almost feel the clutch on his own arms with which the man had seized the girl's, as though to drag her back from her mind's far distance.

"People wonder," she continued, her mood unbroken, "at the wreck of apparently perfect marriages and yet it's so simple to any woman that it's amazing that I should be the first to display our open secret. Only the complete lover can be secure of his beloved, Beacher. He who wins her flesh alone leaves her spirit to betray him, and he who wins the spirit alone is in mortal danger of the woman of the flesh."

"The explanation," said Tremont, whimsically, "is so feminine that it confuses. If you had said that each woman is a trinity and must be thrice won before a man's honor can feel secure, understanding would be a simple matter. Did you leave out the Veiled God purposely or just to be different and avoid the obvious?"

"To avoid the obvious is an instinct of breeding," said Miss Van Tellier, "and I would never blush for doing it; but where would your thoughts be now if I had said just what you expected, if I had treated the Veiled God as a matter of fact! Oh, no! One can clip with words the wings of flesh and spirit, but not of the Veiled God in woman, for its very essence is a deferred possession."

She paused, but as Tremont clung to the silence, she presently continued. "The complete lover is the man who having conquered all the heights of flesh and spirit in his mistress, dwells consciously in the presence of an undiscovered god and gazes out upon a broad land eternally promised, never materially seized. Few are the men—few are the men—" Her voice trailed off as though her thoughts had run ahead of words and reached finality without the use of the spoken phrase.

"Few are the men who attain to that serene security," Tremont finished for her, only half conscious of what he was saying.

Randolph could her the rustle of her turning to her companion. "How wonderful," she said. "That is what I thought, but didn't say."

"Madge," said Tremont, "what have you done? It's true that I have never stooped to hypocrisies with you and that I have never while with you spoken a vulgar word. Did you think that I have been knowingly wise? Well, I haven't. I didn't know until this moment why I chose a rare and high atmosphere to reach you. Now I know. It was because you were there. I chose only to come to you rather than drag you down to the drab of the usual. What you have done is to carry me higher than I ever meant to go. You have taken me off the beaten path and showed me an unexpected treasure. I'm no longer myself. I am cold and afraid."

Randolph could feel that the speaker was drawing away from the girl and a moment later his senses were to surpass themselves in additional divination. "You are afraid of that woman in me?" asked Miss Van Tellier softly. "What about this one?" And then it was that Randolph's deductive antennae quivered under their burden of intelligence. He knew as certainly as though he had faced about that an adorable Madge, tender and wide-eyed, had slipped her bare arms around Beacher Tremont's neck and kissed him on the mouth.

There was a long silence; then came Tremont's voice, thick and strange to the ear. "A moment ago," it said, "I was afraid for you; now I'm afraid for myself. I am like a man who has carelessly dropped a lighted match and finds himself within the ring of a prairie fire. I can only wonder at my stupidity in thinking of you in connection with a casual possession and not as a consuming flame. You see? Already you have burned through the thin crust of lies that guards man from definite seizure by woman—any woman."

"Kiss me, Beacher," murmured the girl's voice as though his words had swirled around and by her, leaving her purpose untouched. "Take me and hold me carefully where no unkind air can drive me from you. Take all the women in me—one by one if you must."

At that moment Mr. Robert H. Randolph, in the person of Slim Hervey, chauffeur, very nearly wrecked his four-cylinder argosy with its burden of three fates, still individually and collectively indispensable to the continuity of this yarn. He missed the ditch by a hair's breath, caught his own with a gasp, returned to the middle of the broad highway and fixed his attention on a certain very definite matter with which it had been more or less constantly concerned ever since he had been directed to hit it up for Greenwood.

The road to that well-known hostelry was usefully devious and fares were seldom worried as to how any particular driver set out to find this choicest of needles in the hay-stack of the country inns that dot the landscape of Westchester and adjacent counties as long as he brought the search to a successful end somewhere this side of the pangs of hunger.

Nevertheless, had not Mr. Tremont, himself a motorist of no mean experience, been completely absorbed by the sudden discovery that he had his right arm around an entirely new world, he would have been struck inevitably by two things. First, that this was certainly not any one of the climbing roads to the Greenwood hostelry; second, that the man at the wheel knew more about losing his way in the vicinity of Manhattan and finding it again than did the combined roadmaps of the United States and its allies—supposing it to have had

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Gingham, Fancy Plaid, 32 inch, was 35c, SALE PRICE ---- 25c
Greenbrier Cretonne, 36 inch, was 25c, SALE PRICE ---- 18c
Fine Quality Cretonne, 25 inch, was 40c, SALE PRICE ---- 30c
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BELMOND INDEPENDENT

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BELMOND BAND NOW AN ASSURED FACT

Grade Operetta To Be Given At School Tonight

Operetta With Over Seventy Pupils In Cast To Be Given At School House Tonight.

A PLEASING FAIRY TALE

A synopsis of the operetta, "On Midsummer Day," is as follows:

"The child, who professes to love her flowers dearly, has nevertheless shamefully neglected their care. The Fairy Queen discovers their sorry plight and sends them off to Fairyland while she searches the world for the careless little gardener that she may rebuke her. The child, broken hearted at the loss of her flowers, seeks comfort from the Fairy Queen. The queen recites the story of her cruel neglect, and with the aid of the Overall Boys and Sunbonnet Babies gives her a lesson in gardening. Upon her promise to be better, her beloved flowers are restored to her garden."

Musical Program

Scene 1

Opening Chorus ---------- Flowers
Dance of the Bees and Butterflies
Love Song to the Flowers -------- ------- Lucile Dochtermann
Queen of Fairies ----- Lucile Legge
Rain Chorus -------------- Fairies
Mr. Poppy's Proposal—Earl Meacham, Adeline Amblie
On Still Warm Nights—Robert Luick, Max Elder
Pretty Golden Sunbeams -- Flowers Finale.

Scene 11

Opening Chorus—Brownies and Faries
A Midsummer Day—Brownies and Fairies
A Secret—Brownies and Fairies
A Wish ----------- Ruth Ramsay
Naughty Brownie—Ursuline McGuire, Eugene Barry
Come Dance Away ---- Lucile Legge
Chorus (Sunbonnet Babies and Overall Boys)
How to Make Your Garden Grow—Marcella Leavy, Babes and Boys
Air Mysteries—June Norby, Robert Fetrow
Finale.

This Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock the pupils of the grades will give the operetta, "On Midsummer Day.'

Those who take part are:

The Child ----- Lucile Dochtorman
Fairy Queen -------- Lucile Legge

FLOWERS

Nasturtiums—Raymond Trees, Stanley Moe.
Poppies—Earl Meacham, Ronald Purcell.
Asters—Robert Fetrow, Donald Baker
Pansies—Max Elder, Robert Luick
Daises—Adaline Amblie, Ninta Packard.
Primrose—Lorraine Lieuwen, Marie Barry
Violets—Esther Dibble, June Norby
Pinks—Lillian McNutt, Pauline Peterson.
Butterflies—Lois Eaton, Marion Luick, Marview Hanson, Amelia Greenlander, Rose Barry, Mariel Sullivan, Ruth Leavy, Harriet Gowdy.
Honey Bees—Peter Steenblock, Edward Obrecht, Dwaine Brady, Billy Riecke, Lynn Hake Junior Goetz, Dwight Boughton, Roy Larson.
Fairies—Harriet Martin, Muriel Luick, Darlaine Riecke, Mildred Jacobson, Ruth Ramsay, Ruth Jones, Lucile Skouge, Mildred Berg.
Brownies—Claire Hill, Lewis Dipple, Eugene Barry, Richard Gowdy, Paul McNulty, Raymond Thompson, Henry Johnson, Rolland Schultz.
Overall Boys—Hoyt Klemme, Glenn Russell, Thurston Larson, Randal Klemme, Clifford Johnson, Leroy Eaton, Leonard Johnson, Ernest Stadtlander.
Sunbonnet Babies—Mary Quinlan, Margaret Leavy, Pearl Veeder, Mildred Stapley, Marcella Leavy, Evelyn Groen, Cecilia Luick, Helen Luick.
Sunbeams—Katherine Blake, Virginia Morris, Esther Lutz, Dean Hill, Hildegrade Thorman, Naida Waddington, Mary Elizabeth Blake.

Saturday at 2:30 at Clarion, Belmond high school will meet Clarion in a dual track meet. If you have time, plan to attend, that is, if you enjoy good foot racing, jumping vault ing and like sports.

If weather permits this meet another date will be set later.

Friday at 4:20 Belmond high school will play their second game of base ball on the local diamond. Dows will be here at that time. Our boys played real ball the first five innings against Hampton and will undoubtedly do better next Friday. The boys need backers if they are to play real ball. Be a booster and come to the game Friday afternoon, 4:20.

Cho-Cho the Health Clown will be at the high school auditorium Friday at 4:00 to give his program to children between the ages of 6 and 12, especially. We extend invitations to all the rural schools to close school a little early and make arrangements with some of the parents to bring your school to see Cho-Cho

Practice on the Senior class play, "Nothing But the Truth," is going on steadily: May 20 has been set for the date, so plan to attend. "Nothing But the Truth" is considered one of the cleverest farces that has been released for ameteur production in late years.

The last program of the literary was given last Friday.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 4 ----------- Grade Operetta
May 6 ---- Cho-Cho, 4:00 o'clock
May 6—Base ball, Belmond vs Dows at 4:30
May 13—base ball, Belmond vs Corwith
May 13—Junior-Senior Banquet
May 20—Senior Class Play

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP OPENS

W. A. Dittmer is the new proprietor of the blacksmith shop of Peter Stacy, which he has taken over and is now conducting. Mr. Dittmer was a master mechanic at tht sugar factory last year, and has had some 16 years experience in his trade. He is fully capable and will no doubt receive a good patronage.

Mr. Stacy, who has been in the blacksmith business here for some 45 years, has been on the sick list for some time past. His many old friends in and around Belmond will be sorry to have him leave the shop, wehre for so many years he has betn a familiar figure.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

Ascension Day will be observed by the Immanuel Reformed church on Thursday forenoon of this week. The services will commence at 10:30 o'clock.

The pastor also desires to announce regular preaching services in the evening of each Lord's day, and herewith invites all residing in this immediate community to worship with us. The services commence at 8:00 o'clock and are conducted in the American language. We preach Christ and Him crucified, the Saviour of the world.

A. H. Waalkes, Pastor.

NEW NAME FOR SPRUCE STREET NOT YET CHOSEN

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The new name for Spruce street has not yet been chosen by the city council. A meeting was held on Monday of this week, and the list of new names which have been submitted, examined, but as the council is not quite ready for the change yet no definite action was taken.

The council expects to make its selection in the near future however—possibly this week or next—so those who have not yet submitted their suggestions should get it in at once.

Among the names so far on the list are the following:

Main Street
Commerce Street
Central Avenue
Crist Avenue
Ramsay Boulevard
Broadway

The council expects to have the entire affair settled and in radiness for the ordnace at the next meeting.

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Cho-Cho the Health Clown at Auditorium Friday

Famous Health Clown To Give His Lecture To Children At Four O'Clock P. M.

IS VERY ECCENTRIC FELLOW

Cho-Cho's manager at Ames has asked us to put forth every effort to make his entertainment a success. It is not every day that Belmond entertains so famous nor so peculiar a person. While Cho-Cho loves children he does not like to have babies at his performances. His manager says, "He wants no grown ups or babies mixed in with the children. He performs chiefly for the children from 6 to 12 and wishes others to be in the rear. His performance is very good, but he is surely queer whimsical and eccentric. He loves to be praised and to have his picture taken." So we are asking all the babies to wait until their fifth birthday is passed to be at his performance, and the grown upsto go up into the gallery leaving the main floor for the children.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Judge Thompson dismissed the case of H. N. Nettles vs. F. B. Sheldon, cashier of the Rowan Savings bank. Suit was a complicated affair between Landlord Aldrich, the tenant and the bank.

Marriage licenses for the past week: L. P. Claude and Nettie Bedient, Frank Walter Bowman and Edith I. Northrop, Elmer Thompson and Selma Larson, Alfred Berkland andO'Vera Geneva Jenson.

The case against John Berg, the Belmond ex-bank cashier, has been continued until the October term of court. His attorneys wanted more time in which to prepare the case and his doctor stated that the defendant's health would not permit of the case going to trial at this term.

The case of the Nordschow Motor Co. vs. Hal Smith, being an action to collect commission on sale of an auomobile, also garage account, was taken from the jury by Judge Thompson, when it became known that the plaintiff had not delivered the auto in question or even attempted to do so.

Divorces have been granted to the following couples: L. E. Goslin vs. Beulah Goslin of Clarion, Ben Cain vs. Argola Cain of Clarion, Planche Jennings vs. Claude Jennings of Rowan, O'Ressa Holly vs. Leo M. Holly. The case of Dexter vs. Dexter is yet to be disposed of.

Sheriff Lang went to Eagle Grove last week and returned with a man and his wife by the name of Knuter, who had previously plead guilty to stealing an auto truck belonging to Claude Middleton. They drove it to Gilmore City where they abandoned the machine. They are confined in the county jail awaiting court action.

The Rock Island railroad company has withdrawn its suit against the board of supervisors over the establishing of the storm sewer project in Clarion. Birdsall & Archerd received notice to that effect last week from the company's attorneys. The above action removes the last obstacle in the matter of establishing the proposed storm sewer.

The jury in the case of the state vs. Dan Lorraine found him not guilty, returning a verdict Tuesday afternoon. Defendant was charged with stealing a quantity of alcohol from a small building in the east part of town, where it had been stored the day previous to its disappearance. Defendant assisted with the removing of the liquor in question. Delmar Curtis, who says he was with Loraine, plead guilty as charged and was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and fined $100.—Monitor.

COMMUNITY CLUB HOLDS FINE MEETING

Large Attendance At Meeting Last Friday And Many Interesting Improvements Planned.

Tht Community Welfare club held an interesting meeting last Friday afternoon. Mrs. A. E. Martin, chairman of the memorial tree committee, reported that some of the trees planted in memory of the boys who died in the world war were dead, and would be replaced this week. She also reported that the committee thought it would be unsatisfactory to bring in a boulder from the country to place the bronze tablet on. It would be too difficult to have it planed and the tablet fitted on solidly. She reported that the Chamber of Commerce would pay half the price if the club wished to purchase a boulder for that purpose. Mrs. Martin stated it would cost about $100. The club voted to purchase such a boulder.

Mrs. Ramsay, chairman of the shrubrey committee, reported that the shrubs and vines had all been placed on the city hall grounds, making it a very attractive place.

The bill of $10 for the shrubs and expense of placing them was allowed.

Mrs. E. W. Luick was leader of the program which was on civic improvements for Belmond. After an interesting talk Mrs. Luick turned the meeting over to the members for a general discussion on things that would improve and benefit the community.

A reading by Eloise Brooks and a piano solo by Marjorie Williams were enjoyed by all present.

Cinnamon rolls and coffee were served by the Mesdames W. R. Ramsay, J. M. Jensen, H. J. Bohning, L. R. Parsons, A. E. Martin, Glenn Baker, Delaney, A. Andrews, and Miss Blanche Baker.

AMERICAN LEGION ON NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

Last week Thursday the American Legion post here went on a neighborhood tour with the purpose of advertising the activities of the post and making themselves known to the surrounding towns. About half a dozen auto loads went on the trip, and a small Legion band was one of the attraction-drawing stunts. They drove to Rowan thence to the Lee Aldrich farm where a sale was in progress, from there to Alexander, on to Meservey, Goodell and Kanawha, then home. They met with very nic reception at all stops and a very successful trip is reported.

MUCH IDLE LABOR NOW

The idle labor in Belmond is increasing each day, from the strangers who drift in looking for a job. The fact that the factory has closed for the season evidently has not reached very far out in a general way as yet, for many of the men have made inquiries at this office regarding employment there. Most of the men appear willing to work on the farm, but they all want more money than the farmer can afford to pay. They do not seem to have sensed the fact yet that there are more men than there are jobs right now, and while they are willing to work for some less than they have been, they still have some pretty big ideas.

FORMER SCHOOL SUPT. GETS ADVANCEMENT

The following from the Storm Lake paper concerns a former well known superintendent of school here, S. T. Neveln, who will be remembered by many local people:

Storm Lake friends of S. T. Neveln, for five years superintendent of the Storm Lake schools and for the past seven years superintendent at LeMars has been elected superintendent of the schools at Austin, Minn. A fine new $350,000 high school building is just being completed there and the list of applicants for the position was a long one. School men like to work in Minnesota as it is said that the state does more for its schools than here in Iowa and Mr. Nevelo's many friends in Storm Lake will extend their congratulations.

REQUIRED SUMS FOR CONCERTS NOW IN SIGHT

Belmond Assurred Of Good Home Band For This Summer With Old Players In It.

FIRST CONCERT NEXT MONTH

Leader Is Secured, First Rehersal To Be This Week, Band Is Told To Go Ahead.

Belmond is now assured of a band for this summer. The committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which solicited the business houses and others last week, reports that they have raised all but a few dollars of the required amount, $1,750, and they still have a number to see whom they know will bring the required sum within reach.

The band boys have been told to go ahead with their arrangements in securing the leader, and it is understood they have done this and that the first rehersal of the band will be held this week.

The band will necessarily have to hold several rehersals before giving the first concert, and the first number of the summer's concerts will not be held until about the first Saturday night in June therefore. Mr. Shennet of Ackley, leader of the band at that place and at Hampton, has been secured to lead the band here for the summer.

The band will be composed principally of the old players, altho a few new ones will be among the members.

THERE IS NO CIRCUS COMING

There is no circus coming to town. But Friday, May 6, the biggest part of the circus is to be here from Clarion. Cho-Cho, the famous health clown, formerly belonging to the Barnum-Bailey circus, is to be here bringing with him many a laugh for those who attend his performance. Look for a big automobile at 4:00 o'clock from the west, and you will see him. His performance is especially for the children and he goes thru the whole line of clown antics and capers to please them. He even makes vegetables talk. Yet thru it all runs a serious note, that of impressing on the children's minds, the need of proper food, exercise, and cleanliness. He has a big game to teach, called the health game. We want every child in the vicinity of Belmond to be there to learn this game.

BALL GAME POSTPONED; TO BE PLAYED SUNDAY

On Account Of Rain Game With The Mason City Independents Was Postponed Until Sunday.

The first game of base ball for the season, scheduled for last week Sunday, was postponed until this week Sunday, May 8 at the local diamond. The same team, Mason City Independents, will play the town team, and Pillmer, the try-out pitcher, will be on the mound for the home team. He is rated real high class, and the Independents are conceded to be the best of their kind in northern Iowa, so the fans should see a real game next Sunday. If Pillmer proves he is the goods, the probabilities are that the local manager will keep him with the team.

HIGH SCHOOL LOSES 12 TO 0

The high school base ball team met Hampton in the first game of the season on the local diamond on last Wednesday afternoon. The boys put up a fine game for five or six innings, when they blew up and the final reckoning was 12 to 0 in favor of the Hampton team. The latter aggregation were mostly all larger and more experienced players than the local boys, and were a fast and hard-hitting bunch.

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FREE AIR!

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The Air is in receipt of a letter, by some reader of the column, and the writer thereof disagress—strangely—with certain of our viewpoints.

They want us to print the same, whether with or without comment they say not. Howsomever, they ask that we invite comment both pro and con on the question at issue—mostly con, we think.

The scribe forgot one thing, however; a mere trifle, but one which we are just ornery enough about to make them do: They forgot to sign said epistle.

If the writer thereof will just send in their name to the aforesaid document, we will oblige them by placing their brainchild, or storm, in cold print. Without the name, we hardly feel like doing it. We won't print the name, but we have to know who is responsible: We can't be for more than our own efforts, and that's all the job we care to handle.

It looks like any opinion that was homeless, you might say, or at least wandering 'round without any visible parentage or means of support or something, was a sort of pitiful object or object of pity, whatever the difference. Opinions hadn't ought, as the high school students say, be allowed to wander around in public without a guardian. Anyway that's what we think, and as we won't be responsible for the kid, it'll have go to the orphanage until claimed.

Somebody suggested that we change the name of this colyum to Hot Air. At that they came pretty close to winning the prize. The reason we don't is because we want to make the Air different, and there's so much hot air floating 'round. Free air draws the attention immediately, because its free. And if folks don't like it, they can't demand heir money back, because being free it didn't cost 'em anything.

Ain't people funny? We don't mean comical in appearance, tho you run across them every day—and they probably think the same thing of you; we mean in the way, or different ways, they look at things. Nothing in particular, just things in general. We were arguing with one of the ministers the other day, and he said the majority of people didn't think things out enough. We claimed they thought enough, but they didn't reason their thoughts out to a definite conclusion.

What do you think?

Not that we aim to say we do any more thinking than the rest of the folks, tho we sure do a pile of it, or any more reasoning either, for that matter. We were just remarking about it.

CITY COURT FINDINGS

Mayor Barry reports the following cases for the past week:

Alfred Swenson, speeding and driving with cut out open, $5 and costs.

W. T. Gfeller, illegal parking, $5 and costs.

E. L. Chapman, speeding, $5 and costs.

Robert Markel, driving without the required lights and inadequate brakes, $5 and costs.

Cyril McGuire, speeding, $5 and costs.

Joe Anderson, disturbing the peace, $5 and costs.

CLARION ROAD CLOSED

The road leading from Solsburg west to Clarion has been closed to traffic by order of the highway commission, as the road is being graded and graveled and is not in fit shape to be traveled over. The traffic is being diverted on the road at the Snarl street section, two miles this side of Solsburg, for Clarion and all points west.

RUHL GETS $100 AND COSTS

Report from the district court yesterday reports that George Rurl, recently arrested here on the charge of bootlegging, pleaded guilty to the court and was assessed a fine of $100 and costs. The other Ruhl, arrested on a similar charge, will go before the grand jury to have his case looked into.

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THE WAR-LIKE PEOPLE

The first group of sympathizers with the anti-Japanese agitators are the Legionaires. The Americans who were dispatched to France during the war but who did not take a sufficient share in actual fighting are still bloodthirsty. The most warlike people now in the world are the American Legionaires.—Yorodzu, Tokyo.

The foregoing expression of Japanese love will shed **a white light to many Americans, some hundred million of them, who have been thinking that the members of the American** Legion were peaceful citizens, who had had plenty of scrapping and were ready to enjoy a spell of the quiet life.

The item quoted illustrates very nicely the idea that most foreign countries have of the American temperament. And it also illustrates how they regard the part we played in the recent unpleasantness across the pond. Notice the remark about our men not taking an active part in the mess. That seems to be the general idea over there, that we stood back and claimed the glory while they accomplished the dirty work.

How many Japs fought at Chatteau Thierry, Soissons, St. Meheil and the Argonne? Just where did the wonderful Japs do any fighting? They took on a few closed-in Germans at a port in China, took all summer to bomb them out, and then spent the balance of the war in making as much money as they could, which was a considerable amount, for Japan came out of the fuss with more gain on the average than any one else.

As for the Legionaires being the most warlike people, it is to laugh. If there's anp more peaceful lot of folks in the world today than the American Legion, then the said folks are sure of certain and immediate demise, for they are too good to live.

Japan is riding to a fall. Since their little fuss with the drunken, browbeaten, misled Russian army the Japs have acquired the idea that all they have to do is to look fierce and they can lick the world. Some of these days they are going to run up against some real fighters, and when they do they are going to realize that licking a bunch of disorganized and misled troops is an entirely different proposition than doing the same thing to troops that are thoroly organized and led, such as the most warlike people for instance. A regiment of roughnecks might prove an entirely different affair than a regiment of whiskers; they'd be harder to shave.

But the Jap can well look out for the Legionaires. They display good judgement there, and if they will remember that there are some three million or more of the said Legionaires, they will be doing themselves a big favor.

Warlike is right when the occasion demands.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and appropriate services will be held both morning and evening. At 11:00 a. m. the pastor will preach a sermon in keeping with the occasion. At 8:00 p. m. the young people will give a Mother's Day service in song and reading. Parents have a very special invitation to the morning service and the evening service will have a special message for young people.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. and Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Boost, boost, boost, we will have to boost to make up for last Sunday The rain brought our average for the quarter way below our mark but with a good strong effort for a Sunday or two we will be above our mark once more. Be on hand next Sunday with someone who does not go to Sunday school.

The services for next Sunday are the Bible school at 10:00 and the morning worship at 11:00 at which time the pastor will speak on the subject of "The Old Fashioned Mother.' This is Mother's Day and it would be very appropriate for you to wear some flower that was or is a favorite with your mother. In the evening the young people's choir will render some special selections and Miss Sydow will favor us with a solo or two. The sermon will be upon the subject of a mother's influence. Come and help make this a great day in your life and the lives of others.

Belmond Local News

Richard Timby who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is reported as being worse, having suffered a stroke of paralysis last Saturday. His daughter came down from Ventura to help take care of him.

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A. J. Lester, who is here from California visiting friends and relatives, was a guest of relatives near Clarion last week.

—I—

M. C. Barry was a business caller at the county seat the first of the week.

—I—

Oscar Hensel of Alexander was a busniess caller here on Saturday of last week, looking after some land interests and other business affairs in this vicinity.

—I—

The Delphian club met at the home of Mrs. Claude Benson on Monday evening of this week.

—I—

Mrs. H. H. Stewart of Kanawha was a visitor here one day last week on business matters.

—I—

The Hedges family have moved to the Earn Luick house in the east end of Bemond.

—I—

Friends here recently received word of the death at Spokane, Washington, several weeks ago of Mrs. E. P. Ripley, a former resident of this place and remembered by many Belmond people.

—I—

The inventing bug seems to have bitten a number of the Belmond men, for several of them now have their ideas on various mechanical appliances at the patent office in Washington and are anxiously awaiting to hear that they are on the list.

—I—

Attorney Bullard was a business caller at Mason City one day the first of this week.

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Mrs. F. E. Snyder has been enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Bergsma of Huron, South Dakota, the past week or two.

—I—

Mrs. Mark Baker and Mrs Keorge Yepson of Kanawha were guests of friends here one day last week.

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Mrs. Clare Clark is here from Weldona, Colorado, visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

Miss Belle Brewer of Walker Iowa was a recent guest at the home of her brother, Wm. Brewer, and family several days the past week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Nourse drove to Mason City last week Thursday to spend the day.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were visitors here on Friday of last week, driving up in their car.

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Mrs. P. J. Peterson went to Hampton on Friday of last week to spend the day at the home of her son, Chas. and family. She reports Charley as coming along nicely in his theatre business. He was formerly proprietor of the moving picture theatre at this place.

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Archbishop Keane of Dubuque archdiocese administers the sacrement of confirmation to a large class of children in St. Francis church next Sunday. The Dubuque prelate is on a tour of this part of the diocese and is visiting all the Catholic parishes in this vicinity. He will say the early mass—7:30 Sunday morning — and at the later mass—9:30—administer conformation. All are welcome to these services.

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Miss Jane Ramsey spent the week end at Garner at the home of relatives there.

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Rev. and Mrs. Edge drove to Algona last week, to attend the missionary meeting held at that place last week.

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H. J. Klemme returned last week from California, where he and his wife and daughter Ruth have been spending the winter. He came back to look after some business matters and will return in a couple of weeks.

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The high school annual, on which the Independent has been working for the past five weeks, is about completed, and will be delivered to the Senior class either the last of this week or the first of next.

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Raymond Finn was a visitor here on Sunday of this week with some of his old friends. He was a former student of the local school.

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C. B. Johnson was taken suddenly ill on Sunday of this week, and on Monday morning was taken to the local hospital where he is receiving treatment.

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E. F. Bailey was a business caller at Hampton on Thursday of last week.

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Mrs. Carrie Sheffield of Fort Dodge was a visitor here last week on some matters of business and visiting with old friends. She returned to her home the first of this week.

D. W. Rapp, formerly with the United Manufacturing company, has moved to Chicago where he is now engaged in business.

Office Workers Require

Perfect Sight

Office avocations subject those thus employed to eye strain.

To be 100 per cent efficient in your work, good sight is vitally essential.

Wear glasses if your eyes tire easily, or become watery.

Our glasses are sight savers.

F. C. BRAS, Optometrist
With
L. A. CEDERQUIST, Jeweler
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Will be at H. Schultz Jewelry Store
MAY 11, 1921

Why Suffer with Your Feet?

No matter whether the trouble is corns, callouses, bunions, weak arches, flat foot, cramping toes, or something else, there is a Dr. Schell appliance which will give relief and ultimate correction.

Our Foot Comfort Department

offers you a chance to be free from all these ailments and there is no reason why your feet should not be as free from corns and aches as your hands.

A graduate practipedist is in constant attendance and will be glad to make an examination and fit these appliances to your feet.

This, together with the correct fitting of your footwear, will give you the comfort which you should have.

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Try Our One Day Repair Service

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ITS a satisfaction to know when you bring your Suit, Ladies or Men's, you are going to get Quality Work and Service done the Modern way. The Hoffman Sanitary Steam Machine that does it, don't scorch or gloss, leaves your garment with the nap raised up and with all the body odor gone, all the dirt and spots out. Looks like new and feels like new, costs no more than the old way. All work leaving our shop is carefully inspected. As times are good and some people are liberal givers, we are going to give

A $75.00 Suit

TAILORED TO YOUR MEASURE

Absolutely Free!

to every man or woman who brings in their suit and gets a ticket on this suit, the lucky person wins. Work at our regular low prices. Hats of all kinds, cleaned and Re-blocked.

Save Money

Get your suit Tailored by the Expert Tailors, M. BORN & CO. Costs no more than a ready-made. Satisfaction guaranteed. We give the best or none.

Star Cleaner
The Hoffman Shop

Bargains!

Pure fruit Jelly in glass at	10c
oz. of a good brand of Peanut Butter	50c
an Camps Pork and Beans, medium size 15c, large	25c
rge can of Tomatoes for	15c
s fancy head rice for	25c
s fancy hand picked navy beans for	25c
ars of good white laundry soap for	95c
eaberry coffee for	25c
il of vegetable compound lard for	25c
Clear Quill flour for	2.60
rade Broom for	55c
lles at	50c
cales at	15c
rk shirts at	90c to $1.00
en's Overalls	1.50

ve a complete line of new groceries and at a price moving them.

e Buy Eggs and Butter. Open Evenings
Thes are real snappy bargains, open evenings.
We Deliver Phone 30

W. A. Parsons & Co.

NOW OPEN FOR TRADE

In the Charles N. Reese Building

We will carry a full line of Hardware, Sporting Goods and Paints and Varnishes.

We have all new goods just unpacked. Come and see them.

Townsan Hardware

SPECIAL LOCALS

I will open a woman's exchange at my place on Spruce street, second house east of the Klemme office. Bring in your needlework etc. Rates 20 per cent. Home baking on Saturdays. —Miss Mary Gealow. tf

Mr. and Mrs. George Beard were business callers at the town of Klemme one day last week.

We clean all kinds of Sailor and Panama Hats in our own shop. Quick service. Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28.—F. J. Tuffree.

CLEAN UP!

Notice is hereby given to all property owners and occupants in the town of Belmond to clean all refuse and rubish from yards and abutting streets and alleys by May 7, 1921, failure do to this will cause the street commissioner to have same removed and costs taxed to property. All dumping of rubbish on streets or highways or alleys within the incorporated limits must be stopped as same is punishable by fine.

M. C. BARRY, Mayor.
H. H. Rierson, Street Commissioner

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

The W. F. M. S will meet on this week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ed. Webb, with Mrs. Martin as the leader.

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

Middle-aged lady wishes position as gentral housekeeper for widower or bachelor, farmer preferred. Would take cooking for gang or any kind of restaurant work. Write Mrs. Isabelle Harder, Corwith, Iowa. 1t*

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fyler drove to Shell Rock to spend the week end at the home of friends and relatives.

Would you like a new suit FREE? If so bring your work to the Belmond Tailor Shop and get a number free on a $63.00 tailored suit or overcoat. Your purchase governs your number of chances. Phone 28. "Who's Your Tailor?"—F. J. Tuffree. 231c

Rev. Leinbach was in attendance at a convention held at Alexander one day last week.

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If the party who borrowed the roll of woven wire from the pump station, will return same at once it will save sending the marshal after him.

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miller have rented one of the Home Building residences on the hill west of town and have started housekeeping.

My prices on all work in the mason line are about 25 percent lower than a year ago. See me if you have any work to be done.—W. A. Bullis. 9tf

Miss Denton, at the home of Mrs. Kate Sorenson, will do sewing at her home, or family sewng in the country by the week. 1t*

Have you a free chance on the new suit? Ask us. New Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Hotel. 1tc

The St. Olaf Concert Band is one of the greatest organizations of the kind in the world. They have toured practically all of the northern part of the United States, and have played on tours thru the old countries. The band will be here in Blemond on next week Monday, May 9, for a concert. They have a most excellent reputation among the press, and this paper does not hesitate to reccomend them to local people.

A nice lot of Gingham Coverall Aprons. Price $2.50, at the Woman's Exchange.—Miss Mary Gealow.

WANTED—Cattle to Pasture. Phone 2203.—Wm. Gealow. 24tt

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Mrs. F. E. Snyder and sister, Mrs. Bergsma, went to Popejoy recently to visit relatives there and to meet a cousin from Canada, whom they had not seen for 30 years.

Guy Milligan, who has been working at the sugar factory the past few months, left this week for Honduras, South America, where he has accepted a position with the Dyer Construction company who are erecting a sugar mill at that place.

The Chain of Ten met on Monday of this week at the home of Mrs. Holden Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klemme were visitors at Des Moines one day the past week.

Turn your old beds, cupboards and the like into fine new china closets or buffets, for a few dollars. Ask O. W. Colby, Belmond, Iowa. 242*

The St. Olaf Concert band was a revelation to those who expected an amateur performance at the auditorium.—Minneapolis Tribune. This famous band will be in Belmond for a concert Monday, May 9. Don't fail to hear them. 1tc

Flour $2.45 per sack.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 23tfc

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

FOR SALE—Good Waterloo Boy tractor, at a bargain. Phone 310. 23tf

For Sale—Some mixed hay. Phone 1812. Ed. Jenison. 20tfc

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

The playing was sympathetic and inspiring, and the audience was captured by storm.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press. They will do the same here on Monday, May 9, when Belmond people will have the privilege of hearing this famous organization. 1tc

Would like to buy 75 or 80 head of stock steers weighing from 600 pound up. Would buy some short feed warmed up cattle if they can be bought worth the money. Will pay good prices for them. If you have any write or phone T. D. Rankins, Belmond, Iowa.

Sorted potatoes for 45 cents per bushel. Phone 248. 23tfc

To Our Customers:

We are moving from the Chas. Reese store building to our new building across the street, and will be ready for business in the new store the 1st of next week.

Johnson & Wright.

The Mesdames Snyder, Bailey and Bergsma were Hampton callers last Thursday with an aunt, who is 82 years of age.

Sentiment as Collateral

Have you ever tried to borrow money from a friend on sentiment?

About all you can get, is a little more sentiment.

We often need sentiment, but we need money more than we do sentiment.

You can start here with any amount you please and add small amounts to it, but we suggest we do so with regularity.

State Bank of Belmond

Belmond, Iowa

Bread

All Bread is not the same. Our Butter Milk Bread is gaining in Popularity all the time

Try It

ROBINSON

WE RECOMEND

That every citizen adopt as his creed the words of the immortal Lincoln:

"Let every American, every lover of Liberty; every well-wisher of his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution not to violate in the least particular the laws of the land, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of '76 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property and his sacred honor. Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father and to tear the charter of his own and his children's Liberty. Let reverence for the law be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and in colleges. Let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs. Let it be preached from pulpits, proclaimed from legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice. In short, let it become the political religion of the Nation.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SANDS MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Special Cash Sale!

May ... May 18th

80c Buys $ ... Merchandise

At the New ... weeks, to reduce the stock. ... moved and our new buildin ... bottom. A big lot of new g ... we find we are over stocke ... YOUR GAIN.

Rem ... Place

Next door to First National Bank Building. All are welcome---old customers and new ones.

Yours for service,

Johnson & Wright

New Building, Next Door to the First National Bank Bldg.

shamelessly looked at herself in a ... length mirror of such pure reflecting qualities as had not crossed her path since England was a pup. After that, a long, entrancing item, called "drying her hair."

Did you blame her, three lines back, in your heart for her frequent inspections of self in the mirror? If you did, look at her now! Mr. Randolph's bathrobe is billowed at her waist and tied tight to keep it from trailing on the floor; for almost a like reason, its sleeves are rolled up above her elbows. It is open in a V at the neck, showing the adolescent curve of a virginal but much excited bosom.

With a woolly towel in both hands, she plants herself before the staid old looking-glass and gives it such a treat as it has never before savored in its sixty-two years of service to the Randolph family. Rub, rub, rub with the towel. Her cheeks grow pink and pinker, her eyes round and rounder. They twinkle and smile, and once, when she made a little face at herself, they laughed out loud. Her hair ...akes from its stringy damp-

Lyric

WEDNESDAY MAY 4

"CITY OF MASKS"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

ROBERT WARWICK

George Barr McCutcheon, the author of "Graustark, "Brewster's Millions," and a score of other world-known stories, never wrote a more striking novel than "The City of Masks." It brought to the light in a delightful manner a little known corner of New York life. It was a romantic story and it quickly became a "best seller."

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, MAY 5

"COLORADO PLUCK"

A Fox picture featuring

WILLIAM RUSSELL

Thrills, humor and love, all based on the experiences of a successful but uncouth miner who seeks the ultra social strata for divertisement are provided in a splendid play.

Also A TOONERVILLE Comedy.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, MAY 6

BOOKING NOT RECEIVED

SATURDAY, MAY 7

"MAMA'S AFFAIR"

A First National picture featuring

CONSTANCE TALMADGE

Also a two-reel Educational comedy. SOME PROGRAM!

11c and 30c

MONDAY and TUESDA[Y]

MAY 9 & 10

"THE DEVIL'S GAR[DEN]"

A First National p[icture] featuring

LIONEL BARRY[MORE]

In the same pi[cture] the noted Barrymo[re] seen his wife, Doris ... playing the leading fe[minine] role, and such well-known [ar]tists as H. Cooper Cliffe a[nd] Mae McAvoy. A powerful elementary drama.

11c and 30c

DOWS GIRLS HURT IN JOY RIDE

Two Dows girls, Misses Cleo Wesenberg and Nita Hemingway, out for an auto spin in Des Moines last Saturday night, were badly injured in an auto smash when the car in which they were riding crashed into an interurban car when they were entering the city. Harry Long, one of the occupants of the car, was killed in the accident, and Miss Hemingway was quite seriously injured, so much so that for a time her recovery was considered doubtful. Eugene Long, driver of the car, escaped with only slight injuries.

The girls had gone to Ames for a visit, and there met the Long boys, with whom they were acquainted, and the boys invited them to take an auto trip to Des Moines which invitation the girls accepted. One of the Long boys, it is said, had been attending college at Ames, and his brother was over from Blairsburg for a visit with him.

The body of Harry Long was removed to Webster City for interment, accompanied by the dead boy's father, mother, and his brother, Eugene, who was driving the machine at the time of the fatality.

According to Eugene Long, the accident occurred while driving east on Euclid avenue in Des Moines and he did not see the approaching train until a few yards away from the tracks, when, after a fruitless effort to stop his machine, it crashed into the train, the force of the impact sending the car spinning for more than 50 yards.—Hampton Chronicle.

BY YOUR COAL NOW

About the best investment the householder can make at present is in his winter's coal supply, says Amedee Casey, editor of the American Coal Journal.

With the reductions made in the prices of hard coal the first of this month and with prices of bituminous coal down below the cost of production in many instances, it is perfectly safe to figure that at no time during the remainder of the year will it be possible to buy coal at prices lower than those prevailing at present. Aside from that, there is postive danger that those who delay buying will have difficulty in obtaining coal at any price when the actual need for it comes.

The situation is simply one of supply and demand, with the complication of transportation difficulties thrown in. There has been very little demand for coal for quite a long period. Consequently the bituminous mines are not running to more than 40 per cent of capacity. Soft coal cannot be stored in any quantity at the mines; it takes up more room than is available and the extra handling naturally adds to the cost.

Anyway, reserve stocks at the mines would not be the answer to the problem. This country uses a great deal of coal and when coal is moving actively into consumption, the biggest reserve stock that could be piled up at the mines and in dealer's yards is merely a drop in the bucket. The country's largest coal storage plant is the consumer's bins.

Another most important point is that of getting the coal from the mines to where it is needed. Every ton of coal that moves into consumption in this country has to be moved by the railroads and they are not equal to the task of transporting it all at once. This was demonstrated last season.

Just now the railroads are begging for business. There are hundreds of thousands of empty cars standing idle along sidings and freight crews have been reduced to a minimum. Coal could be easily moved and promptly and the consumer, taking advantage of the present low prces, would be assured of a full winter's supply at reasonable cost.

In a few weeks the idle freight cars are going to be put in service [illegible]rrying materials for road building [illegible] industria use; still later there [illegible]l be the crop movement which uses [illegible]y available car and, even under [illegible] most favorable transportation [illegible]itions, which do not exist at pres[illegible] [illegible]auses bad congestion on the rail[illegible] [illegible] By the time that is finished, [illegible]ld weather is usually with us [illegible]re are the problems of frozen [illegible]ozen switches and storm de[illegible] [illegible] overcome.

[illegible]rs have the experience of [illegible]n to warn them of the re[illegible] delayed buying. Nobody [illegible] repitition of such a market, [illegible]of all the coal men. But such a [illegible]tion will undoubtedly result if [illegible] present stagnation continues very [illegible]uch longer.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WILSON HIGWHAY

The following is fom the Stanhope [illegible]per:

[illegible]nouncement was made in this paper a couple of weeks ago that the State Highway commission has prepared the specifications, upon application of the board of supervisors of Hamilton county, and the contracts will be let about May 1 for the grading, draining, and graveling this season of the Wilson Highway from the corner one mile south of Jewel to the Story county line.

Last Friday the writer was in Ames in conference with Parley Sheldon, president of the Wilson Highway and the announcement was made that the highway commission and the Story county board of supervisors had completed plans for further improvement of the Wilson Highway this year in Story county. The road from the Story county line south to Ames will be put to grade and drained this year, gravel surfacing of that stretch of the Wilson Highway going over to the following year. The highway is already improved from Ames to Des Moines and from Jewell north to Blairsburg, so that with the two projects now arranged for in Hamilton and Story counties an unbroken stretch of good road is assurred from Blairsburg to Des Moines —unbroken, that is, except for the streets inside the corporation of the town of Jewell.

And in other counties in the state of Iowa, traversed by the Wilson Highway, the road is in line for good improvements.

In Winnebago county contracts are already let for draining and graveling the Wilson highway from Forest City north and east hru Lake Mills to the Minnesota state line.

Paving of the Wilson highway entirely across Hancock county has already been voted, and much of the grading and draining has already been done. A portion of the paving is now defitnitely listed for 1922 construction, including the road from the Winnebago line to the intersection with the North Iowa Pike at Garner. The remaning part of that paving may be done the following year.

The situation of the Wilson highway appears to be the poorest in Wright county of any county in the state. The north half of the good is now in fairly good shape, particularly from Belmond south for six or eight miles which now has a finely graveled road. From Galt to the Hamilton county line the highway is bad and no improvement of it is listed for this year. That part of the highway has, however, been put in the primary system of Wright county and improvement of t may be hoped for within a year or so, work in Wright county being appartntly confined to east and west primary roads. The five miles in Hamilton county from Blairsburg to the Wright county line has also been recently been put in the primary system and improvement work is expected next year but nothing definite is yet arranged.

WHO READ ADS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM PAY

The reason why people read a local newspaper is to get the local news—not the general telegraphic reports.

Above 95 per cent of newspaper readers read the advertisements. So far as the truth of statements is concerned, they differentiate very little as between the news and the advertising columns.

Advertising that carries the personal touch and that adheres strictly to the truth brings the best results.

The reliability of a firm and the courtsey it gives its customers comes ahead of price consideration in building up trade.

These were the high spots in the message brought to the retail merchants bureau at the Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday night, by C. A. Baumgart, advertising specialist with Successful Farming, Des Moines, says the Webster City Journal. Mr. Baumgart spoke for over an hour, during all of which time he was given the very closest attention. His address pertained to the things that make for success in mercantile business and is built upon a survey made at Washington, Iowa, which thru questionnaires and an analysis of the answers, many interesting and valuable facts were learned as to what percentage of people read advertisements, why they read them, whether or not they believed them, why they trade at one store in preference to another and many similar questions of vital importance to the live merchant on the trail of a new customer.

The survey upon which Mr. Baumgart's address is built was made last August. The figures are all of them aproximately applicable here because Washington is just about the size of Webster City. Washington, however, has had an advertising club for more than three years and thru its efforts the community had been pretty thoroly "sold" on the proposition of reading and believing advertisements. The survey there was made by the Washington Journal, in conjunction with the advertising club and Mr. Baumgart.

The figures showed that the most popular departments of the Washington Journal are the society column and the personal notes. The people take the paper, which is a daily, to get the news of their own community. They want to know what the people with whom they are acquainted are doing.

The most successful advertisements are those which carry some element of human interest or which are linked up with local news and suggestions. And among the various kinds of advertising, the want ads are read by most people. Upwards of 97 per cent of newspaper readers read the want ads. Nearly every one has bought or sold something thru the want ads.

The personal touch, human interest and the straightforward business story are the elements of success in an advertisement. Mr. Baumgart told of a Sac City merchant who, on an advertising appropriation of 1 1-2 per cent, increased his business from $10,000 to $25,000 annually.

Mr. Baumgart laid great stress upon truth in advertising. He also showed by figures that the matter of price alone is seldom the leading consideration that brings a customer into a store. Quality of the goods, courtesy of clerks, and reliability of the firm usually come ahead of price. He analyzed the questionnaires as to each line of business, but for the most part, the same general facts were found to be true. People know dishonest advertisers, they know inferior goods, they seldom go back to trade at a store where they have been "stung," they have definite reasons for trading where they do and they appreciate most of all quality, "store service," courtesy and accomodation.

BLANKETY—BLANK VERSE

Within our burg there lives a dame, (I would not dare to tell her name) whose constant and supreme delight is spreading gossip day and night. As carrion-crow loves rotten flesh, so she loves scandal stale and fresh; as cat watches the hole for mouse, so she eyes every neighbor's house; no matter who goes out or in, she makes of it a heinous sin. She scarce dare go to sleep at night lest something rich escape her sight. Her sense of smell for things unclean by use has grown exceeding keen, her tongue become so long, by heck, she has to twist it round her neck. She goes by day from place to place and tells with horror-stricken face about her neighbor's awful sins, but in her heart she really grins with satisfaction born of hell that she has such a tale to tell. She smashes friendships by the score and breaks up happy homes galore, but to her mind this matters not; she still keeps peddling her rot. And when at last she's run her race and gone to her appointed place, she'll entertain the devil there with tales of scandal rich and rare.—Exchange.

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Mrs. H. H. Stewart of Kanawha was visitor here one day last week on [illegible]usiness matters.

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The Hedges family have moved to [illegible]e Earn Luick house in the east [illegible]d of Bemond.

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Friends here recently received word [illegible] the death at Spokane, Washington, [illegible]everal weeks ago of Mrs. E. P. Rip[illegible]y, a former resident of this place [illegible]nd remembered by many Belmond [illegible]eople.

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The inventing bug seems to have [illegible]itten a number of the Belmond men, for several of them now have their ideas on various mechanical appliances at the patent office in Washington and are anxiously awaiting to hear that they are on the list.

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Attorney Bullard was a business caller at Mason City one d[illegible]

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask acus tomer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for child or an adult and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whoop-

KANAWHA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Judd and Mrs. A. L. Judd autoed to Eagle Grove and Fort Dodge one day last week.

Mrs. Marvin Cleveland has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nibe are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Knute Fosen returned home Friday from a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Fort Benton, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Heggen and daufghters Miss Stella and Agnes, were Mason City callers on Wednesday.

V. A. Blomgren autoed to Fort Dodge, Tuesday, where he went to attend a meeting of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Ole Shaw of Dakota is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Fred Knudsen autoed to Iowa Falls, Saturday, for an over Sunday visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Greber's daughter Frances had her tonsils and adenoids removed by Dr. Judd at the hospital Wednesday.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Georrge Baxter and baby spent Sunday afternoon at the Eliason home.

Mrs. Andrew Olsen and Mrs. Joel Soma who have been very ill are now convalescent which we are glad to note.

Gertie Delger is helping Mrs. S. O. Windecker to clean house this week.

Grandpa Torkelstad went to Story county to stay with his daughters for a while.

Mrs. Julius Johnson went to Eagle Grove on Sunday where she will visit relatives for a few days.

Henry Anderson came out from Belmond last week to look after some farm interests.

Oscar Thompson came down from Kanawha last week with a force of carpenters and built a house on his farm for the beet family.

The Ladies Aid society at the E. N. Ericson home was well attended there being over 70 present. The next meeting will be with Clara Eliason on May 18.

Mrs S. O. Windecker was a business caller between trains in Belmond last Monday.

A number of farmers were marketing their hogs last week, we understand that they struck an excellent market.

Mrs. Torres Scott has been suffering with large boils on her arms, which nearly caused blood poison.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor at Belmond.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, a day in which we are to wear either a white or colored carnation, as a tribute to Mother.

If you have a grey-haired mother
And from home you are away,
Sit down and write the letter
You put off day by day.
Don't wait until her tired steps
Reach Heaven's pearly gate;
But show her that you think of her,
Before it is too late.
The tender words unspoken,
The letter never sent,
[illegible]he long-forgotten messages
The wealth of love unspent.
[illegible]or these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait;
[illegible]o show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Miss Ada Bell was a caller at [illegible]ampton [illegible]ast Saturday.

Miss Lillie Cornwell and Miss Alma [illegible]cheideman attended the show at [illegible]emond last Friday evening.

John Christopher, who has been visiting at the J. C. Arends home has [illegible]eft for California, expecting to make the trip in hi[illegible] new c[illegible]r.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Albert Larsen next Wednesday afternoon, May 4. All ladies are invited to attend.

Mrs. Henry Stoffer visited with relatives at Belmond last Wednesday.

Leonard Arends was a caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Mrs. Lloyd Green visited with relatves at Hampton a few days last week.

Miss Marie Blau was a caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Miss Wilma Foughty visited with relatives at Belmond the last of the week.

Fred Greenfield has gone to Rochester, Minn., accompanying his uncle, Fred Frohling of Belmond, who went there for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and family autoed to Hampton, Saturday.

C. R. Clark and family were callers at Bemond, Friday.

Leslie Borne spent the week end at Milford.

Miss Bertha Gartz and Miss Hazel Hendrickson were week end guests of friends near Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and family were Belmond callers Friday.

Friends of Mrs. Noel Jones are glad to learn that she is improving after her several weeks of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and two daughters Jesse and Nellie, visited reatives at Ackley last Thursday.

Miss Alvena Johnson spent the last of the week with friends at Latimer.

Ray Isenberger of Latimer was a business caller here one day last week.

Miss Henrietta Pastour, who underwent an opration for appendicitis at Belmond, is getting along nicely at this writing.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

Miss Cloe Jenison closed a successful term of school April 22 in District No. 4, Pleasant township, and the following Monday commenced a two-month's spring term in Belmond township.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenison were over Sunday visitors at the E. D. Jenison home.

Mrs. C. J. Schmalle was a caller at the Elmer Haufferman home near Meservey last week.

Mrs. Mabel Busick and family were transacting business at Clarion last Friday.

Henry Steenblock was operated on recently at the Hampton hospital, for appendicitis and double hernia.

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An Adventure Romance

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SYNOPSIS.

PART I.—Robert Hervey Randolph, young New York man-about-town, leaves the home of his sweetheart, Madge Van Tellier, chagrined because of her refusal of his proposal of marriage. His income, $10,000 a year, which he must surrender if a certain Miss Imogen Pamela Thornton (whom he has seen only as a small girl ten years before) is found, is not considered by the girl of his heart adequate to modern needs. In a "don't care" mood Randolph enters a taxi, unseen by the driver, and is driven to the stage door of a theater. A man he knows, Duke Beamer, induces a girl to enter the cab. Beamer, attempting to follow, is pushed back by Randolph and the cab moves on. His new acquaintance tells Randolph she is a chorus girl, and has lost her position. She is in distress, even hungry, and he takes her to his apartment. There, after lunch, a chance remark convinces him the girl is the missing Pamela Thornton. He does not tell her of her good fortune, but secures her promise to stay in the flat until the morning, and leaves her. In a whimsical mood, also realizing that the girl's reappearance has left him practically penniless, he bribes the taxi driver to let him take his job, and leaving word with the legal representative of the Thornton estate where he can find Pamela, takes up his new duties under the name of "Slim Hervey." He loves the girl, but his pride forbids him approaching her under their changed conditions.

PART II.—One evening he is engaged by Beacher Tremont, notorious profligate, to drive him and Madge Van Tellier to a hostelry known as "Greenwood." Aware of the evil nature of the place, Randolph drives the pair to Greenwood cemetery. Infuriated, Beacher gets out of the cab and Randolph leaves him there, taking the girl (who has awakened to a realization of her folly) to her home. Madge recognizes him.

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allies at the time. However, Mr. Tremont's absorption was not only absolute but continuous so that it held him in its inexorable grip right up to the moment of ghastly awakening and even over the edge. He was just saying, "My darling, never fear. I'm taking you to a place so quiet and so guarded that this dream which you have dressed in an unexpected glory can flow on unbroken as long as we are true to it and to ourselves," when the cab drew up at a solemn and impressive portal.

Without leaving his seat, the cabman reached back, unlatched the door and threw it open. "Greenwood cemetery, sir," he barked.

The girl was first to grasp the words, the time and the place. "Oh!" she gasped, and in the sound of her cry Mr. Randolph could divine her whole body suddenly stiffening to a tense awakening and to the stabbing memory of the last time she had come to this still place, her heart bursting with its long farewell to all that was left of her mother.

Then came Mr. Beacher Tremont's voice in oldtime familiar tones. "Greenwood cemetery! Why, you tri-

"Greenwood Cemetery, Sir," He Barked

plicate blockhead, I said Greenwood hostelry. Of all the d—n fools! What the devil— What the h—ll— What the— What—"

He choked himself into a gulping inarticulate silence as he climbed from the cab to look in the face the sum total of all human stupidity. No sooner had he alighted than Miss Van Tellier found herself in voice again. "Oh! oh!" she moaned, pressing her hands to her eyes, achingly open, "take me away from here."

"Sure, miss," said Mr. Randolph promptly, threw in his clutch and was off.

"Hi, you! D—n you! Hey! You! Driver! Confound your d—d impertinence! Hey! How am I going to get home?" The first of these cries was very plainly, the last very faintly heard by Mr. Randolph. After them came down the wind something that sounded very much like the ghost of a wail of despair, but the driver paid no heed. His attention was absorbed by something quite different; the dry sobs of a little heap of smoke-colored chiffon.

Detours, subterfuges and the finesse of the road-faker were swept from Randolph's mind; he made straight for the bridge and home, but long before they reached the river all sound had ceased to issue from the cab and in its stead reigned a purposeful, almost menacing silence. What was she thinking in there? What could she think? Why didn't she go right on crying and keep her mind fully occupied with that?

As they swept down the incline from the bridge into City Hall park he suddenly realized that he had been on the verge of giving himself away. He half turned his head and shouted through the speaking-slot, "What address, miss?"

Her voice came back to him from very close as though her face had been pressed to the glass in an effort to make him out. "At the corner of the Avenue and East Ninth street."

Ten minutes later he drew up his cab at the appointed spot and reached back to throw open the door, but kept his foot on the clutch release, leaving the gears in mesh, first speed ahead.

All his precautions were in vain. As he opened the cab door his coat sleeve was seized in a very determined grip and drawn inward, catching his elbow in a jiu-jutsu leverage that left him the Hobson's choice of either getting out and facing his captor or listening to his arm break. He chose to get down from his seat quickly.

"Well, Bobby," murmured Miss Van T.

Mr. Randolph attempted no evasion; he handed the lady to the curb and guided her gently toward her own door and up the high steps. "Madge," he said, "you fought a great fight tonight and when you had won you felt sorry for Tremont and surrendered. You were swept too high on the wave of the best that is in you. Promise me that you won't forget that you have won. Promise me that you will wait and take Tremont, all of him, with honor."

"What do you mean? What did you hear?" cried Miss Van T. angrily, her pale face suddenly flushing.

"From the start of the ride to the finish I heard every word," declared Mr. Randolph frankly, "and more."

"And more!" repeated the hard-pressed girl. "What do you mean by more?" She still tried to browbeat him, but remembering one incredibly long kiss, her eyes fell in the unequal battle with Bobby's and attempted to create diversion by staring at his gaitered legs and heavily booted feet.

"Look up, Madge. Look at me," said Mr. Randolph and waited patiently until first her long lashes fluttered and then her lovely eyes swept slowly up to his face. "That's it," he continued as their looks met and locked. "Let's hold that so we can't lie."

"Why should I lie if you really heard everything?" asked Miss Van T., and suddenly smiled.

"Madge, you little devil," said Mr. Randolph, suppressing an impulse to shake her, "can you think of what you've been doing and laugh?"

"Yes, I can, just now," said Miss Van T., in little gasping phrases that to a man, especially one of Mr. Randolph's limpid nature, carried only their face value in words, but which to any woman would have read as plainly as the red-weather signal, "Look out for showers of tears followed by storm."

"Well," said Mr. Randolph solemnly, "if you really don't realize just where you have been, let me tell you. First you flew high into clean air and you took Tremont with you. You were possessed of a vision and you made him see it, too, a mirage of those lifted places that are the altar of the mind before love. Just a mirage, an illusion of perfect happiness, which cold reason tells us we can't ever turn into reinforced concrete and plant in the yard, but which we must either forever hold as a vision or admit that love is a sordid and wingless thing."

Miss Van Tellier's eyes fell from his frank gaze. Something seemed to crumple within her; she put her arms around Mr. Randolph's neck, clung to him, dropped her face against his shoulder and sobbed, not noisily, but as one who weeps to rest.

He held her close to him and went on, his face set as though to a duty. "Then what did you do? Because he hesitated, merely hesitated at the high door of adoration, you promptly slammed it and dropped plumb straight down like that traitor archangel Johnny out of heaven into the arms of hell."

"Bobby!" cried Miss Van T., throwing back her head and struggling to release herself. "How dare you say a thing like that? How dare you be here, anyway? I hate you. I don't know how I ever could have thought I loved you. I fell, but it was into Beacher's arms, and I wish I was there right now." More sobs, convulsive ones, that shook the slim body in Mr. Randolph's embrace from twitching shoulder to tired feet.

Lest the reader be startled by what's coming next it will do well to remind him that this poignant scene was staged at three o'clock in the morning on the high stoop of the Van Tellier residence in East Ninth street and never left the perimeter of the door-mat which in itself presented an almost feminine contradiction, in that it bore, done in red on its face, the word "Welcome," but was nevertheless padlocked and chained to the iron railing.

Even as Miss Van Tellier was sobbing her heart out and Mr. Randolph was standing in the bewilderment of one who knows he has not only taken the wrong turning but placed both his

'Break Away an' Come Along of Me."

feet in a beartrap, a thick, heavy, unsympathetic voice arose from the foot of the steps.

"Here! Youse! Break away an' come along of me."

Memories of a mischievous boyhood swarmed to Mr. Randolph's mind, recollections of those days when, as chief of the Madison Square gang, his ears had tingled to the cry of "Cheese it, de cop! We'se pinched, fellers!" A cold sweat came out upon his brow; he slowly relaxed his grip on Miss Van T.'s person and whispered tremulously to her to keep her nerve but hand him her latchkey.

Over his shoulder he said with forced calm, "On what charge, officer?"

"Same old dope," replied the policeman phlegmatically; "drunken, disorderly. Come along, now, er d'yer want me to climb them steps so's we c'n all roll down together?"

During that speech Mr. Randolph made a lucky shot at the keyhole, stealthily turned the lock and opened the door. "The way's clear, Madge," he whispered. "Beat it."

"Oh, is it, Bobby, you dear," rattled Miss Van T. in a stage whisper that could be heard across the street. "I didn't mean it, really, what I said about hating you. But I do love Beacher, Bobby, and I'll—I'll—"

"For heaven's sake, Madge," groaned Mr. Randolph, hearing sounds as of a bear starting to swarm a tree, "keep all that till New Year's."

"I was just going to say," continued Miss Van T. breathlessly but with a [illegible] fixed on the cumbrous shadow coming up the steps, "that I'll owe it to you, Bobby. I'll owe it to you. D'you understand?"

"Sure," lied Mr. Randolph as he pushed her firmly through the door, then caught its knob, slammed it shut and turned to meet Nemesis. "Hello, Flahaharty!"

The huge policeman stopped his ponderous but sure progression and stared long and suspiciously into Mr. Randolph's face. Finally he gave a grunt of recognition. "Slim," he said to himself aloud as though somewhere within his vast bulk there were a separate monitor that had to be tipped off to the situation, "Slim Hervey."

"Sure," said Mr. Randolph, leading the way toward his wagon. "Who else did you think it was at this time o' night?"

"How did I know," demanded Mr. Flahaharty gruffly but not unpleasantly for him, "as you had taken on deliveries o' fancy dress-goods on top o' your regular line?"

He breathed heavily and allowed his eyes to protrude farther than usual in search of a thought which he sensed in the near distance. "I tell you, Slim," he finally continued, "I don' know what this burg is a-comin' to. Why, even the street kind used to have a man to take 'em home, but this here was a bit o' high-flyin' fluff—me, I could see that—an' they had to give it to a cab!"

"Forget it," said Bobby nervously.

"All I says," continued Mr. Flahaharty, "is thank God both o' my golls is married to hairy men that can an' does lick the stuffin's outen 'em."

"Well, here we are," said Mr. Randolph as he stooped to turn her over. From his seat behind the wheel he began to breathe more easily and leaned out to study the face of his friend, the officer, to make sure that therein was no guile.

"Cheer up, Jim," he said not quite reassured. "Forget it."

"I'll try," said Mr. Flahaharty dubiously, "but it'll come hard, bein' the first time I ever seen a thing like that. She sure give you a tussle, Slim!"

PART III.

Maid's Adventure.

Take a young girl of about twenty who, in her childhood, was pampered of fortune in money, position, good breeding, and pets, turn her loose on the world at the age of ten with no prop but a faithful, sickly and destitute old nurse, kill off the nurse a couple of years later, let the girl fend for herself as scullery-maid and what not through the uninteresting stage that precedes the sudden bloom of unexpected beauty, give her a long succession of jobs secured "on her looks" and lost because she wouldn't, lead her up to the crowded portal of despair and the long-drawn-out surrender; then snatch her suddenly back from destruction, feed her, give her the sole freedom for a night of Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph's comfortable apartment and—what will she do? The answer is easy. She will find the bath and turn on the hot water.

That was the very first thing that Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton did after she had finished spying from the window on the movements of what she supposed was Mr. Randolph and what, in reality, was Mr. Patrick O'Reilly in Mr. Randolph's best top-hat, best suit of evening clothes and overcoat, best gray silk muffler, price twenty-two dollars, and best patent-leather shoes—the last a very tight fit which made the revamped gentleman's gait a cross between that of a chicken on a hot stove and a drunk on his reluctant way home.

Even the unsuspecting Miss Thornton was puzzled by that halting locomotion in connection with what she knew of Mr. Randolph, but she added it, two and two, with the mysterious twenty minutes spent by that gentleman and the driver in the recesses of the cab, apparently to settle a difference in ideas as to the value of a waiting taxi, and decided that poor Mr. Randolph must have issued from the interview in a semi-crippled state.

She herself was too excited to let pity altogether absorb her. Without waiting for either the tortured wayfarer or the taxi to get quite out of sight, she dropped the window curtain and turned to possess herself of her world of comfort for a night. A starved instinct led her straight to the luxuriously appointed bathroom. As previously intimated, she turned on the hot water and clasped her hands ecstatically as she watched its crystalline surge and imagined she could smell the opalescent steam.

But not for long was she inactive. Having surrendered to circumstance to the extent of promising to stay in the flat until ten the following morning, she decided to do the job wholeheartedly, for Imogene Pamela was one of those lucky and fated young women who can never give themselves by halves. If happiness so much as showed its nose, it was her nature to tackle blindly for its waist and go to the mat for the immediate present.

Consequently, let not her modesty be misjudged when it is related that, in the short time it took to fill the bath, she accomplished the following: Rooted out Mr. Randolph's best silk pajamas, found his softest bathrobe, filled a hot-water bottle and slipped it far down between the too cold linen sheets of his big bed. Continuing at this rate of achievement, it may be imagined that in ten minutes more the young lady, having bathed, was curled up and sound asleep. Not on your life!

Item: It took her twenty-one minutes by the clock to scrub out the memory of the scabby zinc bathtubs of many years. Item: Twenty more minutes to wash her hair. Item: Half an hour more to scrub her underwear and stockings. Assorted items: Various pauses during which she shamelessly looked at herself in a full-length mirror of such pure reflecting qualities as had not crossed her path since England was a pup. After that, a long, entrancing item, called "drying her hair."

Did you blame her, three lines back, in your heart for her frequent inspections of self in the mirror? If you did, look at her now! Mr. Randolph's bathrobe is billowed at her waist and tied tight to keep it from trailing on the floor; for almost a like reason, its sleeves are rolled up above her elbows. It is open in a V at the neck, showing the adolescent curve of a virginal but much excited bosom.

With a woolly towel in both hands, she plants herself before the staid old looking-glass and gives it such a treat as it has never before savored in its sixty-two years of service to the Randolph family. Rub, rub, rub with the towel. Her cheeks grow pink and pinker, her eyes round and rounder. They twinkle and smile, and once, when she made a little face at herself, they laughed out loud. Her hair slowly wakes from its stringy dampness until it, too, bursts into a sort of light and curly merriment. Pamela puffs out her cheeks and blows at its reflection.

When all the rubbing is done, even to the last rite where they divide the fragrant flood into two waves falling over the bosom and mercilessly knead the damp ends between folds of the dryest bit of the towel, she drops that implement and runs into the big room where the dying open fire blinks its red eye as though it had been waiting up for her.

The writer—who is privileged, for the benefit of a large and growing public, to see her in his mind's eye as her pink bare feet pad up and down the room, racing every time they come to the home-stretch between the unpeopled grandstand of the couch and the fire, and then doubling suddenly, so that her wide eyes may catch her hair still on the wing, for all the world like a kitten chasing its tail—does herein affirm, by the collective manhood of the earth, that she was altogether lovable and beyond the reach of sullying thought. Now let her curl up in the bed and sleep.

Slumber meant nothing in Pamela's life. That statement should be taken not in the sense of the common slang of the vulgar, but at its literal face value. What is meant is that when this young lady slept, it was like taking a chunk bodily out of life and putting it in warm storage. As a consequence, when the old-fashioned clock on the mantel burred a warning that it was thinking of striking the hour of nine in about two minutes, she opened her eyes and wondered through what magic night had been suddenly replaced by broad and smiling day.

Not for long did that life-long and accustomed miracle hold her attention, for scarcely had it occurred, through force of habit, to her awakening thought than her start'ed eyes fell upon the tall, stooped, gray-headed figure of a man, clad in livery, and standing unstably poised in the doorway of the room. His eyes, naturally deep-set, actually protruded from his face as though they were determined to come half-way to meet Pamela's wondering

"He-hello," Stammered the Young Lady.

orbs. He looked like a solemn raven which has carelessly alighted on a live wire.

"He-hello!" stammered the young lady.

"Good-morning, miss," said Tomlinson, in sepulchral and censorious tones. "Where is Master Robert?"

"You mean Mr. Randolph?" asked Pamela, a little breathlessly.

The old man steadied himself by seizing the door-jamb and bowed confirmation of her supposition.

"I don't know where he is," said Pamela, more calmly. "The last time I saw him he was limping west." A twinkle came into her eyes. "Why do you ask?"

"Why do I ask?" he exclaimed. "Miss, do you mind telling me who you are and what you are doing in Mr. Randolph's apartment at nine o'clock on a Friday morning?"

"In November," supplemented Pamela, as though she were supplying a very important addition to the facts in the case. "I am Miss Thornton," she added, with as much dignity as a maiden, tumbled of hair, flushed of cheek, and cuddled in a young man's big bed, could summon.

The effect of her words on Tomlinson was electrical.

"Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton?" he asked, as he suddenly straightened and let go of his supports.

"Yes," said Pamela, gazing at him in undisguised surprise. "How did you know?"

"Why, miss," said the old man, "I'm Tomlinson. Excuse me for saying so," he added, a pale flush in his withered cheeks, "but many a time in the old days Maggie let me take you on my knee. A mort of worry you have given us, miss."

Quick tears rose to Pamela's eyes.

"Oh!" she cried. "You knew Maggie?"

"In a manner of speaking, I did," stated Tomlinson sonorously. "Kissed her; but she never let me get as far as hugging, poor girl! She said she knew she wasn't here for long enough."

Laughter bubbled into Pamela's eyes alongside of the tears, but, in spite of it, the next moment she was crying softly.

"P-poor M-Maggie!" she sobbed.

Tomlinson bobbed his head up and down in formal sympathy, too old to worry much over woman's weeping.

"I understand that she must 'ave went," he said. "Else you wouldn't be alone, miss. Will you have your breakfast in bed?"

"Oh, could I?" sniffed Pamela, and then her eyes fell on the clock. "No I can't," she decided for herself. "You see, Tomlinson, I only pro-promised to stay until ten."

"I'll be getting your bath ready, then, miss," said Tomlinson, and withdrew.

Half an hour later Pamela was enjoying a lonely "tray"-breakfast, placed at her command before the couch, which faced the friendly fire in the big living-room. Without being a mind-reader, it is possible to surmise that she ate very slowly, in the vain hope that Mr. Randolph would pop in, with or without Father Christmas, and joining her in the meal, banish a baby Mr. Gloom that was hanging round.

While she was still toying with her food she heard the bell ring and Tomlinson's voice saying, in deep, respectful tones: "Miss Thornton will see you, sir. She is in the sitting-room."

Pamela dropped her egg-spoon and stood up, back to the fire, just in time to face a neatly dressed, pink-cheeked, bright-eyed, bald-headed little gentleman, who stood, poised but alert, in the open doorway, like a bird about to peck at her to see if she were the real thing.

"Miss Thornton?" he asked, in a peculiarly liquid voice.

Pamela nodded her head twice.

"I am Mr. Borden Milyuns," continued the molten voice, and the bright eyes studied her face expectantly.

Pamela puckered her brows in an effort to meet that expectancy halfway, but failed.

"Are you?" she asked doubtfully, and with a mental reservation against Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph for outraging the traditions of childhood by sending a Father Christmas in this dapper form. "Won't you sit down?" she added politely.

Mr. Milyuns hung poised for a second longer, and then advanced on the couch decisively, sat down on one end of it, and waved his hand at the other. Tomlinson slipped in and out, bearing the breakfast-tray away. Pamela accepted Mr. Milyuns' silent invitation and seated herself, but tentatively, as though she could only stay for a minute.

"Make yourself comfortable, my dear," said Mr. Milyuns; "I'm going to talk to you for some time."

"You can't," said Pam; "not here. I only have the flat for six minutes longer. That is, I only pro-promised to stay here until ten." Her eyes wandered half expectantly, half wistfully to the door.

The bird-man smiled.

"We'll see about that," he said. "I'm sorry you don't remember me. If you are indeed Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton, I used to take you on my knee often, many years ago."

Pamela could no longer be startled by such announcements.

"That's what Tomlinson said this morning," she remarked. "Ever since last night, everybody I meet seems to—to know my real name. I don't understand it."

"Please trust me," said Mr. Milyuns, "and you'll soon understand a lot more than that." He drew a slip from his pocket. "Now, do answer me carefully. Tell me the addresses of the first four places you and Maggie lived in after your father died."

"I can't remember the first," said Pam, but, after a second's thought, rattled off the names of three streets, and located addresses approximately by describing nearby corners prominent to a child's mind for one reason or another. "Those are the next three," she said. "After that, we went—"

But Mr. Milyuns was satisfied.

"That's enough for formalities, my dear. I'm convinced that you are the person for whom the firm of Milyuns, Branch & Milyuns has been searching for years. Do you remember your great-uncle, Asa Thornton?"

"Yes," said Pamela, a vague wonder and terror in her eyes; "but I didn't know he was real."

"'Didn't know he was real!'" exclaimed Mr. Milyuns. "What do you mean?"

"Maggie used to say," explained Pamela, "'If you're not good, your great-uncle, Asa Thornton, will catch you, and he hasn't cut his finger nails since your poor father married your dear mother.'" Pamela shuddered.

"You'll have to forget all that," said Mr. Milyuns soberly. "Before your great-uncle died, he repented very effectively of the way he treated your father, and left you an income of ten thousand dollars a year."

Pamela sat up very straight, and then sank slowly into the pillows at her back.

"'Ten — thousand — dollars — a — year'!" she repeated slowly.

Mr. Milyuns nodded.

"Beginning with today. There is no accumulation waiting for you, because, by the terms of the will, Mr. Randolph was allowed the entire income up to such time as you should be discovered. That provision was quite natural, if you will remember that Mr. Asa Thornton had been searching for you unsuccessfully for some months before he died."

Pamela sat up straight again.

"I want to understand you," she said with a sudden dignity that increased Mr. Milyuns' admiration, already decidedly on the upgrade. "You mean that, with my appearance, Mr. Randolph's entire income completely disappears?"

Mr. Milyuns nodded.

"You have guessed it in one," he said flippantly.

"I don't need ten thousand dollars a year," said Pamela promptly. "You will please tell Mr. Randolph that I shall only take half."

Mr. Milyuns smiled.

"I'll try to carry out your orders," he said blandly, "but I'll have to find Mr. Randolph first. Let me add that you apparently don't know the young gentleman very well."

"What do you mean by that?" asked Pam.

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Belmond Local News

Cho-Cho the health clown will be at the school house this week Friday evening, in his lecture to the children.

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This vicinity has been experiencing some queer weather the past few days. Sunday it rained all day and part of the night, then the weather turned cold and the first of the week it froze hard. Some of the gardens which had been planted early were a sorry looking spectacle in places.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Bailey were callers at Klemme one day last week.

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Miss Loretta Hood was a visitor with friends at Klemme one day last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chamberlain are the proud and happy parents of twin boys, born on Thursday night of last week. Both mother and babes are doing nicely. The Independent extends its congratulations to friend bert and wife in their good fortune.

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Louis Tokman went to Chicago Monday evening, to drive back a new Ford car.

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Mrs. Floyd Lewis from Minnesota has been a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Val Griesy, for the past week or so.

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Mrs. George Chamberlain was a visitor at Klemme last week one day.

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Johnson & Wright finished moving to their new building last week Saturday, and are now located ready for business in their splendid new store.

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Mrs. Wilson of Clarion was a recent guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Holden Nelson, of this place.

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F. W. Trowbridge has removed his family and household goods to another location, moving last week. He was engaged in the plumbing business here.

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Floyd Case has moved from this place back to Clarion, where he will make his future home.

Among the items which the Independent was forced to leave out last week was the illness of Gene Kinney. Mr. Kinney has been on the sick list for several weeks, suffering from bronchial trouble, but is reported as being somewhat better at this writing. He was pretty sick for a time.

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Henry Schulte and family accompanied by Mrs. Murphy and son Charles, and Miss Alice Sunkten, all of Alexander, drove over to this city last week Thursday to visit Miss Henrietta Pastour, who underwent an operation last week at the hospital here for acute appendicitis.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Healey left last week on their return trip to their home at Long Beach, California, after attending the funeral of G. H. Richardson, and visiting a few days with friends here. They stopped for a few days with friends and relatives in Des Moines before going on to California. Mr. Healey stated that they would probably return to this place sometime during the summer on another trip.

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WE APPOLOGIZE

The Independent was sort of balled up last week on its layout and news. The linotype went on the bum and in the resulting trouble there was much left undone, and several news items had to be cut to the shortest possible amount in order to get them into type. A linotype is like an automobile in some respects: they are a fine thing as long as they are working right, but something else again when they aren't.

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Want to borrow $100 for one year. Will pay 8 per cent interest. Address B6, care of Independent.

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I have opened a shop again and solicit a part of your repair work.—Nordschow Motor company.

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The personal property of D. B. Harris, consisting of cattle, horses and machinery, will be sold at public sale at the Rowan Sales Pavillion on Saturday, May 7. Sale will start at 2:00 o'clock p. m. Usual terms.

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The St. Olaf Concert band which will be here on next week Monday, May 9, is reputed one of the best organizations of the kind in the country. They have very good press references, and especially on the expression which they put into their playing. The band comes here under the auspices of the Trinity choir and the Independent doesn ot hesitate to endorse them to the people of Belmond and vicinity.

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CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW COUNTRY CLUB

First Ball Game Goes To Mason City By 4 To 2

First Game Of Season Proves Hot One And Keeps Immense Crowd On Their Toes.

NEW PITCHER HAS THE GOODS

The first ball game of the season went to Mason City, Sunday, by a score of 4 to 2, after one of the finest pitching battles ever held on the local diamond.

The game was red hot from start to finish, and was not finished until the last man was out in the 10th inning. In the first inning, Mason City secured two good hard swats at the ball, and one of them being a homer forced in a run ahead of it, making the score 2 to 0, where it remained until the lucky seventh, when Belmond combined some solid clean hits with a long fly and some errors and tied the score. Not another run was made on either side until the game went into the extra inning.

It was a pitchers thruout, and Belmond's heaver, Pillmer, had none the worst of the deal. After the first inning, he held the hard-hitting Independents down, and while they secured several more hits, they never could get them close enough together to make them count.

Pillmer demonstrated that he has the goods when it comes to pitching; he fielded like a big leaguer, and at the bat he was number one. It is understood that the local team will employ him for the season, and those who saw him work in the first game will say it is a wise choice.

There was an immense crowd present, and everything was orderly and clean thruout.

LOCAL MAN TO GRAND JURY ON INCEST CHARGE

One of the most revolting, brutal and beastly crimes that has ever been brought to public attention came up for trial last Saturday in the city court, when Tom Ersland of this city was arrested on the charge of incest, his victim being his 14-year-old girl. When the facts became known, the city and county authorities took immediate measures to bring the inhuman fiend to justice. He has been working in Minnesota, and a fake letter was sent him which brought him home on the midnight train last Friday night, when Nightwatchman Rierson met him with handcuffs and lodged him in jail. He was given a trial the next morning, bound over to the grand jury on $2,000 bonds, and the sheriff took him to the jail at Clarion, none too soon, from the reports, for violence of an extreme naure was brewing. The maximum sentence which can be given Ersland is 25 years, which it would seem was about 975 years too short. It is alleged that the crime has been committed for the past three years, and that he forced his daughter to obey him, threatening her life if she ever told, and it was only upon the most emphatic promise of future protection from her father that the girl gave the authorities information.

SAMPSON SELLS MOVIE

Joe Sampson was in town one day last week meeting old friends, and while here informed them that he had just recently disposed of his moving picture theatre at Ackley, possession being given the new proprietor immediately. Joe also stated that his parents have sold their Variety Store at Ackley. Joe says the future plans of both he and his parents are yet to be decided. We hope that both families decide to come back to Belmond, their former home.

The Independent wishes to correct an item in the Community club notes as printed last week, where it was stated that $10 had been spent for shrubrey at the city hall. It should have been $80.

OBITUARY

ILENE GERTRUDE CAMPBELL

Ilene Gertrude Campbell, youngest daughter of John D. and Gertrude Campbell, was born June 4, 1908, and died May 4, 1921, at the age of 12 years anl 11 months. She underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital April 19, and was apparantly recovering nicely when she developed scarlet fever April 25, since when she made a brave struggle for life, but death came Wednesday night.

Ilene was a bright and cheerful girl and altho but 12 years of age in many ways seemed to have the judgement and wisdom of one at least five or six years older. She had finished the eighth grade work and was ready to enter high school next fall. The number of letters she received from the girls and older women and the callers she had while in the hospital together with the many beautiful flowers sent her, all indicate that everyone who knew her counted her as a very dear friend. She was never afraid of what might come to her but was always considerate of others. Just a short time before death came she told her mother how much she loved her and that she was going to die. Then she twice beautifully repeated the Lord's prayer, which was almost her last words.

"Will they meet us, cheer and greet us,
Those we've loved, who've gone before?
Shall we find them at the portals,
Find our beautiful immortals,
When we reach that radiant shore?

"Hearts are broken for some token,
That they live and love us yet;
And we ask, 'Can those who've left us
Of love's look and tone bereft us,
Tho in Heaven, can they forget?"

Besides her father and mother, Ilene leaves to mourn her departure one sister, Rhea, grandfather and grandmother Campbell of Clarion, grandmother Dice of Cedar Rapids, an a number of other relatives and many friends.

Interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery and funeral services conducted by Rev. J. H. Edge at the grave.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in every way possible, for the kindness and sympathy shown to us, and for the many beautiful flowers given to Ilene during her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Campbell.
Rhea Campbell.

RICHARD TEMBY

Richard Temby was born December 12, 1849, in Linden township, Iowa county, Wisconsin, and died May 5, 1921, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. N. Davenport, at Belmond, Iowa, at the age of 71 years, 4 months and 23 days. On February 2, 1870 Mr. Temby was united in marriage tc Miss Viola H. Sherman. To this union were born four children, two daughters, Mrs. Hannah A. Davenport of Belmond, Iowa, Mrs. Maude E. Rosenau of Ventura, Iowa, and two sons, Archie J. of Butte Creek, Montana, and Richard B. of Belmond, Iowa. Mr. Temby was preceeded in death by his wife May 3, 1914.

Mr Temby came to Iowa about 39 years ago and located at Belmond, which has been his residence ever since, living part of the time on the farm south of town and the last few years in town. His death marks the going of another of the old time residents of the community. He was a man that was never afraid of hard work and doing well what he put his hand to.

His last sickness has lasted thru several months, during which time he has suffered a great deal. Besides the children above mentioned Mr. Temby leaves to mourn his death seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Edge, pastor of the Methodist church, at the church, on Sunday afternoon and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery, the I. O. O. F. lodge having charge of the service at the grave.

No Race Suicide Is Advocated By This Cow

Bossy At Ralph Christie Farm Gives Birth To Four Perfectly Sound And Hungry Calves.

MANY VISITORS COME TO SEE

One of the most unusual and unnatural "freaks of nature" that has happened for some time, occurred at the farm of Ralph Christie last week, when on Tuesday, May 3, a cow owned by Christie gave birth to quadruplet calves.

The four calves are all perfectly formed, and are all healthy, busy youngsters. Each individual calf is as sound and frisky as any ordinary calf, and makes just as much out of life. Three of them are white, and the other a dark roan in color.

The cow is a high grade Short Horn and while not eligible to registry is nevertheless a very fine animal.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES HAVE CLARION FOLKS GUESSING

The farm home of Geo. Sheffield, east of the fair grounds, was the scene of a series of six separate fires within three day's time last week. The first occurred in an unused room of the second floor and was discovered before any material damage had been done. This was on Wednesday afternoon. That evening about six o'clock a small blaze was found among the kindlings in the basement. Thursday morning about 10 o'clock the hired man's bed was found on fire, only the mattress and some clothing being destroyed. About two hours later the hay loft of the barn was ablaze. This happened while neighbors were in the yard yet discussing the first fire of the day. They were only about one hundred feet from the building when smoke was seen coming from the roof. It was all ablaze in a minute and soon destroyed. The little daughter had taken a smaller brother to the barn a few minutes before to see a new calf. Mr. Sheffield is of the opinion that some one with a grudge against him set the fires. Others have different opinions and it is probably the whole matter will be explained in the near future as the state fire marshal has been sent for. Mr. Sheffield's loss foots up fully $10,000 with only a trifle over $3,000 insurance. In addition to the barn, hog house, corn crib, he lost several hundred bushels of corn and oats, also three horses, a cow and calf, and some pigs.—Monitor.

STATE DEMONSTRATION AGENT GIVES LECTURE

Pleasant Township Leads In Point Of Numbers In Attendance At Demonstration.

Miss Bertha Holden, state leader of Home Demonstration Agents for Iowa, spent two days last week in conducting lectures and demonstrations on the subjects "Household Accounts" and "Home Equipment."

Pleasant township seems to have lead in point of attendance at these demonstrations, there being about 25 ladies present at the meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Henn, Tuesday afternoon, May 3. After Miss Holden's lecture the ladies of Pleasant township turned the meeting into an informal social and a very delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all. A short business session was held for the purpose of outlining the social activities of the township for the summer season after which ice cream and cake were served by the entertainment committee.

Among those ladies present at the meeting were: Mesdames E. Traeger, H. Loats, Ed. Murphy, M. Aigley, W. Eiler, W. Braner, M. Frohling, J. Dorenkamp, M. Halfwassen, Herman Meinders, C. Groen, F. Gartz, J. Walzing, A. C. Myers, H. Pals, and the Misses Grace Gartz, Allie Pals, Muriel Gartz, Velma Braner, and Dorothy Gartz.

Court House News

Monitor: Court adjourned Friday until Tuesday. It is thought the work of the term will be concluded today.

Marriage licenses for the past week: Stanley Anderson and Beulah Lester, Edward Hood and Agnes Julia Finn.

A land case from Troy township occupied the attention of the court and attorneys yesterday. Tierney and Monaghan vs. Oberhelman were the parties concerned.

The man and woman who stole the Middleton truck at Eagle Grove are still in the county jail. Unless they change their minds and plead guilty to a county attorney's indictment they must remain in jail until next October.

At their regular session on Monday the board of supervisors appointed a new set of appraisers on the two drainage projects at Dows, known as the Severe and Cole drains. The matter will come up for a rehearing in July.

Judge Thompson fined Geo. Ruhl $100 and costs for selling intoxicating liquors contrary to law. Nearly fifty bottles of whiskey and home made beer were captured. Harry Jackson, also charged with booze selling and John Ruhl, held on a nuisance charge have been bound over to the grand jury. They also hail from Belmond.

Safely hidden away somewhere in Clarion are two gallon jugs containing corn whiskey. A couple of strangers were passing thru town the other night when Sheriff Lang and Marshal Leonard were attracted by their actions. They followed the fellows and came upon them unannounced. It so startled them that they left their suitcase and ran and the officers are wondering if they will return to claim their property.

Another booze case comes from Eagle Grove. A stranger who drove his car into town without lights, which resulted in his undoing, is being held to the grand jury. He is out on a $500 bond furnished by relatives at Clare. Mayor Baker fined him $5.00 for not having his lights lit. The fellow paid it and started to go. His Honor said "wait a minute." Then he fined him $25.00 for resisting an officer, said officer had started to search the car after hearing some bottles rattle when the machine was taken to the garage. The fellow had to be clubbed into submission. Then the mayor again set him back $25.00 for having forty or more bottles of booze in his possession and finally held him to the grand jury. The end is not yet.

The suit of John Orr, a minor, who alleged injuries from an automobile accident in Eagle Grove, was dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

In the matter of the assignment of Johnson & Knutson, restaurant men of Clarion, court awarded D. H. Eyler assignee, compensation at the rate of 10 per cent of proceeds of sales of personal property of $318.79 and G. R. Hill attorney for assignee $200 in full of all services rendered. W. E. Jamison suing Harm Menke was given verdict for $215 and interests and costs of attorney's fee fixed at $25.

Lillian Nelson was divorced from Roy Nelson and awarded the two minor children, Rosella and Donald Nelson; also alimony of $25 per month and an additional $25 per month for the support of the children. Court found her allegations that Nelson had so conducted himself as to endanger her health and render it unsafe for her to live with him were correct. Defendant is also to pay costs of the suit. —Clipper.

WRIGHT COUNTY DOCTORS MAKE REDUCTION IN FEES

The doctors of the county in attendance at the tubercular clinic held at the court house Friday closed the day with an informal session of their own at Hotel Moore that evening. The main business considered was the reduction of fees, and hereafter it will be somewhat cheaper to be indisposed as the following schedule of prices will show.

The fee for a day call has been reduced from $3.00 to $2.50; night calls from $5.00 to $4.00; mileage on account of bad roads from $2.00 to $1.50; fraternal insurance fees from $5.00 to $3.00.—Monitor.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING GOES TO CLARION MAN

New Country Club House Contract Now Let And Structure Expected To Be Completed By July.

HOUSE TO COST ABOUT $8,000

Original Plans Changed Somewhat—Grounds Now In Fine Shape, Especially Golf Course.

The contract for the Country Club at Cornelia was let a week or so ago to John Mayer Co. of Clarion.

The contract price was about eight thousand dollars. Construction of the club house is to begin immediately and it is expected that the club house will be ready for occupancy about the 4th of July.

The house will be constructed of brick and hollow tile, and the plans for the structure have been somewhat changed from the original plan first considered. The building as now contracted will be about 40 x 22 in the main part, with a south wing containing the dinging room, also 40 x 22 in size. There will be a porch 40 x 16. The showers, lockers, etc., for both men and women, will be located in the basement, in the ends.

The grounds are now in good shape, especially the golf links, where the members are now enjoying the sport. To date there are about 70 members in the club, but more are to be taken in later, it is understood. When the house is completed and everything fixed up in the shape planned, the club will be one of the best in the state and the source of much rest and recreation to the members.

COUTNY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTINON AT ROWAN

The County Sunday School Association will hold its 46th annual convention at Rowan, in the M. E. church on Tuesday the 17th, and it is desired that a large delegation from Belmond attend. The program is as follows:

1:30—Registration and social hour.

2:00—Devotional period, led by Rev. J. H. Edge.

Address—Religion and the Rising Generation, by Rev. W. L. Breaw.

3:30—Round Table.

Sectional conferences at 4:00. Adult led by Walter Hutton of Des Moines, and discussion led by Rev. Dr. E. O. Elliot of Dows, Mrs. Wm. Tyrrell, Jr., Belmond, and Ida Campbell, Clarion.

Elementary under the leadership of Mrs. R. M. Smallpage, Eagle Grove, and discussion led by Mrs. L. W. Breaw, Dows, Mrs. Hattie Simpson Galt, and Mrs. Fern Perry, Clarion.

4:30 address: Our Source of Power, Rev. J. B. Walker, Clarion. 5:00 free social hour and basket picnic. 7:30 devotional period, Rev,. S. U. Leinbach.

8:00, Address, Religious Efficiency of the Church and Sunday School, Rev. A. H. Waalkes, Belmond.

8:30, Worship in the Church School, Walter Hutton, Des Moines.

Special music will be provided and a general good helpful time is assured. Let all who possibly can attend this convention.

RECENT CHANGES IN PROPERTY

Among the recent changes in property in this vicinity have been listed the following:

E. L. Madsen and wife to G. H. Klemme, n 1-2 lots 3-4 blk 3, Belmond, $1,400.

J. W. Azeltine and wife to Etta R. Meyer, sw 1-4, pt N1-2 se 1-4 sec 24 91 23 s and w of Iowa river, $1.00.

George F. Meyers and wife to J. W. Azeltine, sw 1-4 sec 20, s 1-2 se 1-4 sec 20-90-23, $1.00.

L. L. Putnam and wife to Iowa Valley Sugar Co., lot 6 blk 23, Belmond, $4,800.

Effie M. Klemme and H. J. Klemme to Chas. Cramer, lot 20 blk 2 Barry add to Belmond, $200.

Ona Locke and husband to S. D. Luick, lot 5 blk 6, 1st add to Belmond, $1.00.

FREE AIR!

There have been some good names suggested for Spruce street, one of which of course will be chosen, and cost this sheet five bucks. Worth it, however.

Fellow gave us a handle the other day which, altho a good one, and very appropriate—in a way—we are a bit afraid won't win the prize.

He says call it Moonshine Avenue. Not so bad, what?

At that, he came pretty near hitting the target. Which has been, at times, very aptly applied.

The suggestion ought to be worthy of a prize of some sort, something in keeping with the idea.

So we are going to give the donor thereof a bottle of pop.

Name yer pizen, Frank.

And the council, you will notice by reading the paper this week, has gone and helped old Noah Webster out of a hole. In Noah's time—not the ark days, we don't mean, just the dark ones—there wa'n't no sich animal as a bootlegger; every man made and kept his own private stock and brand. Them were the happy days, especially for the family.

Consequently when Noah built the dictionary he failed to include therein the definition of a bootlegger.

Said bootlegger being a latter-day addition to science, the council goes to work and defines his breed, family tree and conduct.

It's all right; some of us didn't know just what a bootlegger was. We knew he was some relation of a skunk, and almost as decent as a pole cat, but we never felt like insulting either of those varmits by comparing a bootlegger to 'em. The city dads have relieved a lot of us from an embarrassing position.

Which shows that city councils are worth something after all.

That reminds us, a certain merchant in this town, who shall be nameless for the sake of safety, recently shipped a box of matches, which was clothing, to Minnesota.

He said they were matches. Then he said they were clothing. And it turned out that they were neither. They were 135 pounds of simon pure guaranteed under the pure food and drugs act, raisins.

Somebody in Minnesota must be going to have a lot of pies, or headaches.

It's almost shameful the way they are treating those poor fish who hunt a wet spot to wet their gills.

Take it at Eagle Grove last week. Fellow over there, driving thru, got pulled for running without lights. The mayor soaked him $25. While he was relieving the guy's bank roll, the cop goes to snooping 'round and uncovers 40 quarts of knock-'em-stiff hootch in the fellow's car. Then the mayor soaks him another 25 and gives him an invitation to call on the grand jury.

And at Clarion the cops scart a couple of fellows so badly that they went off and left two quarts of real honest-to-goodness bottled in bond genuine corn likker.

And they say this is a free country. What has become of our personal liberty?

Lost—One set of individual personal liberty. Finder please return to the first man he meets with a dry look.

And he ought to find plenty of folks to answer the description.

We notice by the Congregational church notes this week that the Reverend thinks we need glasses. Or maybe its glass eyes, or somethin'. Mebbe.

Personally, we never fell sorry if a man doesn't see things exactly as we do; we admit his right to see 'em his way. Difference in vision, or in distinguishing, if you prefer, is what makes life worth living.

Ho, hum; guess we'll go fishin'.

We haven't received the name to that letter we spoke of, yet.

Owing to the power being off all Tuesday afternoon The Independent was unable to get out on time. The paper was therefor held over until Wednesday, in order that the news might come to our readers while it was "fresh laid" and not a week old.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

STATE DEMONSTRATION AGENT HERE

Miss Holden, state leader of the home demonstration agents, lectured to the ladies of Vernon township at the home of Mrs. Glen Knox, Wednesday forenoon, May 4, and altho the forenoon is a poor time to attempt holding of a demonstration there were about 15 ladies present. The ladies of Vernon brought up a number of interesting subjects for discussion and those who had an opportunity to hear Miss Holden feel that her lecture was very practical and very interesting.

The ladies of Blaine township enjoyed Miss Holden's lecture at the home of Mrs. Ray Cramer, Wednesday afternoon, May 4. Miss Holden's familiarity with her subjects and the intense interest shown by the ladies present are both responsible for the success of this meeting. A number of questions of vital interest to the ladies of this community arose and those who had the pleasure of hearing Miss Holden expressed the thought that they would like to have had Miss Holden with them for twice the length of time it was possible for her to spare.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU PICNIC

At the last regular meeting of the board of directors of the Whight County Farm Bureau, which was held at the county agent's office on Saturday, April 30, it was decided unanimously that instead of having a farm bureau banquet they would hold a county wide picnic some time during the month of June, probably about the 10th.

Harry Sumners, president of the local farm bureau, appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Anna Overbaugh, Mrs. E. E. Evens and Mrs. M. L. Clark to take charge of and be responsible for putting on a successful picnic. The executive committee has appointed the following persons as chairmen of the various sub-committees, it being understood that they will be allowed to select as many assistants as they deem necessary. Music committee: Dwight Ketchum; vocal: N. L. Vanderlip; instrumental: athletic committee: J. H. Abernathy; grounds committee: Harry Sumners. No definite arrangements have been made as yet for securing a speaker for the occasion but the following speakers named in the order of their preference as expressed by the executive committee are being considered for this occasion: Ex-Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith, E. H. Cunningham, secretary Iowa Farm Bureau federation, J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary Iowa Farm Bureau federation, Eugene Schaffter, senator from this district. Everyone is urged to bring a basket lunch and come prepared to have a riproaring good time. The date and place for holding this picnic have not been definitely arranged, but will be announced probably in next week's papers.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK

The directors of our local farm bureau have decided to organize the boys and girls' club work in the county. It has been suggested that in order that the farm bureau organization function properly and most effecient-ly it should consider the developement of the boys and girls along the agricultural lines.

Miss Hazel Spencer of Grant township has volunteered her services to the farm bureau to give what assistance she can in starting out the girls' club work. Arrangements have been made to have Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader of girls' club work, come to the county to assist Miss Spencer and the county agent in establishing the girls' club work in this county. Definite announcement regarding the kinds of clubs which will be organized cannot be made at this time, but there will probably be canning clubs, sewing clubs and many other kinds of girls' clubs formed when the final plans are made.

The boys' club work of the county is to be expanded during the coming season also. Beginning this year boys are urged to begin preparing for an acre of corn contest next year. Every boy who wishes to enter this contest should begin this year preparing his acre of ground by fertilizing and preparing the soil properly for next year's crop. There will probably be three prizes given in the acre corn contest next year.

Any boy or girl in Wright county between the ages of 10 and 18 years is eligible to membership in the different club organizations. Any girl or boy between the ages indicated above, who is interested in the club work and would like to become a member, is urged to write or see the county agent at once.

TO ENTER RAT KILLING CRUSADE

Here is your chance to win $100. Any person in Wright county, man or woman, boy or girl, killing the highest number of rats between now and June 15th may win the $100 prize which is being offered by the Des Moines Register.

This rat killing crusade which was started by the Des Moines daily is being taken up by the farm bureaus, banks, and civic bodies of the state and the $100 prize which was offered originally by the Register is being added to by these various organizations until at present the amount of prize money has been increased to over $500

Let's go, boys, by making a special effort to see how many hats you can kill between now and June 15th and bring the $100 prize to Wright county. Those who enter this contest are asked to save the rat's tails and on or before June 15th bring them to the county agent's office for the final checking up. We will, no doubt, have some interesting tales of how the boys secured the tails.

FARMER WANTS FAIR CHANCE

The average intelligent, patriotic farmer is not asking for special privileges. If proper regulatory laws insure him a free and open field for the exercise of his ability he will establish a place in the commercial world which will be not only a source of credit and profit to himself, but also to the country at large. All the American farmer wants, and has a right to have, is an equal chance with other business men, a fair and just reward for labor performed Every man, in every business is entitled to a profit for the contribution he makes to the sum of human happiness, as happiness is represented in better living.

PRODUCERS UNITED IN CONDEMNING SPECULATORS

At the convention of the National Farmers' Union, held at Washington, D. C., during the week ending April 23, committees were appointed to drive speculators out of the cotton and grain markets. This move is in direct line with what other farm organizations are doing and have done and is another step toward the goal of more efficient marketing machinery for the distribution of farm products.

That the fruit growers also regard he speculator with much disdain is voiced in and expression from George A. Cullen, vice president of the North American Fruit Growers' Exchange, which appeared in April 15 issue of The Dairy Farmer, and reads as follows:

"So long as the farmer permits someone else, who has no interest in the farmer's welfare, to handle the marketing of his products, the farmer is absolutely at the mercy of that someone else—a situation that is not only highly unprofitable to the farmer, but decidedly detrimental to his self-respect. It is not as tho he were submitting to the law of supply and demand—that might have some show of reason for his lossess. It is primarily because he has allowed a wholly artificial and unnecessary element to entrench itself between him and the consumer, namely, the speculator."

There is already a strong movement on foot, sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation, which, thru a live stock marketing committee of 15, is now studying and investigating present methods of co-operative marketing of live stock at the principal terminal markets, with a view of formulating an adequate plan by which all live stock going into those markets may be more efficiently handled. One of its members says, "Farmers have already demonstrated that they can operate their own marketing machinery successfully on the terminal markets, and when most of them market only thru their own handling organizations, then will they be able to have something to say with regard to the market value of their live stock and be in a position to bring about more orderly marketing in order to avoid large fluctuations in market prices due to irregular receipts at the yards."

In the marketing of live stock the speculator has demonstrated that he is an unnecessary evil, and it is evident that with 519 speculators and speculative firms operating on the market of one big stock center, that they, as a whole, are doing a thriving business, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. He not only diverts most of the producer's profit into his own pockets, but likewise is the big factor in boosting the price to the consumer.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Church and Mrs. Burkitt of Goodell were among the out of town shoppers here last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hal Nourse and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings were visitors a Mason City on Friday of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beard were callers at Klemme one day last week, on matters of business.

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Roy French was a Sunday guest of friends at the county seat.

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Wm. Nelson was transacting business at Kanawha one day last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starnes of Klemme came down last week to visit at the home of his father, who has been on the sick list for some time past.

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Olive Butts was a recent guest of friends and relatives at Klemme.

—I—

Miss Cecilia Barry attended the state music teachers' convention held in Fort Dodge, Thursday and Friday of last week.

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Miss Marian Luick was a recent guest with friends and relatives at Klemme.

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The Eagle Grove American Legion post has organized a base ball team and are planning on games with the Legion teams in the towns around. When it comes to the real article in ball teams, we believe the Belmond post can show the rest of them a real scrap, for the team here is to be composed of old experienced men who have had many years of the game both in school and on the town team.

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The Wilson Highway is being treated to a coat of good gravel between the towns of Garner and Klemme.

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T. D. Rankins was a business caller at Dows and Clarion several days lat week, where he was buying feeding cattle for W. C. Tyrrell. He purchased a number of head at both places.

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Meservey has established a rock pile for the amusement of those automobile drivers who take no heed of that town's ordinances regarding the speed and parking rules. So far the pile hasn't diminished very much by being worked.

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The dance pavilion at Cornelia, which has been leased to the Goslin orchestra of Clarion, had its formal opening of the season last night. (Tuesday.) A good crowd was reported in attendance at the opening number.

IOWA LAND VALUES LOWERED

The average price of plow land in Iowa has decreased from $219 per acre last year to $200 this year, or about 7 per cent, according to statistics just reported by the United States department of agriculture.

For the United States the average price of plow land March 1 of this year was $83.78, as compared to $90.01 in 1920 and $74.31 in 1919. The department attributes the decline to the reduction in the price of crops.

The heaviest drop in prices of land is in the southern states, where average land is now $50 per acre. In some instances the decline is 30 per cent. In Georgia last year the average land is now $50, the decline amounts to 15 per cent.

The greatest drop in any state was in Kentucky, due to the decline in the price of tobacco. The average price has dropped from $79 to $53 per acre.

Illinois ranks second to Iowa in the value of plow land, the price per acre being $157. In Alabama and Mississippi the average price is $26 The western states show the least decline in price of land and in the case of California, Oregon and Colorado there is a slight increase over last year. In California land is valued at $135, an increase of $5 over last year.

The report shows there was a rapid increase from 1917 to 1920, but the decline last year is not as great as the increase from 1919 to 1920.

FROST KILLS FRUIT TREES

Klemme Times: The fruit blossoms were all killed here by a couple of heavy freezes the fore part of the week. The nights have been very cold and it was cold enough several nights to freeze a quarter inch of on the water. The fruit trees were very heavy with blossoms this year and the prospects were good for a bumper crop here as fruit was not damaged earlier in the spring as was fruit in other states. Gardens are, however, in fine shape and no damage was done to them.

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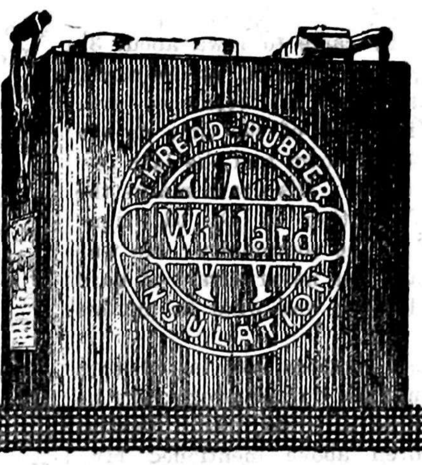

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ROWAN NEWS

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D. E. Harris was a Clarion and Belmond caller Monday.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Brooks returned Tuesday from Waterloo, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. U. B. Kepford, and from Waverly where she visited her son Will Brooks.

Miss Vinnie Whitten and little Ivan Williams were Dows callers between trains Tuesday.

J. F. Howell was a Dows caller on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Streveler of Waterloo visited at the home of her son, Tice Streveler, this week.

Mrs. Morris Sullivan of Fort Dodge came Tuesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Mrs. Jennie Rowen was at Goldfield several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Pierce, and her brother Sam Farmer who has broken a limb. She return ed home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and two daughters, Thelma and Marjorie, were Clarion callers Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Snyder went to Clarion on Wednesday of last week to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Smith.

Wednesday forenoon a Salvation Army band was in town giving a concert on the street. They got a collection of about eight dollars.

Mrs. J. S. Farren and son Bobby were Dows callers between trains Wednesday, where Bobby had some dental work done.

Cecil Harris, Miss Lottie Williams and Mrs. Ray Williams spent Wednesday at the Peter Schreck home at Hayfield.

Wednesday afternoon an airplane was in town taking up passengers. It came from Webster City. The price was five dollars a ride. Quite a number went up.

D. W. Whitten and wife, Wm. Whitten and wife and Lem Rowen and wife attended the show "Sowing the Wind at Belmond on Tuesday.

John Larson of DeSmet, S. D. who has been visiting at the Carmon home returned to his home Tuesday. Geo. Carmon accompanied him as far as Des Moines.

Harry Cain was a Clarion caller Wednesday.

F. B. Sheldon was an Austin, Minn. caller on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Haydon of Detroit, Mich., have been visiting at the home of her cousins, Bert Payne and Herb Ketchum. Mrs. Haydon went to Clarion, Thursday, to visit her brother. Mr. Haydon remained at the Bert Payne home for a while.

The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Will Bingham, Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Hannah Whitten as leader. The subject for the lesson was "The Far North and Far East." There were about 25 present and a very interesting lesson was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Missionary society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. N. B. Olsen, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. O. E. Ballou was leader. The subject of the lesson was "The Mountain Whites." There was a good crowd present. At the roll call each member answered with a news item concerning the lesson. There was a playette given by Mrs. Frank Kercheval and Mrs. H. J. C Box which was thoroly enjoyed

Remember the Young Ladies Mission Study club of the Cong. church which meets with Mrs. D. W. Whitten, Monday evening, May 16.

Mrs. Elsie Allen is having the interior of her home redecorated.

Gay Fletcher and Dean Fitz made a trip to Thornton, Friday, to take a load of saw dust to Bert Harris.

Donald Farren was a Belmond caller Friday, where he had some dental work done.

Thursday afternoon seven little playmates of Charles Kercheval met with him at the home of his grandma, Mrs. E. Bingham, in honor of his fifth birthday. Those present were Ivan Williams, Bobby Farren, Edgar Brooks, Loretta Maude Bingham, Billie Virginia Whitten and Clara Jane and John Howell.

The post office has installed a new table and boxes for the rural mail. This makes a fine addition to the post offices fixtures.

Morris Sullivan of Fort Dodge came Thursday to spend the week end with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Mrs. Gay Fletcher visited in Clarion at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz, Friday.

Thursday "Uncle" George Whitten caught the first fish of the season—for him. He says it weighed five pounds.

Little Burnetta Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jennings, hurt her arm quite badly by falling and turning it under her. Altho no bones are broken it is very lame.

Frank Kercheval and son Fred motored to Des Moines, Friday, to spend a few days. Mrs Frank Kercheval is staying with Mrs. Fred Kercheval during their absence.

Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Friday.

Mrs. Etta Carr spent several days visiting at Latimer this week.

Mrs. Will Steffens had a pleasant surprise Thursday, when her brother, Harry DeWald, of Holly, Colorado, whom she had not seen for 40 years, came to make her a visit.

Mr and Mrs Oscar Myers of Solsburg called at the Fred Kercheval home Thursday.

The M. E. Aid society me Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Burt. This was a social meeting. The house was decorated with the May Day idea. One stunt of the afternoon was to follow written directions from one place to another until they were directed to the clothes line where each lady received a May Basket as a souvenir. The following ladies served a 25c supper which netted the society between twelve and thirteen dollars: Mesdames Elmer Burt, Guy Stumph, Will Whitten, Fred Kercheval, Herb Hadley, Toyne,Will Peddle, Geo. Lineweaver.

Miss Allie Kent of Dows was changing trains here Thursday on her way to Fort Dodge to attend a Red Cross meeting. The Rowan chapter did not receive a notice of this meeting so could not send a delegate. They were entertained at the Country club and had a very nice time. They talked over the plans for the work for the coming year. Miss Kent returned on the evening train and spent Thursday night and Friday at the home of her cousin, LaVonne Ballou.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Cong. church held a business meeting and social evening at the A. H. Emerson home Thursday. About 30 members were present. Plans were made for the C. E. convention which is to be held in Rowan, June 7.The following chairmen were elected for planning the work of the convention: Entertainment—LaVonne Ballou; Decoration—Thelma Brooks; Meeting Trains—Blanch Box; Lunch at Noon —Gladys Whitten; Picnic Supper—Nellie Hyde. The social part of the evening was spent in games which were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served which were also enjoyed.

Mrs. A. D. Hiams, who fell from a chair Saturday of last week, is improving nicely. It is a miracle no bones were broken for it was a bad fall for one of her age.

Reuben Cupp was a Clarion caller Friday.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson and Mrs. Blanch Jennings were Clarion callers Friday.

The directors of the sales pavilion held a business meeting Thursday evening.

Mrs. Will Azeltine of Galt visited relatives in Rowan the latter part of the week.

The Andrew Whitten post of the American Legion held their regular meeting Monday night. They completed their plans for Memorial Day. They elected a committee composed of O. F. Branden, Jim Rowen and J. F Howell, to meet with a community committee to finish the plans for observing the day. They also purchased uniforms for the Legion ball team.

The south section of the Iowa Township Community club will entertain at the G. R. Stumph home, Friday night May 13. Everybody invited.

Mrs. J. S. Farren, Frances and Bobby went to Chicago, Friday, to spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stapley.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder of Clarion, Miss Fern Schroeder of Des Moines, and Mrs. W H. Knowles of Chicago spent Friday at the Guy Sheldon home and attended the Epworth League supper and sale.

Ed. Jones went to Klemme, Saturday, to visit at the home of his son Earl.

Mr. Ray Johnson of Newark, New Jersey, came Saturday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Henry Azeltine, and also to see his mother, Mrs. A. E Johnson, who has been spending the winter with her daughter. Mrs. Johnson broke her hip in November and has been bed fast most of the winter but has improved so wonderfully that she is able to get around and expects to return to her home with her son.

Charles Boyington was a Clarion shopper Saturday.

Marshal Myers was a passenger to Clarion, Saturday.

Mrs Ed. Riley and daughter Dolly were Fort Dodge shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Will Whitten is nursing a lame arm, caused by a fall one day this week.

Miss Minnie Aldiner closed her year of school work at the Hiatt school Friday with a picnic in the school yard. About 40 were present. They had a lovely dinner and everyone enjoyed the day.

Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children of Coulter visited at the Will Whitten home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Halsey and children motored from Allison, Saturday, Mr. Halsey was one of the auctioneers at he D. B. Harris sale. They visited at the home of Mr and Mrs. D. A. French.

Mrs. Clifford Snow spent the week end with her husband at Rienbeck and Traer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawe and baby went to Eagle Grove, Wednesday.

Mrs. Ray Williams visited at Belmond, Thursday.

The following people attended the funeral of Ilene Campbell of Belmond. Thursday: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, Thelma and Marjorie, Lizzie Brooks, Mrs. Fred Aldrich and Frank Kercheval.

Word received from Theo. Hansen who is in the Presbyterian hospital at Chicago, states that he was able to sit up Saturday for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs J. D. Pritchett Mrs. O. F. Branden and Mrs. Ray Williams and children motored to Iowa Falls, Saturday, to visit at the L. D. Bingham home.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum and Mrs Roy Ryder motored to Clarion, Saturday. where the former had some dental work done.

Bernice Hansen spent the week end at Coulter.

Miss Fannie Reed, Mrs. Fred Brooks, Thelma and Marjorie and Edgar, Blanche Box and Edgar Mantle motored to Clarion, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box and family of Clarion spent Sunday at the H. J. C. Box home.

Mr. and Mrs Walt Carmon, Miss Wilda Whitten and George Carmon were Clarion callers Saturday.

Mrs. Cady Templet of Clarion was a Sunday guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls visited at the A. C. Rietz home Sunday, and called on other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clowes and family of Renwick visited at the R. H. Keith home Sunday. Mrs. Clowes will be remembered as Miss Edna Provan.

Mrs. J. Denio and daughter and Mrs. Sanders of Galt spent Sunday at the O. E. Ballou home.

Mr. and Mrs Clint Kercheval and boys were entertained at the Fred Kercheval home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peddle spent Sunday at the parental home.

The eighth grade play "Sally Finds Herself," which was given Wednesday night at the school house was very well produced. It was well attended. The primary part of the program was fine also. They took in about $30.

The Boy Scouts met Thursday eve. They were training for Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son Leland of Thornton spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L W. Stevenson.

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The Epworth League sale and supper last Friday was a splendid success, netting a little over $90. Over 200 people were present to enjoy this social occasion.

Mother's Day services in the M. E. church were largely attended. A special feature of the morning service was the singing of the Sunday school choir, who rendered suitable songs. The pastor spoke on "The New Chivalry for Women," and urged a more practical appreciation of the character and worth of womanhood. Mrs. A. O. Pelley sang "Mother O' Mine" at the evening hour.

The Rev Dr. E. Elliott of Dows, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will speak in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Do not miss the doctor's message. At the evening service the pastor, Rev. Harold Tomkinson, will speak on the subject of "Fools." Even if you don't believe in "Fools" come and hear what the Methodist pastor has to say—it might be quite illuminative and informing to those who think we are wise.

Will the people of Rowan and vicinity kindly keep in mind the Wright County Sunday School convention to be held in the M. E. church Tuesday, May 17? There will be an afternoon and an evening session and a galaxy of star speakers. Put this date down and keep it open for this work.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Rev. F. H Anderson of Rockwell will fill the Cong. pulpit next Sunday. His wife, Rev. Ada Anderson, who has been supplying the pulpit at this place will preach her farewell sermon to the Rockwell people.

The Mother's Day service at the Cong. church was well attended, the church being full. The choir furnished special music for the service. The Rev. Ada Anderson gave a fine sermon on the subject "The Mother's Part,' which was very helpful to mothers.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. A. H. Emerson on Thursday afternoon. There will be work for all. Lunch will be served.

A committee from the Congregational church Sunday school composed of Mrs. R Virden, L. A. McCallum and Miss Frances Farren was chosen to work with a committee from the M. E. Sunday school to provide entertainment for the guests who attend the County Sunday School convention, May 17.

Belmond Local News

Somebody sent the Meservey Register ten dollars, to be awarded in the fall to the best, or most careful, auto driver during the summer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ennen of Britt came down one day last week to make the acquaintance of their new grandson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinlicht.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Neuhring are the proud parens of a baby boy, born on Saturday morning of last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinlicht are the happy parents of a fine new baby boy, born last week Wednesday. The Independent gave Henry a boy last winter, thru an error, but this time has Henry's word that he is here. And as Henry has been acting strangely, we believe it. Both mother and babe are doing nicely.

—I—

Miss Hazel Thomas was a visitor at the county seat town on Saturday of last week.

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Lee Stacy drove to Hampton on Saturday evening, to spend the week end with his wife and family who are visiting relatives and friends at that place for a few days.

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The grade program given at the school audiorium last week Wednesday evening was very good, and attended by a fair-sibze crowd which thoroly enjoyed the efforts of the youngsters. Much credit is due Miss Rowland for the training and handling of so many children, which was no easy task. The same program and operetta is to be given in the park sometime towards the end of this month, under the auspices of the Community Club.

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Some interesting news will be found in the council proceedings for this month, printed in another column of the Independent. The council has passed a resolution calling for the construction of a number of perm anent side walks about town, and in an ordinance passed at the recent meeting defines a "bootlegger." If you have any idea of becoming one read the regulations on what constitutes said animal.

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Clarence Slining and Elmer Larsen recently shot an eagle near the lakes west of town. The bird measured some five feet from wing tip to wing tip.

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Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Belmond, Iowa.

Sec. 1—That any person who shall, within the incorporated limits of the Town of Belmond, Iowa, by himself or his employee, servant or agent, for himself or for any person, company or corporation, keep or carry around on his person or in aeroplane, automobile, motor-truck, or in any other vehicle, or leave in a place for others to secure, any intoxicating liquor, with intent to sell or dispose of the same by gift or otherwise, or who shall within said Town in any manner, directly or indirectly, solicit, take, or accept any order for the shipment or delivery of intoxicating liquor, in violation of law, is a "boot-legger."

Sec. 2—Any person violating Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdomeanor.

M. C. BARRY, Mayor.
Attest: GUY BYERS, Clerk.

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CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

The King's Heralds will meet with Ronald Purcell on Saturday afternoon.

To fold one's hands and patiently wait for the last trump to sound is not in our day a mark of Christian virtue—at least for the able-bodied. Such a policy is as un-Christian as to give up in despair and accept the creed of the fatalist. The Christian church sets before men today a program that implies, not merely a devotion that prays:

"Me and my wife,
And my son John and his wife";

but rather implies the necessity of a strong, courageous, determined effort to serve God in this our day and generation and to leave the world better for those that come after. The pastor will speak next Sunday morning on "The Strategy of Methodism in America." Every member and friend of the church ought to hear this sermon and is urgently requested to be present.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Last Sunday was a banner day with the largest attendance by ten at Sunday school of any day this year. All the services were well attended even tho it did rain in the evening which kept many away who would have been there otherwise. The program given by Miss Sydow and the young people was very greatly appreciated by all who heard it.

Now for next Sunday, let us all boost and well have the quarter up to its mark and we hope a little over. Let every one boost for the work is worth while and the lessons which we are now studying are helpful in every day life.

There will be he regular services at 11:00 in the morning but no service at night on account of the Sunday school convention at the M. E. church.

Mrs. Ralph Christie was elected to attend the state convention of Congregaional churches which convenes in Sioux City next Tuesday and will be in session. This will give Mrs. Christie an opportunity of visiting her brother, Harry Webb, who is attending Morningside college.

We are sorry that the writer of our Free Air is not able to distinguish between things which are necessary and things which are merely for sport and financial gain.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR

State of Iowa,
Wright County, ss. No. 1319

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned have been duly appointed and qualified as Executors of the estate of David L. Cuppett, deceased, late of Wright County. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment; and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance, and file in he office of the Clerk of the District Court.

A. L. LUICK
ARTHUR B. CUPPETT
W. E. Bullard, Attorney.
Dated April 27, 1921.
R. V. GOSLIN, Clerk District Court

SENATOR SCHAFFTER WILL ASK FOR RE-ELECTION

According to he Eagle Grove Eagle Senator Schanffter will request the voters of this district to return him to the state senate next year, a year from next month. The senator appears to have had a pretty fair record for his first term and will doubtless be given serious consideration when the time comes.

SCHOOL NOTES

B. H. S. defeated Dows in a fast ball game on the local diamond last Friday afternoon by a score of 8 to 4. It was a close game until the end of the 7th inning, when Belmond forged ahead. The Belmond boys played a good game and with Madsen in the box supported as he was last Friday we need not hesitate meeting any of the surrounding towns.

The first dual track meet for the local boys was held at Clarion, Saturday afternoon with the score resulting 64 to 48 in favor of Clarion. There were only 15 men on our team consequently each man was entered in several events instead of only two or three. However we succeeded in winning half the first placings and but for a little bad luck due to lack of experience the meet would have been much closer. E. Parsons was the individual star of the meet, winning 15 points, Chapman 11, Wm. Vestweber 9, Donald Thiltgen 5, Morey Nelson 4, and Kernan 4.

The track team have invitations to the following meets:

Garner, May 10, Clear Lake, Belmond and Garner.

Ames, May 14, State invitation meet.

Clarion, May 27, Webster City, Humboldt, Eagle Grove, Iowa Falls, Belmond and Clarion.

The annual will be completed this week. The printing is all finished now and we expect to distribute them by next week.

Plan to attend the Senior class play May 20. "Nothing But the Truth" is built upon the simple idea of its hero speaking nothing but the absolute truth for a stated period. He bets his friend ten thousand dollars that he can do it and boldly tackles truth, to win the money. For a very short time the task is easy, but Truth routs out old man Trouble and then things begin to happen. Situations that are absurb and complications almost knotted pile up, all credited to Truth.

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Bishop Doran—Archie Rierson.
Gwendoline Ralston—"Gwen"— in love with Bob.—Ennis Allen.
Mrs. E. M. Ralston—the bewildered wife of E. M.—Agnes Dillon.
Ethel Clark—A friend of Gwen's.—Inez Boughton.
Mable Jackson, Sable Jackson—Vaudeville girls.—Marvyl Robinson, Alma Ruka.
Martha—A maid.—Olive Butts.

The high school base ball team met the Dows team on Friday of last week and trimmed them to the tune of 8 to 4. The pitching of Madsen featured the game, that star whirler having the nenmy eating from his hand. The team plays their next game on Friday of this week on the local diamond, when they tackle the aggregation from Corwith.

It's a satisfaction to know when you bring your Suit, Ladies' or Mens,' you are going to get Quality Work and Service done the Modern Way. The Hoffman Sanitary Steam Machine that does it, does not scorce or gloss, leaves your garment with the nap raised up and with all the body odor gone, all the dirt and spots out. Looks like new and feels like new, costs no more than the old way. All work leaving our shop is carefully inspected. As times are good and some people are liberal givers, we are going to give

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to every man or woman who brings in their suit and gets a ticket on this suit, the lucky person wins. Work at our regular low prices. Hats of all kinds, cleaned and re-blocked.

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We are giving you a reduction of from $5 to $10 on all Tailored-to-Measure Suits!

STAR CLEANER
The Hoffman Shop

BOOTLEGGER WITH 15 PINTS CAUGHT AT EAGLE GROVE

Eagle: Marshal John Reynolds arrested Clarence Martin of Clare, Friday evening, for running his car without the tail light burning. While Martin was interviewing Mayor Baker, Reynolds, searched his car and found a suitcase containing 15 pints of corn liquor. As he was carrying the grip into the city hall, he met Martin coming out and there was a great scramble for possession of the precious suitcase. The fellow was so ambitious to regain possession of the "corn" that Guy Fisher joined in the mix-up and massaged the stranger's head with something heavier than a toy balloon, and then he submitted to being arrested on a more serious charge. When searched he was found to be carrying a .38 calibre revolver, loaded.

Mayor Baker bound Martin over to the grand jury on the charge of trans porting liquor contrary to law. He put up bonds and was realeased.

NO BUICK PRICE REVISION

Flint, April 29—The current number of the Buick Bulletin contains a page editorial written by E. T Strong, general sales manager, which asserts that no revision in the prices of 1921 Buick models is warranted and that no possibility is seen of a price revision during the life of the present selling agreements with the trade. This announcement it is said, is based entirely on manufacturing conditions as they exist today and are likely to continue to exist during the current season. It is asserted that there has been practically no reduction in the cost of manufacturing the Buick cars and that no reduction could be made without danger of jeopardizing quality and service. 1t

LAST CALL FOR AUTO LICENSES

County Treasurer Allen is this week reminding auto owners whose licenses have become delinquent that "now is the time to dig up for the aid of the good roads fund." He is forwarding notices of delinquency to all, owners of cars believed to be in line for license tags. Of course, some of the cars have been scrapped, perhaps, and a few sold or disposed of, but the law requires that any car that has changed hands during 1920 and not properly transferred on the books of the treasurer, must be registered in owner's name last year and transfer made on 1921 certificate. If a car has been kept in storage this year, and will continue to be so kept, it does not require a license tag. But if you use it a single day, then the license fee and penalty both apply.

All cars not licensed before May first will be advertised in the official papers the first week in May. Then the delinquent owners must pay the extra cost of the advertising. May 15 all owners delinquent will have an opportunity to settle with the sheriff, for a list goes to him, with orders to collect. He can seize the car for the license. The county and state authorities are pretty unanimous in a decision to collect every dollar of auto revenue that is due and state agents will co-operate with the local officials.—Clipper.

Bread

All Bread is not the same. Our Butter Milk Bread is gaining in Popularity all the time

Try It

ROBINSON

Your Money Will Now Go Farther on High Grade Merchandise at this Store

MEN'S SUITS
The famous Embey line can be had here in all the latest styles and colors at only $27.50, $32.50 and $37.50
Other well made and high grade lines of Men's Suits at $15.00, $19,50 and $22.00

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In a large and well selected assortment of styles and colors in all wool at only $7.00 to $12.00

Men's Blue Overalls; 95c — Men's Blue Work Shirts, 59c

MEN'S SHOES
Dress Shoes in Black or Tan, wonderful values at $3.50, $4.00 $5.00 and $8.00

BOY'S SHOES
A big line of Boy's Shoes, built to give the best kind of service.

Harry Marks
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We do not Sell Sample or Brokerage Lines
Money Refunded on Any Unsatisfactory Purchase

The Shop of Individual Style
Northern Iowa "Style Shop."
J. K. Lundberg & Co.
A "Style Shop" of State Wide Reputation
Sport Hats $2.95 to $10

Big Talk
It is not Big Type and Big Talk in the newspapers—but the Quality, Fashion and Fair Prices of the goods in the store which makes value and gives lasting satisfaction.

NEW ARRIVALS
IN
Organdies & Gingham Frocks
$10 $18.75 $25 $29.75

Our New Wash Frocks are now in stock—right from New York! And there is a regular panorama of Fashions, Fabrics and Colors. There is a dress for every occasion and a big selection to choose from. There are Ginghams, Dotted Swiss, Linens, and combinations. These are all so dainty and pretty that you will have a hard time to make a selection.

NEW TAILORED SUITS
$29.75 $39.75 49.75

Regardless of our low prices these suits express in every way the High Quality, Style and Character you always expect from this store.

This desirable collection offers Women and Misses an unusual selection of smart new models. Tailored and Box Styles, beautiful, silk lined and hand finished. The most critical shopper will be enthusiastic over these exceptional values.

NOW OPEN FOR TRADE

In the Charles N. Reese Building

We will carry a full line of Hardware, Sporting Goods and Paints and Varnishes.

We have all new goods just unpacked. Come and see them.

Townsan Hardware

Belmond Local News

Miss Midred Gealow came home to spend the week end with relatives and friends here. She is employed as stenographer in the bank at Meservey.

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Cho-Cho the Health clown gave his exhibion on Friday of last week as scheduled, and created a very favorable impression. He took like wild fire with the children, who could talk of nothing else the next day. An immense crowd was present at his lecture and exhibition, many people coming from the various towns in the neighborhood.

If the party who borrowed the roll of woven wire from the pump station, will return same at once it will save sending the marshal after him.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore were callers at Litterdale, Iowa, one day last week.

Mother's Day was very appropriately observed in all the churches on Sunday, special programs and music being given.

The St. Olaf concert band, which was here on Monday night of this week, met with the universal approval of all who heard the concert. They were very good and the audience was more than pleased.

After the supper Manley Hall of Eagle Grove, a lay man, gave a very interesting talk.

Conrad Nissen has moved into the Jenison house in east Belmond.

Cleone Stebbleton of Britt was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Benson were callers last week at the home of friends in Alexander.

E. F. Courtney has been reported on the sick list the past week.

Dr. Gowdy was in attendance at the state convention of dentists held at Des Moines last week.

Miss Helen Haiberts spent the week end at the home of relatives at Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. Duran Nagle and family from Clarion were over Sunday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinney.

E. F. Bailey was a business caller at Eagle Grove on Friday, driving over.

The third of the suppers of the Methodist ladies was held last week Thursday, covers being laid for 90.

Joe Scott and Stanley Nelson drove to Forest City, Sunday, with some friends.

Beet cultivators and corn plows will soon be needed. Look my line over before you buy.—Christ Rise.

The F. C. Aldrich home caught on fire about noon Monday, from a defective chimney it is thought. The fire company was on the job in record time with the chemical engine and their new hose cart, and within three to five minutes from te alarm had the hose connected and ready to go. The damage to the house was slight.

LUVERNE PLAYS HERE SUNDAY

The next ball game on the list will be played here on next Sunday May 15, when the team from LuVerne runs up against the Belmond team. Pillmer will be on the mound again for the home team, and the LuVerne bunch will doubtless find him a pretty tough problem to solve. The team from LuVerne cleaned up on pretty nearly everything last year, and the team this year is reported to be as good as last year, so that the game here ought to prove a good one. It will start at the usual time.

READ THE WANT ADS

SPECIAL LOCALS

We clean all kinds of Sailor and Panama Hats in our own shop. Quick service. Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28.—F. J. Tuffree.

The Dows Independent has changed hands, the new publisher taking over the paper on May 1.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

The Clarion base ball team seems to be somewhat slow in getting organized and in shape for games but expects to be ready for the season within a week or two.

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

Middle-aged lady wishes position as gentral housekeeper for widower or bachelor, farmer preferred. Would take cooking for gang or any kind of restaurant work. Write Mrs. Isabelle Harder, Corwith, Iowa. Box 122.

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

Chester Cullinan has been spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cullinan.

Geo. Coburn of Cornelia was a caller here on Saturday of last week, looking after some business matters.

Would you like a new suit FREE? If so bring your work to the Belmond Tailor Shop and get a number free on a $63.00 tailored suit or overcoat. Your purchase governs your number of chances. Phone 28. "Who's Your Tailor?"—F. J. Tuffree. 231c

Frank Finn was operated on at the local hospital Monday night for a ruptured appendix. He is reported as getting along nicely.

H. D. Johnson is spending a few days visiting old friends at Northwood.

The Progress club held their last meeting of the year last week at the home of Mrs. F. O. Fitts.

Have you a free chance on the new suit? Ask us. New Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Hotel. 1tc

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

Andrew Norem suffered a very severe and painful accident last week, when he was run over by one of the four-ton gravel trucks. He was attempting to step from one truck to another while the trucks were moving and he fell between, one of the big trucks passing over his foot and badly bruising it. He was rolled around on the ground by the truck several times and his back was badly bruised. As the trucks weigh close to four and a half tons, it is remarkable that he escaped alive.

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price.—Christ Rise. 25tfc

For Sale—Household furniture.—F. E. Christie, Phone 283. 1t*

For Sale—One new tailored suit with extra pants, large size; also one slightly worn suit, large size.—W. L. Wilson Star Cleaner.

Housekeeping rooms for rent, four modern rooms.—Mrs. John Lieuwen.

Mrs. E. V. Spencer of Omaha, Nebraska, has spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Packard.

For Sale—75 brown Leghorn hens, all laying.—Mrs. J. P. Courtney.

Will have 400 to 500 day-old chicks for sale about June 10, single comb White Leghorns and White Plymouth Rocks, at $11 per hundred, or 12 1-2 cents apiece in small lots. One-half cash with order.—Mrs. J. P. Courtney Belmond, Iowa.

FOR SALE—Good Waterloo Boy tractor, at a bargain. Phone 310. 23tf

W. H. Adams and wife are enjoying an auto trip thru points in Minnesota.

For Sale—Some mixed hay. Phone 1812. Ed. Jenison. 20tfc

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans have returned from Buffalo Center, where they have been spending the past few weeks during the illness and death of Mrs. Pritchard.

Would like to buy 75 or 80 head of stock steers weighing from 600 pound up. Would buy some short feed warmed up cattle if they can be bought worth the money. Will pay good prices for them. If you have any write or phone T. D. Rankins, Belmond, Iowa.

A nice lot of Gingham Coverall Aprons. Price $2.50, at the Woman's Exchange.—Miss Mary Gealow.

WANTED—Cattle to Pasture. Phone 2203.—Wm. Gealow. 24tt

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

C. C. McGuire, Cyril and Zola, and Mrs. Sharon and daughter went to Buffalo Center last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pritchard.

Turn your old beds, cupboards and the like into fine new china closets or buffets, for a few dollars. Ask O. W. Colby, Belmond, Iowa. 242*

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

My prices on all work in the mason line are about 25 percent lower than a year ago. See me if you have any work to be done.—W. A. Bullis. 9tf

NOTICE!

Having secured an experienced man, I have opened a

Vulcanizing Shop

and am now ready to Repair your Tires and Tubes. Prices very reasonable and all work guaranteed.

Christ Rise

Remember; I carry a full line of Farm Implements and Repairs. If you have not bought your Twine yet; I have it to sell.

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Remember how hard it has always been to find the right style and size to fit the little folks?

This season we have made a special effort to take care of the needs of the kiddies. We have a bigger stock of children's wear than ever before.

All the new and better styles can be had in all sizes and widths.

Whether it is for dress or for every day wear you will be able to find it here.

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Large can of Tomatoes	15c
4 lb extra fancy head rice	15c
1 2 lb can of either corn, wax beans, tomato	10c
Blackberries, loganberries, red or black raspberries or strawberries in syrup, a 2 lb can	25c
2 1-2 lb can of either apricot, peaches or pears	25c
High grade broom	55c
40 in. Voilles per yd	50c
Scrim per yd	25c
36 in percale	15c
Men's work shirts	90c
Men 220 overalls	1.50

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
"THE SINS OF ST. ANTHONY"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
BRYANT WASHBURN

Anthony Osgood's congress gaiters always squealed sedately. Till he lost his girl because he had no pep. Now his shiny pumps trip round with the "queen" of the jazziest show in town. And every cop on the Primrose Path knows "Tony." A love and laughter romance with a rosebud garden of girls.

Also a two-reel comedy, "FATTY AT CONEY ISLAND"

11c and 25c

THURSDAY, MAY 12
"TWO MOONS"
A Fox picture featuring
BUCK JONES

She tried to shoot him because she thought she hated him—but she loved him all the time. A riot of thrills and love interest.

Also a two-reel Sunshine comedy.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, MAY 13
"HANDS OFF"
A Fox picture featuring
TOM MIX

New scenes, new action, new faces in a drama with dynamic action and Tom Mix.

Also a one-reel comedy.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, MAY 14
"SICK ABED"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
WALLACE REID

He takes to his bed so the law can't take him to court. Love sets in! The patient develops alarming symptoms, calls for his nurse, sinks faster and faster until—! A romance that starts with old lovers "in wrong" and ends with new lovers "in right."

Also a two-reel comedy featuring The APE.

11c and 30c

MONDAY and TUESDAY
MAY16 & 17
"DINTY"
A First National picture featuring
WESLEY BARRY

The door slammed suddenly and the girl was spirited away to the Chinese dens whence white women never return. Whirl in the chase with Dinty! But you'll have to go some to keep up with him.

11c and 30c

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CORNELIA ITEMS

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Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lathrop were shopping in Mason City last week.

Mrs. Ralph Tomlinson and son Harley were passengers to Belmond on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lagge were week end callers at the Bart Michal home.

Martin Skov was a business caller at Belmond, Saturday.

Mr. Schmeltz and Mr. Withers of Belmond were callers here Tuesday.

A. M. Axen was a business caller in Clarion last week.

Miss Ruby Shahan closed her school Saturday with a picnic. Everybody reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coburn attended lodge at Belmond, Wednesday.

Tony Hood of Goodell called in our city Saturday.

The Cornelia store has been treated to a new coat of paint inside.

Miss Grace Reed spent the week end at the parental home.

Miss Foster will have a box social on Thursday evening.

Miss Shahan spent Friday night with Miss Ollie Whipple.

Mrs. Clarir McDermett spent Friday at the L. L. Lathrop home.

The Misses Grace and Agnes Reed were Mason City shoppers on Saturday.

Miss Nell Kastler returned home Tuesday after spending the past few weeks with relatives in Dakota.

Harry Renicker of Eagle Grove has been visiting at the Reuben Reed home.

T. K. Whipple of Clarion was a business caller here on Saturday.

R. S. Wilson and family were Belmond visitors on Saturday.

Miss Esther Brooks is reported on the sick list.

D. Eley of Clarion has been spending the past few days in Cornelia.

The Anderson Brothers shelled corn on Tuesday.

Louis and Pete Kastler were Sunday callers in Belmond.

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MESERVEY NEWS ITEMS

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A. J. Nissen motored to Mason Ciy, Sunday, to visit his wife and new daughter at the Park hospital.

Meservey hiigh school baseball team played Ventura last Friday. The score was 17 to 9 in favor of Meservey.

Marvin Nissen accompanied Miss Sadie Frohling to Belmond, Friday night, to attend the Cho-Cho clown show.

Two of the large tile machines have completed laying the tile and are now filling the ditches.

Henry Luebke of Fort Dodge was in town several days last week looking after his farm interests.

A large crowd attended the mother's day program at the Evangelical church Sunday evening.

L. B. Hulsebus is at Deerwood, Minnesota, this week on business.

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ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

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M. D. Latham was transacting business at Hampton last Saturday.

Prof. Fred Murphy was a caller at Hampton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm, Aldinger and two sons were callers at Mason City last Saturday.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen next Wednesday afternoon, May 18. The ladies will hold a plant sale at this time.

Miss Florence Nordmeir of Rowan former domestic science teacher of this place, visited at the Fred Greenfield home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and baby visited with relatives at Webster City last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and children visited at the Vernon Finkle at Hampton last Sunday.

Miss Ose Lidderdale has been spending the past week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Peters.

Miss Clara Oshel of Corwith visited at the home of Edd Richards the last of the week.

The Misses Alice Peters and Velma Larsen were among the Hampton visitors last Saturday.

Several of our young people attended the danc eat Thornton last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Modderman and daughter Esther were Hampton callers Wednesday.

Miss Alce Peters was at Hampton one day last week.

Dr. Steele of Belmond was a professional caller here last week.

Mrs. Carence Murphy and son Raymond, Mrs. John Murphy and baby and Mrs. Wm. Aldinger and sons visited with Hampton friends Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen and sons visited relatives at Hampton friends and relatives Sunday.

Harry Scales and Mrs. Annabel Overman of Hampton were Sunday callers with Mrs. Mary Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peters and Art Peters were Goodell callers last Sunday.

Mrs Alta Barker visited with relatives at Alexander, Sunday.

Miss Grace Gartz of Belmond visited with friends here last week.

Geo. S. Yaw of Iowa Falls was a business caller in this vicinity the last of the week.

Mrs. Oscar Hensel was a shopper a Hampton last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and Erma and Eldon and Miss Joyce Seegar were Latimer callers last Wednesday.

Mr. asd Mrs. J. C. Arends and family were Hampton callers Saturday.

A baby girl of standard weight was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peck last Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Winwood, Mrs. Clarence Winwood and Miss Mary Winwood were shopping at Hampton, Saturday.

Mr. ond Mrs. Joe Veeder were Sunday visitors at Belmond.

While at play last Saturday, little Esther Modderman had the misfortune to fall and break her shoulder blade. The child suffered severe pain for a while but is getting along nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and two children visited with relatives at Dows, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yaw of Iowa Falls were Sunday guests at the Fred Rodemeyer home.

Mrs. Henry Bohman was taken to the hospital at Rochester last week where she will receive medical ai

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NORWAY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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(Too late for last week.)

The revival meetings were held at the T. H. Asbe home on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbe and family called on the Henry Asbe family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Enge's children are down with the chicken pox this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elie Olson and family and Miss Elma Wicks took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fatland.

Henry Fritz was a business caller at the T. H. Asbe home on Thursday.

Alvald Stole is helping J. E. Kalvig with his plowing this week.

T. H. Asbe took a load of hogs to Clarion on Friday.

The farm bureau met at the Else Evens home on Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Elvin Enge on Wednesday afternoon.

Milfred Mehl was a business caller at Renwick on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig were having some dental work done at Kanawha last week.

Mrs. J. S. Stole and sons and Mrs. T. A. Asbe drove to Clarion on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maage and family drove to the county seat on Saturday.

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GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

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J. D. Bachman was a Garner visitor Tuesday.

L. B. Hulsebus of Meservey was a business caller here Tuesday.

Mrs. A. N. Ahrenkeil was a Klemme caller Wednesday.

Earnest Nolte of Clear Lake was visiting relatives here last week.

T. H. Tompkins of Garner was calling on friends here Wednesday.

A very pretty wedding took place here Wednesday when Albert Hood son of Mrs. E. H. Hood, and Miss Agnes Finn of Traer, were united in marriage, Father Eardley of Belmond officiating. They will make their home west of Goodell.

"Mid Summer Eve" presented by the grades of the school was attended by a packed house. About $80 being the ticket sale. The different parts were handled in first class shape, and everybody present expressed it as being good. The teachers of the grades are to be congratulated for the success of the operetta as it took considerable time and constant patience and practice to drill the youngsters.

We are glad to report that Miss Dalphna Houghton is gaining each day.

Some of the streets of Goodell are being graded up and improving the roads considerablly. The council has ordered in two new crossings across from the U. B. church. J. D. Bachman is doing he work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Surballe of Garner were callers here on Thursday evening.

The weather of the past week has been ideal for corn planting. There are a few around here that have their corn in, while the majority are starting to plant.

Goodell high and Klemme high ball teams crossed bats on the Klemme diamond Friday. The game was air tight up to the 4th inning when the Klemme players sarted bombarding and the final score was 15 to 1 in favor of Klemme. The boys report the Klemme team as being good sports

Miss Mary Kernan was a Belmond caller Saturday.

Quite a number from here went to Belmond, Sunday, to witness the ball game between Mason City Independents and Belmond. Mason City won 4 to 2.

The Carl Engeseth family and Leslie Johnson spent Sunday at Rake with relatives.

Mother's Day was observed in a very appropriate manner atthe U. B. church. Special sermon was delivered by Rev. Miller, the choir furnishing appropriate songs and anthems. Miss Jenkins sang a solo.

A number from here attended the barn dance last Saturday evening at the Frank Brandt farm. Everybody reported a good time.

The American Legion of this place will give a dance May 13. Music will be furnished by the Church orchestra of Clear Lake.

Mrs. M. Cline is reported as having scarlet fever.

Goodell witnessed a fire Sunday at the Dan Miller residence. They were smoking meat, when the smoke house caught fire. The wind blowing at a good rate caused the cobs they were burning to blaze, consequently the meat rack, being of wood, caught fire. The meat was slightly damaged.

Relatives from Belmond were visiting at the W. D. Lester home on Monday.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cline s reported as getting along nicely.

HAMPTON TO HAVE BAND

If Hampton is to have a band this year, says the Chronicle, it will be necessary for the business men and citizens to donate liberally, and a committee will make a canvass for funds this coming week.

Hampton now has a good band and every business man knows that a band is more generally appreciated than any other one thing in the amuse ment line that a town can have.

Some people will wonder why the need of funds for a band now when we recently voted a tax for that purpose. This tax will not be available until next year so it will be necessary to provide funds for the support of the band this season.

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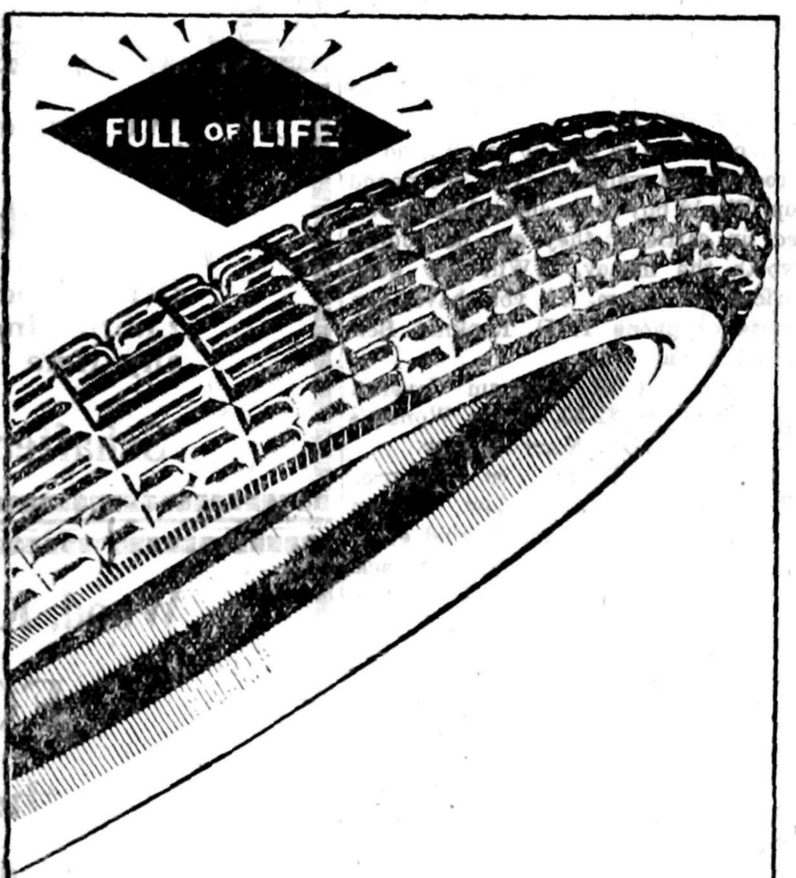

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Miss Mary Gealow

SYNOPSIS.

PART I.—Robert Hervey Randolph, young New York man-about-town, leaves the home of his sweetheart, Madge Van Tellier, chagrined because of her refusal of his proposal of marriage. His income, $10,000 a year, which he must surrender if a certain Miss Imogen Pamela Thornton (whom he has seen only as a small girl ten years before) is found, is not considered by the girl of his heart adequate to modern needs. In a "don't care" mood Randol~h enters a taxi, unseen by the driver, and is driven to the stage door of a theater. A man he knows, Duke Beamer, induces a girl to enter the cab. Beamer, attempting to follow, is pushed back by Randolph and the cab moves on. His new acquaintance tells Randolph she is a chorus girl, and has lost her position. She is in distress, even hungry, and he takes her to his apartment. There, after lunch, a chance remark convinces him the girl is the missing Pamela Thornton. He does not tell her of her good fortune, but secures her promise to stay in the flat until the morning, and leaves her. In a whimsical mood, also realizing that the girl's reappearance has left him practically penniless, he bribes the taxi driver to let him take his job, and leaving word with the legal representative of the Thornton estate where he can find Pamela, takes up his new duties under the name of "Slim Hervey." He loves the girl, but his pride forbids him approaching her under their changed conditions.

PART II.—One evening he is engaged by Beacher Tremont, notorious profligate, to drive him and Madge Van Tellier to a hostelry known as "Greenwood." Aware of the evil nature of the place, Randolph drives the pair to Greenwood cemetery. Infuriated, Beacher gets out of the cab and Randolph leaves him there, taking the girl (who has awakened to a realization of her folly) to her home. Madge recognizes him.

PART III.—In Randolph's apartment Pamela, pondering over the strangeness of the night's adventure, realizes she is very much more than interested in the young man. Next morning Mr. Borden Milyuns, her family's legal representative, informs her of her inheritance. Learning that her acceptance of the money will leave Randolph penniless, even the furniture of the apartment belonging to her, she proposes to divide the inheritance with him. Mr. Milyuns tells her Randolph is unlikely to agree to such an arrangement, even if found. He, however, agrees to do his utmost to find the young man. Wide advertising and the employment of detective agencies fail to accomplish this. Madge Van Tellier tells Mr. Milyuns of her encounter with Randolph. Knowing only that he is driving a taxicab, Pamela sets out to find him. The search naturally is a long one, but finally she comes upon Randolph in front of a hotel. Unseen by him she enters his cab, but when giving the starter her address Randolph recognizes her voice. The streets are slippery with snow, and in his excitement he smashes the cab against the curb, throwing the girl out.

"Well," said Mr. Milyuns, taking another scrap of paper from his pocket and handing it to her, "read that. It was left at my house this morning by a taxi-cabman, who didn't wait for an answer. You see that Mr. Randolph has handed over to you in perpetuity this apartment, Tomlinson, and all the other fixings. It doesn't look very much as though he intended to come back in the near future."

"But I want him to!" cried Pam. "I—I've been expecting him. I didn't half—half thank him for—for—" Tears of disappointment clogged her throat.

"There, there!" said Mr. Milyuns, leaning over and patting her hand. "I understand just how you feel, because Bob is one of the straightest, openest, most lovable young devils that ever went his own way through a delighted world."

Pamela nodded her head up and down in silent confirmation of all those kind words. She began to like Mr. Milyuns. She raised pleading eyes to his face.

"Won't you please find him for me?"

"My dear," said Mr. Milyuns, so promptly that if she had asked for the house and lot on the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, he would have promised it to her before he could stop himself. "I will. I haven't proved myself much good at the game, but I'll find Bob for you if I have to start a detective agency of my own. In the meantime, what are you going to do? I suggest that you accept these premises until the truant turns up—only, of course, we must get you a companion."

"'A companion?'" asked Miss Thornton. "But I have that already. Tomlinson is a dear."

"Tomlinson is splendid in his way," admitted Mr. Milyuns, "but he isn't quite a woman. You can't live here chaperoned by a mere male."

"Can't I?" said Miss Thornton, with a new edge to her voice and something in her eyes that made them look as though they were passing in review all the unchaperoned years since first she made her debut as an independent scullery-maid at Mrs. Blunkum's feed-house. "I shall change nothing here," she concluded. "When Randy—Mr. Randolph comes back, he shan't find his place cluttered with females."

Mr. Milyuns turned on her a gaze that was complex with admiration and a realization that he was on the way to biting off more than he could chew. He decided to sidestep.

"Can you be in this afternoon?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," said Pamela, involuntarily glancing at the door and betraying a half-formed intention to watch that portal night and day until death or Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph arrived; "I'll be in. Why?"

"Mrs. Milyuns and my daughter Eileen will call on you at about five," explained Mr. Milyuns. "Just one more matter and I must go," he continued. "Your income amounts to something over eight hundred dollars a month. I shall pay it in advance until you get settled and have a chance to catch up."

"Please send me only half," said Pamela, as she rose to say good-by.

Mr. Milyuns took her hand, dropped it, and started toward the door; but before he got there, he stopped and turned.

"My dear," he said, losing for the moment his birdlike, chirpy pose, "I don't want you to think of me as just your banker. I knew your father and your mother, and their fathers and mothers before them. I am fond, by old usage, of every drop of blood that runs in your veins. You won't forget that, will you?"

Pamela stared at him, swept toward him, threw her arms round his neck, hugged him, dropped her face on his shoulder and wept. Mr. Borden Milyuns stood very erect, his bald head held high, his pink cheeks puffed out, and his eyelids blinking at the rate of fifteen to the dozen in a vain effort to fan back an amazing lachrymatory inundation.

"There, there!" he said, patting Pamela on the back. "Who would have thought it, you adorable, lonely little girl?"

Pamela threw up her head and smiled through the sudden summer shower.

"I know it was ridiculous," she said, "But I couldn't help it. You made me like you all of a sudden, and I just had to, because you've had a bath and you look so clean inside and out." She kissed him as she broke away.

"I see; I see," said the astounded Mr. Milyuns, and beat it.

At two minutes after five the door-bell rang again. In spite of the fact that it was almost exactly the hour which Mr. Milyuns had set for the arrival of his wife and daughter, Pamela couldn't help hoping—but in vain. It was with a slightly resigned air that she received Mrs. and Miss Milyuns instead of Mr. Robert Randolph.

Mrs. Milyuns flew to her, set hands on her shoulders, searched her face with eager shrewd eyes, and said:

"Borden indeed told me the truth about you, my dear. May I kiss you?"

Pamela extended one cheek to the salute while her eyes wandered off to size up the tall, blonde, cool young person that she surmised must answer to the name of Eileen Milyuns. Being the product of two shorts, how on earth had she managed to grow so long? Her face was regularly beautiful, as though it had been carefully made to order like her clothes. She appeared as passive as a Palmer snowscape.

After a little skirmishing for position, the three ladies seated themselves in a triangle, into the center of which the well-trained Tomlinson ran a tea-wagon.

"Now," said Mrs. Milyuns, having emptied and put down her cup, "let's forget the sheer romance of the situation, my dear, and get down to practical problems. The first of all things, as you must realize, is the necessity of getting you a companion. Would you care to be our guest in Madison avenue until you can pick one out?"

"I would put clothes ahead of a housecat," murmured Eileen.

Her mother ignored the remark and kept her eyes fixed on Miss Thornton's perplexed face. That young lady seemed in no lack of something to say but rather in search of words and the plunging courage necessary to the saying. She drew a long breath and delivered herself of the following:

"Really, it's most awfully kind of you, but, as I told Mr. Milyuns, Tomlinson is such a dear that I am going to continue him as my companion."

"'Tomlinson!'" exclaimed Mrs. Milyuns, and then smiled indulgently for the first time during the interview, being under the impression that at last she had run into something appropriately naive in the bearing of her new charge. "Of course you can keep him on, but you must realize that you can't live here without a woman in the house."

"Oh, yes, I can," said Miss Thornton, a little breathlessly. "I have a feeling—I can't explain it exactly—that this apartment is a one-woman setting. As I said to Mr. Milyuns, I don't want to clutter it with females."

A silent laugh crept into the eyes of the marblesque Eileen; something inside of her sat up and took notice. She glanced round the room and murmured:

"Mother, she's absolutely right. I'm for her."

"'Right!' Eileen!" exclaimed Mrs. Milyuns, flushing in her indignation at finding a traitor in the home camp. "I don't know what your generation is coming to. The impossible is never right."

Having taken up her suave cudgel, Eileen was in no haste to lay it down, and may it be pointed out right here that Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton had the rare faculty of enlisting the nearest bystander to assume her battles for her, thenceforth becoming a charmingly interested onlooker, ready to watch the tide of her own fortune from the vantage-point of an entirely impersonal detachment.

"That's where you slipped, mother," continued the quite unruffled Eileen. "There's nothing impossible to our generation. Impossibilities are our food, drink and raiment. We're like those surprising orchid things that defy the usual laws and live on air."

"Yes," remarked Mrs. Milyuns; "any new air. But I didn't bring you here, Eileen, to be a stumbling-block to—to Pamela, who is suddenly faced with problems in the solution of which she deserves our sympathetic assistance."

"You've hit the nail on the head again, mother," parried Eileen. "You're not in sympathy with her, and I am; so you'd better hand over her check, and tomorrow morning at ten I'll be here to help her cash and spend it—if necessary." She turned to Pamela with a twinkle of anticipation in her eyes. "How about it?"

Pamela smiled back her bubbling smile, and then suddenly grew grave.

"Do you think I could order by measure?" she asked, and, remarking the hurt astonishment on Eileen's face, continued in rapid but nevertheless halting explanation: "You see, it's Mr. Randolph. This is really his apartment, and he may be back almost any —any day. I—I don't want to miss him. I—I wouldn't be out when he comes, for anything."

"H'm," interjected Mrs. Milyuns, but before she could make any further progress along that line, Eileen was on her feet and saying good-by among these other things:

"That's all nonsense. If Bobby found you here just as he left you, the first time he decided to turn up, he might never appear again. But if he finds you after two or three unsuccessful calls and just one day's shopping, he will never leave. Tomlinson will have to throw him out."

"Tomlinson couldn't," said Pamela, with calm complacency.

Gradually the sure shot made by Miss Milyuns began to take effect. The thought of new clothes—new smart suits, airy evening nothings, filmy undergarments, and solid-silk hosiery—stole Pamela from her intention of eternal vigilance and led her to say:

"After all, I will go with you, if it really isn't asking too much of you."

Thus was Mrs. Milyuns side-tracked for keeps, and on the following morning the two young ladies were wafted down-town in Mr. Milyuns' best limousine and proceeded to open a chain of credit-accounts, on the bare say-so of Eileen and in the name of Miss I. P. Thornton, that spoke volumes for the former's exclusive taste in fashionable purveyors and financial ability to humor it. Possibly the two would have shopped up to the moment of the present writing had it not been for the fact that Pamela knew all about money from the short end.

"I have finished," she suddenly announced.

"Finished what?" asked Eileen.

"Finished shopping," said Pamela. "I've been keeping account, and I've spent almost the whole check."

"'The whole check?'" exclaimed Eileen. "Why, you haven't touched it. That's the beauty of charge accounts. You can keep your checks to look at. I've got some that father gave me three years ago."

Pamela smiled a smile of much wisdom and made for the nearest exit. As a matter of polite formality, when they reached Fifty-ninth street, she asked Eileen to come up for lunch from the bachelor's buffet in the basement, and she could not help a slight feeling of relief at the news that Miss Milyuns had promised herself elsewhere.

"But I'll break away and come for tea at five, if you'll let me," said Eileen. "I simply must help you try them all on."

"All right; do," said Pamela, inwardly pleased that she would have some one beside Tomlinson upon whom to flash the first dazzling vision of her metamorphosis.

The first thing she did when she reached the apartment was to ask if Mr. Randolph had called; the next was to summon the office of Milyuns, Branch & Milyuns on the telephone to know what steps had been taken in the new search. She was somewhat surprised to learn that the entire firm had gone out to lunch in a body, and still more startled at the information, obtained three hours later from the same supercilious voice at the other end of the wire, to the effect that none of them had come back. She was young; she believed it.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa,
May 2, 1921.

Regular meeting of Town Council, held in Town Hall, Mayor Barry presiding.

Members present: Greenlander, Johnson, Thompson, Wright.

Members Absent: Gfeller.

Petition of L. O. Skovlin et al regarding side walk on Vine street, was received and council order same be put in.

Petition of F. L. Mortimer et al asking for street lights on the hill received and referred to the light committee.

Councilman Ole Thompson presented Ordinance No. 121, An Ordinance Defining a Bootlegger and Prescribing Penalty for its Violation.

On motion Ordinance No. 121 was read the first time.

Moved by Greenlander, seconded by Johnson, that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance No. 121 be passed by one reading.

Ayes:Greenlander, Johnson, Thompson, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gfeller.

Moved by Wright, seconded by Thompson, that Ordinance No. 121 be placed upon its passage.

Ayes: Greenlander, Johnson, Thompson, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gfeller.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Greenlander, that Ordinance No. 121 do now pass.

Ayes: Greenlander, Johnson, Thompson, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gfeller.

Mayor Barry declared Ordinance No. 121 duly passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 50.

Be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Belmond, Iowa, that it is deemed advisable and necessary to improve the streets, avenues and alleys within the Town of Belmond, Iowa, to wit: by constructing and laying permanent side walks along the streets of said Town abutting the hereinafter described real estate situated and located in said town of Belmond, Iowa, as follows:

Lot One (1) and E 1-3 of Two (2) in Block Twenty-three (23) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. M. J. Thoe owner thereof.

The East One-third (E1-3) of Lot six (6) in Block Twenty-One (21) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. A. W. Hill, owner thereof.

Lot Four (4) in Cutlers Addition of the Town of Belmond, Iowa. Trustees of Belmond Township, owner thereof.

West 49 feet of Lot Four (4) in Block Twenty-five (25) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa, or that portion of said lot on the west side of the present State Bank Building from the end of the State Bank Building to the alley south thereof. Said State Bank of Belmond being the owner thereof.

Lot Four (4) in Block Twenty-Three (23) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. Standard Oil Company being the owner thereof.

The South 100 feet of the West One-third of Lot Eight (8) in Block Twenty-two (22) Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. E. A. Pierce, owner.

The South 100 feet of the West One-third of Lot six (6) in Block Twenty-two (22) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. E. A. Pierce, owner.

The South 100 feet of Center One-third of Lot six (6) in Block Twenty-two (22) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. Mrs. Anita Hake, owner.

The South 100 feet of East One-third of Lot six (6) in Block Twenty-two (22) of the Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. E. A. Pierce, owner.

The South 100 feet of West One-third of Lot Seven (7) in Block Twenty-two (22) Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. Rose Luick, owner.

The south 100 feet of Center One-third of Lot Seven (7) in Block Twenty-two (22) Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. Rose Luick, owner.

The South 100 feet of the East One-third of Lot Seven (7) in Block Twenty-two (22) Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. E. A. Pierce, owner.

The South 100 feet of East One-third of Lot five (5) in Block Twenty-two (22) Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. E. A. Pierce, owner.

The South 100 feet of West Two-thirds of Lot five (5) in Block Twenty-two (22) Original Town of Belmond, Iowa. Community Service Station, owner thereof.

Lots Two (2) and Three (3) in Cutlers Addition of the Town of Belmond, Iowa. W. E. McAlpine, owner thereof.

That said permanent side walks be constructed and laid in accordance with the established grade of said street abutting said property and that said permanent side walk be constructed of concrete material and of the same uniform width and thickness as the other side walks located and constructe along said streets.

That the property abutting said improvement shall be assesed as by law provided to pay the expenses of said improvement. And that the City Clerk of said Town of Belmond, Iowa, shall serve the above named property owners with copy of this resolution of necessity and unless said property owners construct and lay said permanent side walk along the street abutting their property within 30 days from the service of this resolution upon them, then the Town of Belmond, Iowa, shall lay and construct said permanent side walk abutting said property and assess the expense of said improvement against the property of said owners as by law provided.

Passed this 2nd day of May A. D. 1921.

M. C. BARRY, Mayor.

Attest: GUY BYERS, Clerk.

On passage of the foregoing Resolution, the following councilmen voted aye:

Greenlander, Johnson, Thompson, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gfeller.

Mayor Barry declared Resolution No. 50 duly passed.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Greenlander, that H. H. Rierson be allowed the sum of $100.00 per month to act as Marshal, Street Commissioner and Pumper. Motion carried.

Mayor Barry appointed said H. H. Rierson as Marshal.

Bond of H. H. Rierson was received and approved.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Bock Lumber Co., Mdse.	(R)	$ 51.85
Bock Lumber Co.	(C)	588.08
R. Thompson, Blacksmith work	(R)	15.50
Joe McClernon, dragging road	(D)	40.00
H. C. Clausen, shoveling gravel	(R)	5.60
C. O. Fitts, Clerk, 1 plow	(?)	5.50
J. D. Walton, labor in park	(P)	10.00
R. Thompson, labor and material on fire truck	(I)	170.20
C. J. Papousek, labor and material on siren	(I)	71.38
Belmond Independent, prtg.	(C)	3.98
Joe M. McClernon, dragging road	(D)	12.00
W. A. Thompson, meals for prisoners	(C)	2.35
S. S. Packard, killing two dogs	(C)	2.00
United States Rubber Co., fire hose and nozzle	(I)	193.36
Bohning & Co., mdse.	(C)	8.88
F. P. Dibble, draying	(S)	28.70
Belmond Prtg. & Pub. Co. prtg.	(I)	12.05
Roy Rowe to Wm. Voiles, labor at Town Hall	(C)	3.62
N. C. Packard, labor and material painting fire truck	(I)	28.70
J. H. Nourse, killing 1 dog	(I)	1.00
R .Thompson blacksmithing	(D)	6.75
Earnest Stadtlander, labor on street	(G)	1.00
I. H. Benson, labor on streets	(G)	6.70
John Demsey, labor and mdse. on street	(G)	3.45
Stanley Hill, labor at Town Hall	(I)	1.50
Lyle Sands, labor at Town Hall	(C)	2.50

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS, Clerk.

FARMERS PUSH BILL TO ABOLISH GRAIN GAMBLING

The Capper-Tincher bill to abolish sepeculation in grain was indorsed on April 27 by representatives of farmers' organizations and by congressmen from the grain growing states.

L. E. Potter, representing Minnesota farm organizations, told the committee that "dissatisfaction over market conditions was producing bolshevism among farmers of the Northwest,' and declared that they wanted "the principles of gambling in farm products put out of business.". Representative Strong of Kansas declared that "gamblng in foodstuffs is a national crime." Representative Dickinson of Iowa urged the committee to confine the scope of the bill to the prohibition of hedging.

EGGS MUST BE CANDLED NOW

Since Monday of last week, the dairy and food commissioner of Iowa has required the candling of all eggs offered for sale to local dealers, and from now on until real cool weather sets in, this item of care and expense will be a charge against the egg business. Certificates must be placed in every case of eggs sold or shipped.

Announcing

The Formal Opening

of the New

State Bank of Belmond

In its New Quarters

MAY 14

The Public is Cordially Invited.
Attractive Souvenirs for All.

YOU are most cordially invited to the new State Bank of Belmond on Saturday, May 14th, when our new building will be formally opened for business.

Whether or not you are a patron of this bank, you are interested in the progress of Belmond's business institutions, and the interest which you will manifest by a visit to our new banking home next Saturday will be credited, not alone to the State Bank of Belmond, but to the Greater Belmond to which we all look forward.

You, your neighbors, your friends, your family, are sincerely and cordially invited to attend the opening on May 14, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 10 p. m. The officers and directors will be here to make you genuinely welcome.

In the consolidation of the First National Bank and the State Bank of Belmond into the new State Bank of Belmond, with capital and surplus of $100,000.00 and total deposits of more than $500,000.00 Belmond will have a banking institution of which every resident may well be proud.

In addition to greater resources than ever before, there will now be at your disposal the combined experience of two institutions that have served Belmond faithfully and well for more than thirty years.

Souvenirs have been provided for all---flowers for the ladies, cigars for the men and candy for the children.

Remember the date, Saturday, May 14, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 10 p. m. And Come!

State Bank of Belmond

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"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" AT AUDITORIUM

Belmond Walks Away With Second Game

Belmond Trims LuVerne To Frazzle Outplaying Them From Start To Finish Of Fine Game.

SCORE IS 9 TO 1 FOR BELMOND

Belmond's ball team walked off with second game of the season on Sunday, when they trimmed the fast LuVerne bunch to the satisfying tune of 9 to 1.

It was a fine game thruout, altho featured somewhat thickly with errors on both sides. It was mainly a duel beween the apposing pitchers, and Pillmer of Belmond came out on the top of the heap. But three hits were secured off his slants, one of them being a scratch, while the local bunch of sluggers gathered in a total of five safeties. LuVerne never got the ball out of the diamond for six solid innings, and not until the seventh did they get a hit. Up to that time the score was repersented on their side by a large, fresh-laid goose egg, and not until the eighth did they hatch the egg, when they put over one run, a homer, and one of the longest drives that has ever been made on the local diamond. The ball went high up, and the wind got behind it until the runner had crossed the plate before the ball was recovered. It was some drive, but Pillmer put on the brakes and from that on the LuVerne team was simply out of any kind of luck.

Dillon started the hitting for Belmond, and the rest of the boys put the wood to it thruout the game, not always for safe hits, but it was noticeable that Belmond was hitting the ball oftener than the LuVerne team.

The base running of Belmond was another feature of the game, the boys taking all kinds of chances and getting away with them. Packard especially ran wild on the bases. The Belmond team completely outclassed the LuVerne team in every branch of the game, stealing more bases, getting more hits, making fewer errors and running bases far ahead. The LuVerne heaver was no slouch at the business, and the fact that the home boys secured more hits from him than LuVerne did from Pillmer shows that the Belmond heaver was on the job. Pillmer pitches best when he gets in a hole, and on those occasions, when the hopes of the enemy are highest, they find the "pill" in Pillmer is the worst of all.

A large crowd was at the game, with everything orderly and no rag-chewing to mar the occasion.

On next Sunday, May 23, the team will take on the aggregation from Fort Dodge, on the Belmond field, the game starting at the usual hour. The Fort Dodge bunch are reported fast players, and things ought to be worth while.

KANAWHA ORGANIZES BAND

Reporter: Kanawha has organized a band and the boys held their first rehearsal Tuesday evening.

There were 18 present and several more who no doubt will be in later and we can see no reason why we cannot have a band in shape to give street concerts within a very short time.

Mr. Green, who recently located here, is in charge of the band and feels confident that he can make it a success if the members will do their part.

Kanawha has good material for a band and the business men of the town are eager to support such an organization, so if the members will just work together we can see no reason why the band boys' efforts should not be crowned with success this season.

The town of Clarion has decided to grade, drain and gravel the streets of the town on the roads running east and west from the main street. This will be good news to the autoists, for the roads in that town have been the bane of all drivers.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Clipper: Mrs. Bertha Faulhaber is suing Jos. Faulhaber for divorce for the second time. They were married in Story county in 1903, and in 1910 were divorced in Hancock county. In 1912 they were remarried in the same county, and in May, 1920, again separated. There are two children, a son and a daughter.

In her petition for divorce Mrs. Faulhaber alleges that her husband had made improper advances to her daughter by a previous marriage, and also to an invalid sister. She further alleges he had frequently remarked that she, the plaintiff, should be saughtered, and had often used vile and profane language. She asks for $300 temporary alimony, $150 for attorney fees, $150 with which to secure witnesses, and on final hearing $1,500 and permanent custody of the children.

She is a resident of Pleasant township.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS TO HOLD SCHOOL HERE

The telephone operators of Belmond and neighboring towns will have a three-day school of instruction in Belmond on May 24, 25, and 26. The Belmond Telephone company in co-operation with the Engineering Extension Department of Iowa State College at Ames is planning this intensive short course to give the local central girls insruction in the most up-to-date methods of switchboard operation.

Miss T. Anne Barnes, Traveling Chief Operator of the Iowa Independent Telephone Association will be in charge of the instruction which will consist of talks, demonstrations and swichboard practice covering both local and long distance operating. Demonstration switchboards and subscriber's stations of most improved design will be provided to make the work thoroly practical.

All operators who care to avail themselves of the opportunity are invited to attend this school. While the three days will be crammed with demonstrations and instruction there will be time for the operators from neighboring stations to get acquainted and renew old friendships. Mr. T. A. Davenport, manager of the Belmond Telephone company, is in charge of the local arrangements for the school.

SUCH IS LIFE

In the lobby of a movie palace the manager put up a sign: "No smoking here; remember the Iroquois fire." The next morning he came down to the theatre and found, scrawled beneath his sign: "Don't expectorate here; remember the Galveston flood."

KEEPS A COMIN' 'ROUND

Every time you go down town
An' start to throw your money 'round,
Say 'Iowa-made-goods are the stuff for me'
Because they spell pros-per-ity.

The dollar you send to the Eastern shore
Says: "Good-bye Bill," for evermore:
But the dollar you spend in an Iowa town
Keeps a comin' and a comin' and a comin' 'round.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO STAGE OPERETTA

The grade operetta "On Mid-Summer Day", recently given by the grades at school, will be given at the park on this week Thursday evening, starting at 7:00 o'clock. The operetta is being given under the auspices of the Community Club.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey entertained some twelve of the ladies last week Tuesday at her home, in honor of her aunt, Mrs. Bergsma of Huron, South Dakota, who has been here the past few weeks visiting. Refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable time is reported. The out of town guest present at the affair was Mrs. Harris from Rowan.

When Is A Shimmy Like Stubbing Your Toe?

Clarion Dancer Says He Stubbed A Toe—Cops Say He Shimmied—Where's The False Teeth?

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

On with the dance, let joy be unrefined. Such, evidently, is the way they look at it at Clarion, judging from the reports circulating and from the Clipper last week.

Said the Clipper: "It is said that at a Belmond dance a few days ago two young lady dancers shook such a wicked shimmy that the Belmond nightwatch almost swallowed his false teeth while staring at them in open-mouthed wonder." In another item the Clipper excuses some Clarion boys who were spoken to regarding their dancing, by saying one of them "stubbed his toe."

They should watch their step a little closer. The how-come of the affair, as we get it, ran something like this: They were supposed to be waltzing when Rierson one-steps in, after being informed by one of dancers present what was going on, and the Clarion guys changes the tune to a hesitation. Rierson takes the one step and the fellows start a two-step, out. Right away they sort of modified the dance, so to speak. Which showed wisdom, for Holver was right in the notion to give a few scalls—even at the loss of a nice set of "false teeth." Of course, Holver might have had to apologize after, but its doubtful, because Holver's a queer fellow that way, and seldom makes any apoligies to folks he takes in tow.

Anyway, he hadn't been among those present very long before the citified toe-dancers just sort of evaporated, oozed away, you might say, what for, who knows?

And after they had departed hence, not even an empty bottle remained to tell the tale. Some of them were feeling fine, and why not? They come from a good corn-belt district, like around Clarion. And they say, that if some of the citizens continue to increase what is known around here as the New Process of Concumption for the next ten years, it will mean salvation for the farmers, because the price of corn will advance with the demand. And, too, the grocers, for what about the raisins and prunes?

The problem, however, says Holver, is not the price of prunes of the future of corn, but whether the Clarion dancers mentioned tell how much of the moonshine it takes to tell whether a man has false teeth or not, and how much he has to soak in before he can tell the difference.

The best way, it would seem, would be to stick to the old familar hoedown or Virginny reel, instead of trying to shiver the shimmy, hump the Camel Walk, teeter the Turkey Trot, or invent something new like, for instance, the Toe-Stub Tumble.

But in the end, don't you know, it all depends.

ERLING LARSON ELECTED TO HONORARY FRATERNITY

Erling Larson, well known in Belmond and vicinity, was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary fraternity, at the University of Iowa.

For an undergraduate to receive this recognition at an institution of the standing of the University of Iowa, where competition is keen among several thousands of students, is an honor of which any new member should be proud.

Membership to Beta Gamma Sigma, a national fraternity, is based on scholarship, the eight seniors having maintained the highest grades in all subjects for the four years, being elected.

The Wright County Federation of Womens' clubs will meet at the Presbyterian church in Clarion on Tuesday of next week, May 24. The meetings will open at ten in the morning.

OBITUARY

DEVERE EDWARDS ANDERSON

It is with sorrow and heartfelt sympathy that we chronicle the death of Devere Edwards Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson of Roscoe, S. D., on April 20, after seven weeks of severe illness with pneumonina

Devere was born at Belmond, Iowa, in 1905 and was aged 16 years, one month and 11 days.

For about 11 years he resided with his parents at Colville, Wash., and for two years they have resided on the farm two miles north of Roscoe, S. D. A large assemblage of mourning friends and school companions paid their last tribute of affection at the Presbyterian church on Saturday the 23rd. The service was conducted by the pastor, and the teachers and high school pupils very kindly offered their services in song.

Besides the parents, there were present at the funeral, Mrs. Anna K. Anderson, Albert, Ephraem and Oscar Anderson of Clark, S. D., August Anderson of Holinquist, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. E. Lindland and Mrs. Ed. Lundquist of Clark, S. D., mother, brothers and sisters of Mr. Anderson and Chas. Edwards of Dows, Ia, brother of Mrs. Anderson. The interment took place at Roscoe.

We can but pay our tribute to the life so soon eclipsed. Devere by his quiet, modest good will, by his faithfulness to duty, had endeaver himself to his teachers and schoolfellows. In his home he was kindness and consideration personified, and his courage and cheerful endurance and his constant efforts to cheer and comfort those who cared for him shall remain in the hearts of his loved ones, a memory full of comfort.

The tears fall fast—that nevermore
Shalt thou return to me.
But may the angels keep their watch
Ever "twixt" me and thee.
Farewell, oh, boy beloved, until
Earth's shadows roll apart,
Then, in that radiant light, again,
I'll clasp thee to my heart. ***

DELINQUENT AUTO LIST TOTALS CLOSE TO 200

Around One Hundred Ninety Delinquents On The List With Thirty Or More From Belmond.

The official list of the delinquent auto owners of the county was published last week, and the number of owners who have not yet paid their 1921 license totals around one hundred and ninety. Of these, over thirty are listed as being from or in the immediate vicinity of Belmond. A number of those listed from here are former residents who have moved to other towns. The Wright county delinquent list while of pretty fair size is smaller thas that of many counties of the state, the list going as high as four hundred or more cars in some counties smaller than Wright. In the cities it is reported the lists are being printed by installments, like a serial story. Those owners who formerly had their cars in use and who have since disposed of them to other parties or who have sold hem for junk, should put the facts before the county treasurer at once before they receive a visit from Sheriff Lang or the agents of the state. A determined effort is being made to round up every auto owner who should have taken out a license, but who to date for some reason or other has failed to do so.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

Miss Vida Jenison and Miss Edna Guest were over Sunday visitors at the E. D. Jenison home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Frislie of Dows spent Sunday at the S. A. Anderson home.

Mr. Frislie is a brother of Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton S. Jenison and daughter of Albia, Iowa, and the Misses Nora and Marie Jenison took supper with the E. D. Jenison family Sunday.

A number of boys from this vicinity were fishing at Morse Lake, Sunday.

They report "no luck", three fish being the total catch.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

Senior Class Play To Be Feature Of The Week At High School Auditorium On Friday.

BALL TEAM WINS AND TIES

Many Other Interesting Items Of The Closing Days Of School—Names Of Graduates This Year.

The following are elegible for graduation up to the end of the second semester. Just one six-weeks grades to make good on:

Ennis Allen	Magdelene Johnson
Grace Allen	Beatrice Leavy
Inez Boughton	David Luick
Olive Butts	Zola McGuire
William Chase	Mac McNamara
Mable Cramer	Glenn Morris
Agnes Dillon	Nellie Murphy
Helen Enger	Dortha Okrueg
Viola Hood	Archie Rierson
Leona Jacobs	Marvyl Robinson
Lyle Jenison	Alma Ruka
Wava Jenison	Donald Thiltgen

The Senior class play, "Nothing But the Truth," at the high school auditorium Friday evening, May 20, 8:15. Tickets will be on sale at Schultz's drug store. 50 cents. All seats reserved. No reserved seats will be held after 8:45 Friday evening.

A matinee will be given to school children Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. For children in the 6th grade and below 25 cents. Above the 6th grade 35 cents. Pupils not attending the matinee will have study periods supervised by a teacher.

"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"
Cast of Characters.

Robert Bennet, "Bob," a young stockbroker who says that he will tell the truth for 24 hours—Donald Thiltgen.
E. M. Ralston, the head of the firm who bets it cannot be done.—Wm. Chase.
Richard Donnelly, "Dick," another young stockbroker who is in on the bet.—David Luick.
Clarence Van Dusen, "Van," a sarcastic young stockbroker.—Lyle Jenison.
Bishop Doran.—Archie Rierson.
Gwendoline Ralston, "Gwen," in love with Bob.—Ennis Allen.
Mrs. E. M. Ralston, the bewildered wife of E. M.—Agnes Dillon.
Ethel Clark, a friend of Gwen's.—Inez Boughton.
Vaudeville Girls: Sable Jackson, Mable Jackson.—Alma Ruka, Marvyl Robinson.
Martha, A Maid.—Olive Butts.

The annual staff have found it impossible to give their advertisers free copies of the Annual, but the copies are only $1.00 apiece. This is a very small amount for such a book, and we feel sure that everyone will understand why free copies can not be given. The Annual Staff wishes to thank the people who have so kindly advertised and helped to make the Annual possible.

The long looked for day at last arrived! Monday the first Annuals in the history of Belmond High School were put on sale. Excitement ran high when the pupils knew that at last the Annuals were out. Judging from the comments. every one seemed very well satisfied. The Class of 1921 are very proud that they were the first class to put out a Belmond high school annual.

The Independent did some very good work on the Annual and the Annual Staff thank them for their interest and co-operation.

We have very few copies left. Anyone wanting one, see or phone Grace Allen, No. 315.

Do you want a lecture course in Belmond next winter? If you do, we must secure signatures for 250 season tickets at $1.50 per ticket. At present we have signers for only 96 season tickets. We must have 150 more signers at once. You need not pay for tickets until they are delivered next November.

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FREE AIR!

The school play this week ought to prove mighty good, if it lives up to its title, "Nothing But the Truth."

Powerful lot of opportunity to be found in that. Just, for instance, suppose this little Sunday school paper was to come out next week and print nothing but the truth?

Of course, we aim to print the truth, the whole truth and "nothing but the truth," but suppose we gave it just as it really was, without any trimmings or smoothing over.

We'd tell the exact truth about things, and not gloss 'em over a bit, no salve or taffy or lasses; "nothing but the truth."

The next morning, 27 minutes after the papers went into the mails, a dark streak would be seen headed for the Franklin Grove, which would be us, and several rods behind would be a still darker cloud, which would be a flock of bullets.

And in the far background would be a cloud of dust, violently agitated, which would be the general public and its followers.

Can no do.

There lives no man so hopeless and woebegone, so pessimistic and tired of life, that he dare tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. It ain't human, to say nothing of being possible.

Some of you married men, who get home late at night occasionally, instead of telling friend wife that you were at the lodge, or talking business with Jones, or that you worked late at the office, or any of the rest of the trite and moth-eaten excuses, try telling her the truth. If you get away with it, and come thru alive and sound, then we'll admit your wife is a bigger fool than you are, which is saying something.

It can't be done. Especially when its a newspaper. There was once a newspaper man who started out to print "nothing but the truth," but he had to stop before he got started: he was dead.

The jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Yessir, that play ought to be worth seeing, just to see how impossible it is. Such things have to be fiction, because otherwise it wouldn't be truth. Think it over.

And still the names come in for Spruce street. The latest suggestion follows the same line as the name given last week: "Speedway."

Very appropriate, and one which should be carefully considered by the council in reaching their decision.

The law is now out on fish and lies. We had one we were going to spring, but since hearing some of the others we have concluded we are in the piker class and should not speak in the presence of our betters.

STATE BANK OPENING DRAWS BIG CROWD

The formal opening of the new State Bank was attended by a record crowd, there being close to seventeen hundred who registered at the bank last Saturday.

The bank was very beautifully decorated, with a phonograph playing, and favors on hand for the visitors: flowers for the ladies, cigars for the men, and candy for the children.

The new bank building is of one of the best and most convenient of its kind in northern Iowa. Besides two check counters, just inside the door, there are four general business windows, a savings window, seperate customer's safe deposit vault, coupon room, telephone booth, two private rooms for customers, a separate room for the ladies all complete, a writing room and a large community room situated over the bank's vaults.

Howard Wolle was spending the first of the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle. He has been working at Sioux City the past winter for the telephone company at that place, but recently resigned his position there to take one with the Dyer company, doing electrical work on the roads for a sugar factory they are erecting a sugar factory. He leaves this week Thursday, and expects to remain in Honduras until the factory is completed.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

FARM BUREAU PICNIC A SURE GO

Plans are still in the process of making for the Wright County Farm Bureau picnic which is to be held next month. The county agent and the executive committee have been working hard to secure either Ex-Secretary E. T. Meredith or E. H. Cunningham, secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation for the principal speaker of the occasion but have been unsuccessful in securing either one of these gentlemen for the occasion.

Mr. J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation has been secured to give the principal address of the picnic and June 9th is the date that has been set when all farmers, their wives and children of Wright county will be asked to lay aside their work, forget their troubles on the farm and enjoy a full day of speech making and fun making which has been arranged to take place at the fair grounds south of Clarion.

Mr. P. C. Taff, assistant state club leader, has also been secured for the program at the picnic. Mr. Taff will explain in detail how the club work can be organized in Wright county, wh-' the advantages of such a club are to the parents and to the community in genera. 'Ve feel that the club work has been neglected in our local farm bureau and it is hoped that by getting the state club leader to speak to us we will get suggestions which will enable us to carry on this most important project to all farm bureau activities.

The various sub-committees have not reported as yet what their plans are for the different departments of the picnic, but we presume that they have great surprises in store for us when the day finally arrives.

Announcement of the complete program for the picnic will probably be made in the next week's issue of the county papers.

GIRLS' CLUB LEADER COMING

Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader for girls' club work, is coming to Wright county Saturday, May 21st, to meet with the officers, cooperators and all members who are interested in girls' club work.

All mothers, in fact all women, who are interested are urged to attend the meeting at the county agent's office May 21st, at 2:00 p. m., at which time Miss Arnquist will present the club work and give plans for organizing and carrying forward the work in our local farm bureau.

[illegible]AY RING ACTIVE

Troy township has the distinction of being the first township in Wright county to organize a community spray ring. About 15 farmers living in Troy conceived the idea that considerable time and an enormous amount of money could be saved by pooling their interests in the purchase of a power spraying outfit.

With this in mind this group of Troy township farmers have purchased and are now operating a three-horse power gasoline sprayer in spraying the orchards in their territory. One man has been employed and will give his full time to operating are spraying outfit until every farmer who is a member of the spraying ring has been served. Let those who doubt the value of organization look at this organization for a moment and ask if it is worth while.

CEDAR FALLS CONFERENCE

The Iowa Farm Bureau conference of the Third congressional district which was held at Cedar Falls, Wednesday, May 11 was attended by about 150 farmers, federation officers, county agents and the state county agent leader.

A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove, who is a member of the executive committee of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation from the Third congressional district, presided at the meeting and gave a most interesting discussion of the plans of the marketing committee of seventeen. Mr. Middleton handed out facts and figures which were of such vital interest to his listeners that everyone seemed disappointed that he was not allowed more time on the program for the discussion of this great marketing problem.

County Agent Leader Murl McDonald gave a short snappy talk on the important problems which are facing the farm bureaus at present. Mr. McDonald made special mention of the great responsibility which rests upon the officers of the Farm Bureau in giving their hearty support to the employed agent in accomplishing the projects which have been laid out for the year's work. He enlarged upon the thought that the farm bureau organization will be just what its officers make it and that the success of farm bureau work in any one township will be measured in a large degree by the support and co-operation given to the county agent by the township chairman and his co-workers in that particular township.

Each county in the Third district was represented by its county agent and officers and members of its organization. Wright county was represented by A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove, from Troy township, and by R. M. Edwards, county agent. Certain resolutions pertaining to membership collections and to taking new membership were passed at this conference and will be read at the next board of directors meeting.

CHEESE MAKING EXPERT IS COMING

A. W. Rudnick, secretary of the Iowa Buttermakers association, will be in Wright county in the vicinity of Clarion to demonstrate the method of making commercial cheese on Tuesday, May 31 all day. Lake and Grant townships have asked for this demonstration and take this method of extending an invitation to all farmers wives who are interested in seeing his demonstration on cheese making.

Since the two townships have asked for this demonstration and since Mr. Rudnick can only give us one day for the demonstration it becomes necessary to have a joint meeting and this will be held at the home of Mrs. James Bell, four miles north of Clarion.

OLD FASHIONED GATHERING

The regular monthly meeting of the Iowa township farm bureau which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph in Rowan on Friday evening, May 13, was attended by about 125 enthusiastic farmers, their wives and children. The social good time which was enjoyed by all who attended this program would seem to indicate that the farmers have not forgotten how to get together for a good time community meeting and best of all to furnish their own entertainment.

The county agent, who acted as chairman of the evening, opened the program with a few short remarks which was followed by the main address of the evening by C. L. Hall, chairman of Grant township farm bureau. Mr. Hall entertained his listeners for half an hour or more by telling them of the activities of the farm bureau of the past and present. Mr. Hall, who has been one of the most active officers in our local farm bureau, has had an intimate association with the inside workings of our local farm bureau and for that reason his talk was of vital interest to everyone present. He started his speech by apologizing for not being a more polished speaker, but before he completed his talk he convinced his listeners that he was well versed in his subject and had a pleasing way of presenting it. Mr. Hall is a man of conviction, and is a loyal farm bureau booster from the word go.

After the main address of the evening the meeting was thrown into a rather informal affair and the exciting part of the program began. Old fashioned games were played and before the evening was over each person seemed to feel that he or she was well acquainted with everyone else at the social. If no other good should come from this evening's entertainment we are sure that the fact that these good farmers have gained something by meeting with one another and talking over one another's problems. Indeed such social entertainments are going a long ways towards bringing the farmers closer together in a better understanding of the great problems before us today.

WOOLSTOCK MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Woolstock township farm bureau is planning a musical entertainment to be given at the Head Grove school Friday evening, May 20, at 8:00 o'clock.

A. S. Chapman and Miss Gertrude Schutt township chairmen for Woolstock, are very anxious to have all farmers, their wives and children make a special effort to attend this program which the committee has spent so much time in preparing. The following is the program:

Piano solo ---------- Gladys Long
Reading ---------- Arleen Smith
Piano solo -------- Genevieve Rohrer
Piano and violin duet
-------- Mr. and Mrs. Echelberger
Reading -------- Vera Schumacher
Piano solo ---------Mrs. Geo. Bernard
Piano solo ------ Gertrude Schutt
Vocal duet ----------------------
------Irene Larson, Helen Nelson
Reading ------------ Gladys Schutt
Piano solo ---------- Vera Bernard
Vocal duet ----------------------
------Donald and Eleanor Rohrer
Pantomine -------- --Viola Nelson
Vocal solo ---------- Vera Crovisier
Vocal duet ----------------------
Mrs. Ted Frakes, Mrs. Geo. Croviser
"Clubs Are Trumps" ------------
---------A play by seven children Maude and Elva Shillington, John Rink, Robert Crovisier, Cecil Bernard, Viola Nelson, Virginia Kirstein.

HORSES CUT TO SHREDS RUNNING WITH DISC

Hampton Chronicle: Emerson Davis, who works for James C. Hannah, who operates the Charles Harrison farm north of Hansell, made a lucky escape one day last week, when he barely got away from in front of a four-horse team as they started out on a brisk runaway.

Mr. Davis had just hitched the horses to the disc for the afternoon work when the runaway took place. One of the horses, a colt, was bitten on the neck by another animal which was hitched at his side, and the colt made a quick move and stepped one of his legs over the tug. The rubbing of the tug on his leg frightened him and he gave the signal for a race, and in a moment all four horses were ready for a speed tryout. Mr. Davis was in front of the horses at the time, but soon found that if he did not get out of the way he was liable to be ground up into sausage—so he moved and made his escape. By the time the four horses were imitating a merry-go-round, and before going very far one of the horses fell down and the disc was pulled over him.

Everything was getting badly mixed up, lines, horses and harness, and they made another turn and ran the disc over the same horse again, and then the whole batch of horses went down in a heap, and were so tangled up that they could not move another foot.

After a whole survey of the transaction was made it was decided to kill the injured horse in order to relieve its suffering. He looked like he had been thru a meat slicer.

CLOVER FIELDS BEING RUINED

Two species of leaf-feeding cater pillars are seriously injuring red clover fields in southern counties of Iowa. In many cases, according to F. A. Fenton of the entomology department of Iowa State college who has been investigating the outbreak, fields are killed to the extend of 75 percent. From a distance they look as tho they were burned over but on closer examination it is found that they are literally alive with these worms and that the sprouting clover has in many cases been completely eaten out at the crown, and the plants killed.

One species is the larvel stage of the clover leaf weevil, a close relative of the alfalfa weevil. This is the smaller of the two, is light green in color with a white stripe down the middle of the back. The other species is much larger and brown in color with a series of markings down the back, diamond shapped, and an indistinct stripe along the side. The principle damage is being done by this species which in many fields is the more abundant of the two.

When the fields are mostly killed over the only remedy is to burn them over, if there is chaff enough to give a hot blaze. Then they may be plowed under and planted to some other crop. This treatment will kill the majority of the worms and prevent them from giving rise to future broods this summer.

If the clover is not killed and there are large numbers of the worms in the field they may be killed by scattering the poison bran mash among the worms. This will kill the cut worms but will not control the leaf weevil. The latter is the less injurious of the two and if very abundant is often killed off by an epidemic fungus disease which almost invariably developes. Owing to the large numbers of these weevil larvae in the field and probably that they will be killed by this disease it is inadvisable to turn stock into the fields, as the diseased larvae often causes symptoms of poisoning in animals that have eaten large numbers of them

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, coedine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

HAMPTON TELEGRAPH OFFICE MOVES UP TOWN

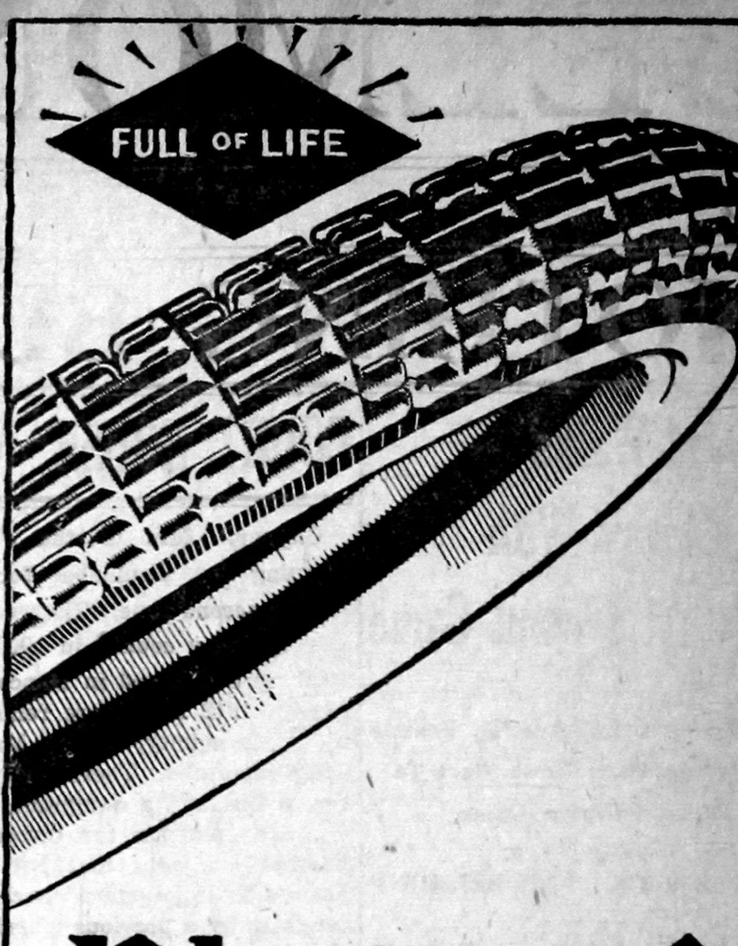
Chronicle: The Western Union Telegraph company has finally been prevailed upon to move their headquarters from the M. & St. L. depot to an uptown office, ands quarter in the Hotel Coonley have been leased for that purpose. The rooms which have been used as a ladies' waiting room on the first floor have been leased by the telegraph company, and it is expected that they will have the necessary changes made so they can occupy the new quarters by the first of June, or not later than the first of July. E. Mezro, manager of the Coonley hotel received a dispatch from the division superintendent of the Western Union last Monday morning accepting the lease on the quarters in the hotel building.

The new arrangement will be received with much delight by the people of this city and transient public who use the telegraphic service quite extensively. An effort has been made to secure an uptown telegraph office in Hampton for many years and the Hampton Commercial Club had just about completed arrangements with the company to give the town this service when the war came along and blew the plans to the four winds The new quarters in the hotel building will give the company a desirable location and it will be convenient with the public, with an outside entrance from the lobby of the hotel.

Why not make the telegraph service in Belmond into a similar office? Belmond surely needs it; the business men and public want it; a little investigation and agitation in the matter could accomplish wonders.

Lumbago

This is a rheumatism of the muscles of the back. It comes on suddenly and is quite painful. Every movement aggravates the disease. Go to bed, keep quiet and have Chamberlain's Liniment applied and a quick recovery may be expected. Mrs. F. J. Dann, Brockport, N. Y., writes: "I can honestly say that Chamberlain's Liniment cured me of lumbago a year ago last summer. When I began using it, I was flat on my back in bed and could not turn to the left or right. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment in the house and this was applied to my back. It promptly drove away the pains and aches.—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.



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ROWAN NEWS

Help make your home news interesting. Phone your news items to 62.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion spent Sunday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher.

Edgar Mantle visited Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs, at Goodell.

Mrs. Fred Brooks decorated the invitations and place cards for the graduating class at Miles, Iowa, this week

Miss Izetta Fletcher started a six weeks term of school, Monday, at the school two miles north of Maple Grove church. They have been repairing the school house so it made the term late in starting.

Mrs. Lizzie Brooks and Mrs. Etta Carr were entertained to dinner on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum was a dental caller at Clarion, Tuesday.

Frank Snyder was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and Mrs. D. K. Stout spent a pleasant afternoon Monday at Elm Lake fishing.

Will Brooks and son John of Waverly visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, several [illegible] this week and called on other re[illegible]tives in town.

Monday night Gay Fletcher, Guy Sheldon, Will Whitten, Dean Fitz, and Leonard McCallum went to Elm Lake to fish. They caught a good many.

Mrs. Theo. Hansen returned Tuesday from Chicago where she has been for the past three weeks with Mr. Hansen, who has been at the Presbyterian hospital. She stopped at Coulter to get their son, Raymond, who has been staying with relatives at that place during his father's absence. Mr. Hansen came home Wednesday morning.

Earl Bailey was a Fort Dodge caller Wednesday.

Eugene Harson returned Wednesday from Pocahantus, where he has been for a short time.

Elmer Spears was a Belmond caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed. Bailey and Mrs. Fuller Bailey spent Tuesday night at Iowa Falls visiting Dolly Riley who is attending school at Ellsworth college.

Mr. McCormick of Dumont, the new foreman on the C. G. W. section, came Sunday and began his work Monday morning. He is boarding at the A. A. Williamshome.

Monday night the committee from the two churches met with the committee from the American Legion and some of the civilians to plan for Memorial Day. The following committees were selected: Mrs. G. R. Stumph and Mrs. Fred Brooks on flower committee to secure and prepare flowers and wreaths and boquets Mrs. Bert Pelly, chairman, music committee, LaVonne Ballou, assistant Rev. Tomkinson chairman committee on speaker James Rowan, assistant; F. H. Brooks chairman committee on transportation, R. H. Virden assistant; Geo. Pritchett appointed marshall; S. B. Heath chairman outside commitee, Bert Pelly, Clarence Lindsey, Dan Fletcher and L. A. McCallum assistants; Mrs. Geo. Pritchett chairman committee to arrange school children for parade, Mrs. C. M. Myers and Mrs. Snow assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and children motored to Popejoy Sunday of last week to visit relatives for the day.

Mrs. Fred Knuths and her two children visited at the Irvin Knuths home Wednesday.

Susan Duffy went to Cedar Falls, Wednesday, to visit her sister Mildred, who is attending school at the state teachers' college, and also to be present at the May Day fete which is held each year. Miss Bertha Olsen of Coulter accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitten and daughter Vinnie and little Ivan Williams visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peddle near Coulter, Thursday.

Mrs. J. H. Streveler, who has been visiting her son Tice, returned to her home at Waterloo on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Taylor of Galt spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knuths.

Russell Bailey was a Belmond caller Friday.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval was on the sick list several days the past week.

Alfred Fletcher went to Fort Dodge on Friday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lew Vennum and family.

The Boy Scouts met Thursday night James Rowen assisted Scout Master Fred Brooks to drill the boys for Memorial Day.

The hotel building is being repainted and papered inside.

Frank Kercheval is painting the outside of his residence this week.

Miss LaVonne Ballou was entertained at the Fred Kercheval home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher and Mrs. Morris Sullivan motored to Ft. Dodge on Thursday. Mrs. Sullivan reurned to her home at that place.

Bernice Bailey went to Dows, Friday to spend a short time at the home of Mrs. Ole Erickson.

The Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Etta Carr with Mrs. Guy Sheldon as leader. About 25 were present. Mrs. Tomkinson gave the report of Bishop Stuntz address which he gave at Algona. An interesting feature of the program was a mystery box in which Mrs. Tomkinson acted as Dr. giving out medicine in the form of questions on the lesson and any one not knowing the answer had to go before the nurses where they were given the answer and then gave it to the company. They say they remember the answers much better for having learned them in this way.

Mrs. Edith Harsen was very sick the first of the week but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsey on Friday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Steffens and her brother, Henry DeWald of Holly, Colorado, spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsey and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alt Hackley.

Mr. and Mrs. Truesdale of Popejoy and Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe of Galt spent Sunday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley.

Friday night the south section of the Community Club of the Iowa farm bureau, Iowa township, entertained at the G. R. Stumph home. About 75 were present. There were two speakers for the evening, Mr. Hall from Grant township and Mr. Avery of Mason City, who is an insurance agent but very much interested in farm bureau work. They both gave very good talks. Mr. Edwards, the county agent, also gave a little talk. Dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed at a late hour voting a very pleasant evening.

The Freshmen of the high school entertained the entire high school on Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ketchum. They report a fine time and lovely refreshments.

Mrs. F. D. McLeod of Dows was a passenger Saturday for Manilla, Ia., to attend the funeral of her father.

Miss Esther Fowler was a Clarion caller on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Berger was a Clarion visitor Saturday.

The Doraldina Musical company transferred here Saturday morning enroute to Dows.

Mrs. F. H. Fowler went to Sioux Falls, S. D., Saturday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. L. N. Johnson.

Mrs. Roscoe Robinson and son Malcolm spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parkensen of Dows.

George Wessels was in town between trains Saturday.

Miss Nordmeir and Miss Newman were Hampton callers shoppers on Saturday.

Miss Blanche Box closed her year of school work at the school south of the old mill site, Friday afternoon with a picnic in the woods. The pupils and their friends were present and report a fine time in spite of the cool day.

Mrs. Fred Brooks went to Clarion, Friday, to visit her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder, at the Fred Smith home. Mrs. Snyder's many friends will be glad to learn that she is beginning to improve in health.

Miss Wilda Whitten returned to her home Friday after a very successful term of school near Blairsburg. She had a program Friday afternoon and served light refreshments to pupils and guests. She is offered the school for next year at an increase in salary.

Mrs. Alfred Davis is very sick. She has been threatened with pneumonia.

Miss Evelyn Heathershaw and a girl friend from Clarion are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver.

The Cong. Ladies Aid society met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. H. Emerson. A large crowd was present. The work was quilting. The society has been divided into five sections for serving. The following ladies served a 25 cent supper which brought the society about nine dollars:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich and daughters were Belmond callers on Saturday, where the girls had dental work done.

O. F. Braden is nursing a lame arm this week. He had an abcess on it lanced Thursday. It is very lame.

Mrs. Jack Henley, nee Edna Ball, and her little sister, from Clarion, transferred here Saturday enroute to Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs of Goodell spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph.

Mr. and Mrs. Halbrook spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller and Mrs. Blanche Jennings were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill, Sunday.

The speakers have been secured for Memorial Day. Rev. Walker of Clarion will speak Sunday morning, May 29, and Chaplin Wolcott of Goldfield will speak Monday afternoon, May 30. Both services will be held at the Congregational church.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs .Roy Ryder Thursday afternoon, May 19. This will be a work meeting and all members are urged to be present if possible.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. A. H. Emerson ,Thursday afternoon, May 19. There are two quilts to work on so as many as can come try to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan of Belmond spent Sunday at the Harris home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mrs. W. R. McCallum were Belmond callers Saturday evening.

The regular meeting of the W C. T. U. will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Kercheval, Wednesday afternon. Mrs. Hannah Whitten will be leader .The topic will be "What Shall I render to God?" It is hoped that there will be a good attendance as it is sure to be an interesting lesson.

The annual convention of the Wright County W. C. T U. will convene at Rowan, June 2 and 3. The M. E. Ladies Aid society will serve meals to the delegates for one day and they will be entertained at the homes th[illegible] other day. It is hoped Mrs. Patterson of Sioux City will be the speaker for the convention but if she is unable to be here another state speaker will be secured so it will be well worth ones while to attend the meetings. The program will be printed later.

Tuesday evening the following people from Rowan were entertained to supper at the Will Azeltine home in Galt: Mr. Moulle, Mr. Morrison, Miss Mullins, Miss Nordmeir, Miss Newman, Lillian, Amy, Wesley and Ray Azeltine.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Azeltine of Galt visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peddle of Coulter were Sunday guests at the Geo. Whitten home

Friday night about 40 young people from the neighborhood gathered at the Irvin Knuths home and spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Vera Knuths as hostess. They were served with very nice refreshments and departed at a late hour hoping to enjoy many more such pleas[illegible] evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailey children, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Carr and children and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weber and family spent Sunday at the Mossman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow were guests of honor at a post nuptial shower given at the John Taylor home in Galt, Saturday evening with Mrs. Tayor and Mrs. Geo. Paterson as hostesses. About 30 young people were present. The evening was spent in games and music. Miss Inez Parsons of Clarion gave a reading which was enjoyed very much. Mr. and Mrs. Snow were the recipients of many lovely gifts. A very lovely luncheon was served and the guests all enjoyed the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow motored to Rowan, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Snow returned to the Will Whitten home.

Saturday afternoon Ruth and Irene Weber were joined by about 13 of their playmates and neighbors for a picnic in the home yard. Then enjoyed the afternoon very much. They had a picnic supper out doors which was thoroly enjoyed.

Sunday the following guests were entertained at the J. E. Thomas home: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bell and family, of Williams, Jim Thomas and lady, friend of Alden, John and Jake Thomas of Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen of Coulter visited at the home of their son Theo. and family, Sunday. Other guests at the Hansen home were Mrs. Newlin of Coulter, sister of Mr. Hansen, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sheldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton of Clarion visited at the Fred Williams home Sunday.

Fred Williams went to Dillman City, Mo., Sunday night.

The local Red Cross chapter is in need of more memberships in order to keep a local chapter in this community and also to be able to keep what funds we have on hand for emergency cases in this community. If you wish to keep your membership in the American Red Cross please leave your dues at the bank or with the local committee this week. Ch[illegible] man, LaVonne Ballou, vice chai[illegible] Mrs. J. F. Howell, secretary, Mrs. C. L. Lindsey, treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Sheldon.

The Rev. Washington of Gaza, Ia. occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church both morning and evening. He delivered two very fine sermons. Rev. Washington is a sincere and spiritual man. He comes to us as a candidate for thispastora te.

The list of teachers for the school for the coming year is as follows: High School—Mr. and Mrs. Holiday and Miss Maude Cowley; Grades—Mrs. Della Matsom 7 and 8, Miss Drahiem, 5 and 6, Miss McCutcheon 3 and 4, Mrs. Agnew 1 and 2. Th[illegible] a fine bunch of teachers and [illegible] hoped they will have the co-oper[illegible] tion of the parents and community to make this a good year of school

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Dr. E. Elliot, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Dows, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church last Sunday morning while the Rev. H. Tomkinson spoke at the Sunday school rally at Dows.

The speakers for the Memorial Day and Memorial Sunday in Rowan are Lieut. Wolcott of Goldfield and Rev. J. Walker of Clarion. Arrengements are being made by the local post of the American Legion for the ceremonies, and everything points to a helpful time. All members of the Legion are asked to wear their military or naval uniforms. The Sunday service will be in the morning, and the Decoration Day meetings will [illegible] 2:00 p. m.

Union services will be held next Sunday at the Methodist church in the morning and Congregational church in the evening. At the evening service the Rev. H. Tomkinson will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Special seats will be reserved for the high school graduatets and high school staff. The Commencement exercises will be held in the high school on Wednesday, May 25.

The Rev. H. Tomkinson has been asked by the local post of the American Legion at Thornton to deliver the patriotic oration in the park on Decoration Day.

The local committee of the W. C. T. U. are making plans for the coming convention at Rowan, which is to be held in the Congregational church.

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NOW IS THE TIME

The stockholders of the Iowa Valley Sugar company have doubtless received or will receive this week a letter from the company, regarding the future of that concern.

That the company is in straitened circumstances is well known to all stockholders, and that the officials of the company have worked day and night to pull the company thru the present crisis is equally well known.

Now is the time for every stockholder of the Iowa Valley Sugar Company to come to its aid. The various measures suggested have been tried and discarded, and the appeal sent out this week is what might be termed a last-ditch call. The company, Belmond's Company, must have financial assistance NOW; later may be too late.

Two hundred thousand dollars of Belmond money has been placed in the Iowa Valley Sugar company. Without going into the facts which have placed the company in its present financial condition—every stockholder knows the reasons—the question before the holders of that two hundred thousand dollars is this:

Can you afford to lose it?

If you cannot, then, NOW IS THE TIME to save it!

The writer, personally, holds several hundred dollars in shares in the company, and personally does not feel that he can afford to lose what he has already put in by not doing his little part to save it. But what one can or will do, amounts to but little; the action of the whole is what will count. And the writer feels free to say, both as a stockholder and publisher, more or less familiar with the condition of the company, that NOW IS THE TIME to come to the front and fight.

There is no question of hanging back; either come to the front and back up your company and your money, or lose them both.

That, spoken bluntly, is the situation, gentlemen. You know and we know that the Iowa Valley Sugar company has made Belmond what Belmond is today. Without it, what would we have? Any business man of the town has noticed what a difference the mere closing of the factory has made in business. The operation of the plant has meant hundreds of thousands of dollars placed in circulation here; has meant thousands of increased business to the merchants of Belmond and to the county and surrounding territory; over five hundred thousand dollars was paid around here for beets alone last year. Can we afford to lose it? That too is the question. Can we afford to throw away this increased business because we will not risk a few more dollars to save it, and the money we have already placed in the company?

There have been all kinds of reports circulated regarding the company, the great majority of them the merest fabrications, utterly without any foundation of fact. There have been and still are, outside interests at work endeavoring to disrupt and disorganize the company, and too many have swallowed whole the tales these interests have spread.

Whether or not you as a stockholder can come in on the present appeal with 35 per cent of your holdings, you should come in with whatever per cent you can. You and the next man, all of us together, MUST come in for as much as we can. It is the call for definite and emphatic action: NOW IS THE TIME—NOW, or NEVER!

Which shall it be? Let each one of the Iowa Valley Sugar Company stockholders answer that question for themselves, and then act as they so decide. It is up to them whether their company shall live or die.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

We reached the top again last Sunday in attendance which brings our average for the quarter thus far above the mark. Let us beware of a rainy day and put forth a double effort when it comes that we will not fall below for the quarter.

The district Sunday School convention last Sunday was well attended and was very helpful. We hope to profit by the suggestions.

There will be the usual services on next Sunday. Bible school at 10:00 a. m. The morning worship at 11:00 and the evening service at 8:00.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

The sermon theme Sunday a. m. will be "The Method of Methodism Abroad," or some illustrations of the kind of work being done by our Foreign Mission Board. Some folks were happily surprised last Sunday in the nature and extent of the work done by our Home Mission Board. The message next Sunday will be still more illuminating. Whether a member of the church or not, if you have any interest in the progress of the Kingdom of God in this world, you ought to know something about the work it is actually doing. More and more people are coming to feel that the problems of today are not material and financial either in Church or State, but that our real problems are spiritual and intellectual. If America or civilization loses out in these days in any degree, it will be in the minds and souls of us. This is no time for the Church of Jesus Christ to be financially, socially or spiritualy timid and looking for the easy and soft road. We should be ready to march, not according to the speed of the lame and the timid, but of the courageous and conquering. It is a time when the Church, and we of the church, are looking not for the course that is easy, but the course that is best, regardless of how exacting it may be.

Go to Church Next Sunday! A welcome awaits you.

Our bi-weekly supper and "Get-together" Thursday evening. Supper served at 6:00 o'clock. Mr. Wm. E. G. Sanders of Emmetsburg will give an address after supper.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

(Continued from page one.)

Ticket pledges may be signed either at the banks or phone to the school house. We have selected four good numbers for the course. All tickets are transferrable.

List of talent may be seen on the bulletin board in the post office.

Last Wednesday afternoon the B. H. S. ball team played the Meservey Giants on the fastest diamond in this part of the state. The game, thru the aid of the umpire, ended in a tie, 9 to 9. Meservey is to play the return game on the Belmond diamond on May 24. Plan to attend the game, as it will be the last high school game of the season.

Friday the Corwith boys crossed bat with Belmond and won 7 to 4. At times both teams played real ball, but the weather would favor foot ball more than base ball. The return game will be played at Corwith, May 21.

May 10 the B. H. S. track team went to Garner, where they competed with Clear Lake and Garner. The boys did well for yearlings, and will make other teams step some next year.

The Seniors ordered their commencement invitations last week.

Father Eardley was chosen by the Seniors to give the Baccalaureate sermon.

Misses Grace Gartz and Viola Menenga visited the 4th grade Wednesday.

Ursuline McGuire re-entered the 4th grade Monday after a long absence, due to illness.

Mrs. A. W. Russell visited the kindergarten Friday morning.

The greatest social event of the year took place Friday evening, May 13, 1921. The Juniors entertained the Seniors at the annual banquet, given in the school gymnasium.

Everyone came dressed in their best, and fitted with their most delightful manners. The beautiful decorations of lavender and old gold made a very appropriate background for these, besides making the gymnasium seem like a banquet hall. Everything went smoothly, not even a fork was dropped by the waiters, and the four-course dinner was a delight to all. But best of all, the feeling of good fellowship which prevailed thruout the evening relieved the formality of the occasion. A toast program was given, followed by the singing of the high school song.

The Junior class and Mrs. Peterson, the class teacher, deserves a great deal of praise for the planning and serving of the banquet. The Seniors wish to thank the Juniors for the courtesy shown them. It will long be remembered as one of the happiest times in their Senior year.

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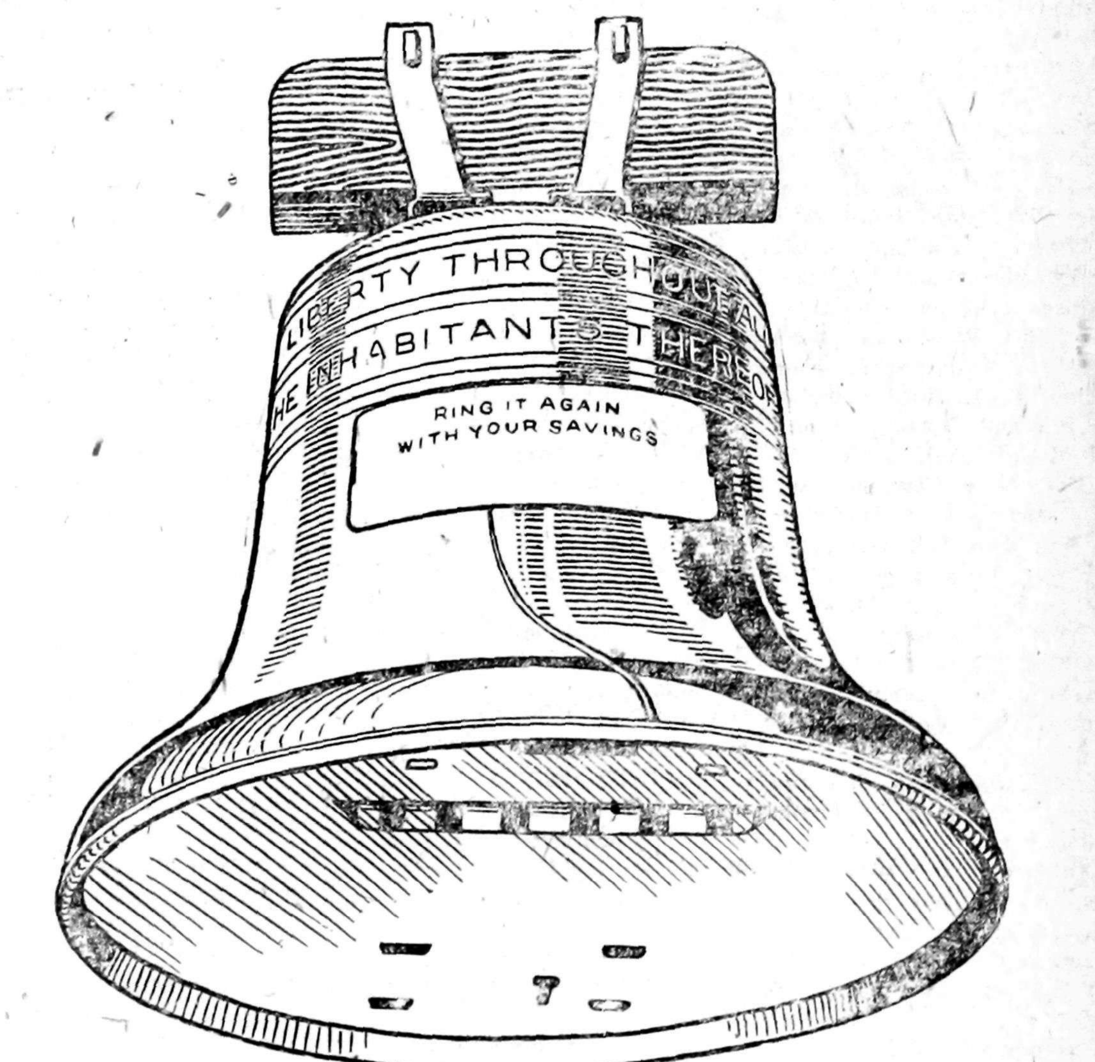

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Belmond Local News

Says the Clarion Clipper last week: It was another joyous night in Belmond, Monday night, at the public dance. One of the Clarion dancers is said to have stubbed his toe, and the Belmond cops figgured he was doing the shimmy and asked him to leave the floor. He did. So did most of the other boys from Clarion. Then the Belmond boys tried to square things. But the Clarion dancers were pretty "sore" and say it'll be a cold day before they go back to Belmond for a dance. The authorities in Belmond say only safe and sane and sensible dancing goes there any more. Such is life in this jazz era we are living in.

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The Senior Class will present "Nothing But The Truth" at the high school auditorium, Friday evening, May 20. See the school notes for cast of characters.

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Charley Peterson and family drove over from Hampton on Sunday to spend the day with relatives and old friends here, and to attend the ball game. Charley reports business as being good, considering the times. He has charge of the movie theatre at Hampton.

—I—

A sporting goods store at Eagle Grove was entered and robbed one day last week of goods, mostly revolvers, to a value of about five hundred dollars.

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Bert Trumbell came down from Klemme on Sunday of this week to visit frieds and relatives for the day.

—I—

Mrs. Ed. Jenison and two daughters were recent guests of friends at Klemme.

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Wayne Pond came over from Hampton the first of the week to visit friends and to be present at some of the doings of his old high school class.

—I—

The fourth supper of the Methodist church will be on this week Thursday evening.

—I—

Mrs. Fostor was a recent visitor at the county seat town, on matters of business and visiting with friends.

—I—

Miss Viva Rourk went to Kanawha last Friday to spend the week end at the home of her parents there.

—I—

Miss Maude Newgard was a guest over the week end at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Barth at Garner.

—I—

Miss Mae Wallace, who is employed at Minneapolis, has been spending the past two weeks at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wallace. Miss Wallace was seriously injured in a street car accident this spring, but is recovering nicely.

—I—

Miss Alberta Pierce was at Greene last Thursday evening, where she gave a number of readings at an entertainment. She came home to spend Sunday, but owing to an attack of the measles will be forced to remain several days before returning to her college work at Clinton.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan were guests last week one day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris at Rowan.

HIGH WAGES BLAMED FOR DEPRESSION

New York, May 2.—Germany, thru the economy and sarifice of her working people, has settled down to real production and is outstripping the United States and allied nation. in the fight toward normalcy, Charles M. Schwab declared here Saturday in an address before the chamber of Commerce of the state of New York.

Mr. Schwab was the guest of the chamber at a reception given in recognition of his service to the country during the war.

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"Germany today can put a ton of steel in England at a price of $20 a ton cheaper than England can make it," he said, "and is selling pneumatic tools in Detroit where formerly we shipped such machinery to Germany and sold it cheaper than she could make it."

"The difference is solely a matter of labor costs.

"It is estimated that 5,000,000 men are out of work in this country. It is accordingly of supreme importance to the working man as well as to the capitalist to restore our prosperity.

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If lost, money cannot replace it; a pricsless gift is gone!

Now---this very moment your eyes may need the help of rightly fitted glasses.

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May 25, 1921

SPECIAL LOCALS

The town of Hampton has joined the procession and is starting out to organize a ball team that will trim the surrounding burgs. The fever seems to be taking rapidly, and there should be plenty of victims for the local team to pick on this summer.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

"Nothing But The Truth" at the high school auditorium, Friday evening, May 20.

—I—

Middle-aged lady wishes position as gentral housekeeper for widower or bachelor, farmer preferred. Would take cooking for gang or any kind of restaurant work. Write Mrs. Isabelle Harder, Corwith, Iowa. Box 122.

—I—

Ole Holm suffered the loss of a finger or two the first of the week when he got his hand caught in a buzz saw. Prompt attention was given, and the injured member is coming along as well as can be expected.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. John Mehus are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, born May 9.

—I—

The Chain of Ten met on this week Monday at the home of Mrs.H. G. Nordschow.

—I—

Mrs. A. L. Bergsma, who has been visiting at the E. F. Bailey and F. E. Snyder homes for the past few weeks, returned on Saturday to her home at Huron, South Dakota.

—I—

The Sunday school rally at the M. E. church Sunday was very well attended and a highly successful meeting is reported.

—I—

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price.—Christ Rise. 25tfc

—I—

Bernard Mennenga came down from Mason City one day last week on some business matters, and was greeting old friends about town. He formerly resided here.

—I—

Oscar Hensel of Alexander was a visitor here one day last week, attending to some interests connected with his land business.

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

A. R. Hersman was in town one day last week on matters connected with the credit association.

—I—

For Sale—One new tailored suit with extra pants, large size; also one slightly worn suit, large size.—W. L. Wilson Star Cleaner.

—I—

This vicinity experienced one of the ... days this spring on Friday of last week, altho Saturday gave it a close second. The sky stayed cloudy Friday night, which saved a lot of gardens from being ruined. On Saturday the weather cleared up and by Sunday it was fairly decent once more. As one man was heard to remark Saturday morning, "It was a short summer we had.'

—I—

Housekeeping rooms for rent, four modern rooms.—Mrs. John Lieuwen

—I—

FOR SALE—Good Waterloo Boy tractor, at a bargain. Phone 310. 23tf

For Sale—Some mixed hay. Phone 1812. Ed. Jenison. 20tfc

Attorney Jensen was a business caller at Mason City one day last week.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

"Nothing But The Truth" has a novel plot and so well has it been worked out that an audience is kept in throes of laughter at the seemingly impossible task to untangle snarls into which our hero has involved all those with whom he comes in contact. It is a clean bright farce and was built for laughing purposes only. Be sure to see it at the high school auditorium, May 20.

—I—

A nice lot of Gingham Coverall Aprons. Price $2.50, at the Woman's Exchange.—Miss Mary Gealow.

—I—

A reception was held last week Sunday night by some friends neighbors for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Furuseth at the farm southwest of town. A large crowd was present, and the evening spent in games and a good social time. Mr. and Mrs. Furuseth are newly weds, the bride formerly being Miss Neva Coburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Coburn, now residing on a farm near Rowan.

—I—

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

THE CHURCH

A great many have been helped and none have been injured by attending Divine Worship. Try it.

Sands Memorial Congregational Church

William Collier played "Nothing But The Truth" for a year at Longacre Theatre, New York. It is one of the cleverest plays on the stage today. See it at the H. S. Auditorium, Friday, May 20, at 8:15.

—I—

Regarding the item from the Clipper, when a member of the orchestra requests the mayor to come up front and take a look, and the mayor does and sees a Clarion boys with a girl doing the rankest kind of a shimmy, and adding some variations and improvements thereto, which are so fierce that they can't be overlooked, then Belmond can manage to get along without the foreign patronage at its future dances. The Clarion boys should watch their step somewhat closer, and no stub their toes.

—I—

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

—I—

Clarence Obrecht came down from Thornton to spend the week end with friends and relatives here, his former home town.

—I—

My prices on all work in the mason line are about 25 percent lower than a year ago. See me if you have any work to be done.—W. A. Bullis. 9tf

—I—

Attend the Senior Class Play, Friday evening, May 20.

—I—

The Chronicle of Goldfield states in its issue of last week that from that time on, the news of the city court will be published.

—I—

Brng your work to the Belmond Tailor Shop and get a number free on a $63.00 tailored suit.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone, 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Ed. Jenkins brought to this office last week a "Saturday Blade" for June 29, 1889, quite an old newspaper, which he discovered in the bottom of an old trunk. The sheet was yellow with age, appropriately, and featured a derby race and the hanging of a Mrs. Whiteling at Philadelphia, the first woman hung in the state of Pennsylvania, who murdered her husband two children for the paltry sum of $360. The paper was all reading, no advertisements and was certainly an odd looking affair.

—I—

Now is the time to get your lawnmowers sharpened.—W. A. Dittmer.

—I—

A free pair of pants with every order for a new suit.—Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Hotel.

—I—

Is it possible to tell the absolute truth—even for twenty-four hours? It is—at least Bob Bennet, the hero of "Nothing But The Truth," accomplished the feat The bet he made with his business partners, and the trouble he got into—with his partners, his friends, and his fiancee—this is the subject of the Senior Class Play. "Nothing But The Truth" can be whole-heartedly recommended as one of the most sprightly, amusing and popular comedies that this country can boast. High School Auditorium, Friday evening, May 20th.

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday—Thoe Studio.

—I—

Pure bred Buff Orpington eggs and baby chicks.—Mrs. Myrle Peck, Clarion, Iowa. 262c

—I—

The D. S. C. girls with some other young ladies will stage the play, "The Japenese Girl" at the opera house, May 26-27, for the benefit of the American Legion. Details later.

—I—

Plan on attending "The Japanese Girl" at the opera house next week. Given by the D. S. C. for the benefit of the American Legion.

The Independent delivered the finished job on the high school annual this week. It was some job, and it is a question of which was the most relieved at the completion of the annual, the Seniors or the Independent force.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Jenison was a caller at Klemme one day last week visiting at the home of friends.

—I—

"The Japanese Girl" will take your attention at the opera house on next week Wednesday. A benefit for the American Legion, staged by the D. S. C. girls. Plan on it.

—I—

Found—Bicycle tire. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying costs.

Suggestions
FOR
Commencement
Gifts

Eastman Kodak
Kodak Albums
Waterman Fountain Pens
Parker Fountain Pens
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Electric Curlers
Fancy Box Stationery
Fancy Bottled Perfume
Bottle Toilet Water

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Drug Company

Ray Morris of the Motor Inn was a recent visitor at Kanawha on matters of business, and greeting some old friends.

—I—

Found—Auto license plate. Owner can have same by proving property and paying costs. Call at the Independent.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

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All Bread is not the same. Our Butter Milk Bread is gaining in Popularity all the time

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Lyric

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
"LADDER OF LIES"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
ETHEL CLAYTON
Also a two-reel comedy.
11c and 25c

THURSDAY, MAY 19
"THE LAMP LIGHTER"
A Fox picture featuring
SHIRLEY MASON
The story of a girl waif whose path was illuminated by an old lamp lighter. A tale of infinite tenderness and pathos. One in which loyalty and love rescue a child of wealth from rags and a hovel.
Also a two-reel LARRY SEMAN comedy.
11c and 25c

FRIDAY, MAY 20
"KNOW YOUR MAN"
A Fox picture featuring
PEARL WHITE
Also a one-reel comedy.
11c and 25c

SATURDAY, MAY 21
"AWAY GOES PRUDENCE"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
BILLIE BURKE
Pretty Prudence longed to go
Flying in her aeroplane;
Father gruffly told her "No!"
Tried to stop her—all in vain.
So did Hewlett, a mere man,
But she gave them both the slip,
'Til he conjured up a plan
Prue's ambitious wings to clip.
Also a two-reel Educational comedy.
11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY MAY 23 & 24
"MY LADY'S LATCH KEY"
A First National picture featuring
KATHERINE MacDONALD
The key to the heart of a woman who married in haste but didn't repent.
Also a two-reel comedy featuring BUSTER KETON.
11c and 30c

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Large can of Tomatoes	15c
4 lb extra fancy head rice	15c
1 2 lb can of either corn, wax beans, tomato	10c
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2 1-2 lb can of either apricot, peaches or pears	25c
High grade broom	55c
40 in. Voilles per yd	50c
Scrim per yd	25c
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BELMOND TOWNSHIP

(Too late for last week.)

Miss Bertha Springer is visiting at the H. Green home for a few days.

Mrs. Slining has been out to the farm several days the past week.

The young people had a house warming for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Furuseth, Sunday eve.

E. A. Horton and family and Miss Jennie Stella spent Sunday at the M. R. Pierce home.

Lee Shahan has been sick with a bad cold for several days.

Stan Morse is helping with the work during the illness of Lee Shahan.

Miss Ruby Shahan goes to Marshalltown on Monday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Agnes Reed, who is teaching the east school, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harry Slining.

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended the performance given by Cho-Cho.

The co-operators and officers of the Belmond Township Farm Bureau will have a meeting at Mrs. George Elder's on Tuesday afternoon.

Corn planting is the main business of the farmers of this vicinity at the present time.

Floyd Doctor and family visited at the Ray Green home Sunday. They are from Clarion.

Frank Hake and father were fishing at the lake Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Lucksinger from Renwick was a recent visitor at the lake.

J. W. Pierce has been in the Marine hospital at Mare Island for a month with acute bronchial trouble and whooping cough.

Blanche Allstead visited at the Amos Larson home on Sunday.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

(Too late for last week.)

Miss Alma Ericson went to Belmond, Friday, to practice for the operetta to be given by the D. S. C. girls for the benefit of the American Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Torkelson of Thornton were visitors with friends at Olaf, Sunday.

Geo. Baxter and family spent Sunday at the Andrew Lieuwen home near Alexander.

Mrs. Clarence Scott has been enjoying a visit from her aunt, who has been spending the winter in California and is on her way home to South Dakota.

Mrs. Julius Johnson returned from Eagle Grove, Thursday, having spent several days there visiting relatives.

A number of Belgians came from East Moline, Friday, to work the beet fields in this community.

Orpha Anderson, wife and baby drove to Belmond, Saturday evening, and spent the night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse, and on Sunday they drove to Clarion, to spend the day at the Cutler home. Mr. and Mrs. Morse accompanied them.

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

(Too late for last week.)

Rev. Trelstad returned Wednesday from Bricelyn, Minn., where he went to conduct a funeral.

Messrs. Bush and Knudsen were Garner callers Saturday.

Mesdames J. R. Howlett and Art Deibler were Fort Dodge callers on Thursday.

Miss Alpha Bamford returned to Mason City, Monday, after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends at this place.

Louis Harriman returned on Monday to Gourie, after spending several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harriman.

V. E. Cleveland of Belmond was a visitor with reatives and friends here this week.

Miss Lyona Baldridge was at Corwith the first of the week where she acted as stenographer for Mr. Mitchell, who is connected with the Business Mens' Credit Association.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howlett and daughter Iola were Sunday visitors at Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Summers and family were callers with friends at Belmond on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Sanderberg of Clarion were visitors with relatives and friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mons Skouge and little son were over Sunday visitors at Jewell.

Miss Cecil was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends at Britt.

Mrs. Fred Knuteson and little son Lewis left Saturday for a visit with relatives at Iowa Falls.

Messrs. James Shaw and Knute Larson were Humboldt visitors on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Viva Rourk came up from Belmond, Friday, for a short visit at the home of her parents.

Miss Marguerite Wailand of New Hampton is a guest at the Ole Peterson home.

L. B. Miller was a Fort Dodge caller one day this week.

J. C. Johnson returned home Friday from Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin, where he went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. Collins.

Messrs. Hank Van Oosting and Curley Lewis were business callers at Fort Dodge, Tuesday.

Ed. Hanson, Sr., left Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends at Eagle Grove.

Mrs. Sutherland of Winnett, Montana, came Friday for a firief visit at the home her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCarty.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Misses Ellen and Beaulah Anfinson and Mrs. Pete Enge were callers on Mrs. John Stole, Thursday

Mrs. John Stole and sons autoed to Clarion on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbe, Mr. and Mrs. John Kalvig and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asbe and family autoed to Kanawha, Sunday, and ate dinner at the Elmer Kalvig home.

The Sunday school in the St. Johns' church will commence next Sunday, May 15.

Avald Stole is helping T. A. Asbe a couple of days with the field work.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Asbewere business callers at Kanawha on Friday.

The farmers in this neighborhood are getting along nicely with their corn planting.

MESERVEY ITEMS

Mrs. A. J. issen returned home on Sunday from the hospital at Mason City.

The high school will hold their play "The Professor," on Tuesday night at the Raecher garage.

The Meservey base ball team played Clear Lake, the score being 12 to 11 in favor of Meservey.

K. Clarence Ruigh motored to Belmond, Saturday evening, to attend the opening of the State Bank.

G. E. Raecker returned home last week from Waverly where he had been at the hospital for an operation for the removal of his tonsils.

A. J. Nsssen went to Mason City, Saturday, returning Sunday with his wife.

Quite a few young people from here motored to Belmond, Saturday evening.

The American Legion boys of Meservey will play a game of base ball with the fat men (all over 200 pounds in weight of Meservey on Memorial Day.

Henry Koenen of Latimer visited at the John Ruiter home Sunday.

ALEXANDER NFWS NOTES

Archie McCallum of Thornton was transacting business here on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman were callers at Hampton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Class Symers and family were Meservey callers last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. John Arends and son Ben were Hampton callers last Friday.

Miss Wilkens of Latimer visited with friends and relatives here last week.

Mrs. Younglin of Latimer visited her friend, Mrs. Theo. Beenen, here several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Aldinger and two sons visited with relatives at Hampton, Sunday.

Arthur Winwood was a business visitor at Hampton last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte and daughter Miss Hannetta were visitors at Belmond, Saturday.

The Belmond forestry was greatly enjoyed by a group of the young people of Alexander Thursday evening, a picnic supper being chief form of entertainment.

Herman Pals and family dined with the Casper Peil family Sunday.

Fred Greenfield was transacting business at Hampton, Monday.

Alice Peters was a caller at Hampton one day last week.

Miss Alvena Johnson visited at the home of friends in Latimer last week.

Bert Kieslich, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich and children Blanche and Elmer, attended church at Geneva last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Kausian of Ackley is a guest at the Peter and John Bohlen homes this week.

George Latch of Luverne visited relatives at Alexander, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen spent the last of the week with relatives at Ackley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clay of Mason City were calling on friends here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder were Sunday visitors with relatives at Belmond.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Immanuel church was well represented at the Sunday school convention held in the M. E. church both afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hauge were Sunday visiors at the Geo. Thompson home.

Frank Finn underwent an operation ffor appendicitis at the local hospital last week Monday. He is getting along nicely at this writing.

Gail Thompson returned home last Wednesday from Alexander, where she was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen.

Mr. Dziewanowski is greatly improving his home with a new coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Halfpop of near Meservey were Sunday visitors at the W. A. Gartz home.

The catechism class of the Immanuel church enjoyed a picnic at the church last Saturday afternoon.

CAUGHT SALAMANDER

Upper Algona Republican: Wilam Funk, with another of our local fisherman has been catching a few messes of bullheads in the river. The other day Mr. Funk was fishing near the ice house when he felt something tugging at his line. He finally landed what he thought was a whale and when he saw his catch he jumped away. He had caught a water dog about a foot in length. He did not know what he had so he placed it in a pail of water and brought it to this office where some of us old "river rats" took a look and told him it was a salamander. Some claim it is venomous but this is not true. They are plentiful in the muddy sloughs of the Mississippi and in the south some people use them for food. They are amphibious and like the frog can live in or out of the water. Anyhow, "Bill" thought he had a gila monster or some other awful beast. It resembles a lizard, has four legs and the gills used for breathing while in the water, resemble a large collar.

GOODBYE, BILL

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—William H. Frank, millionaire brewer, has announced his intention of going to Switzerland to escape prohibition.—Press Dispatch.

To which "Sample Case," a magazine for commercial travelers, replies:

All right, Bill, if that's the way you feel about it, here's your hat, and if you never come back, that will be soon enough. But, Bill, seeing that you made your millions here and that your fellowtownsmen bestowed upon you the highest honors that were theirs to give, we feel that you ought to be willing to do the country a little favor before you shake that dust of our bonedry soil from your feet forever. We are wondering if you couldn't take along with you the rest of the gang that seems to forget this is a republic and that the majority have a right to rule.

Now, Bill, we are not asking nor even suggesting that you take them all to Switzerland, for we have no special grudge against that struggling little country. But you might just kinda scatter them around in the few wet spots that are left, sort of divide them up you know, and as we presume that the wetter it is the better they will like it, we don't care (unless the fish and game warden kicks) if you drop a bunch of them off in the middle of the Atlantic.

Well, so long, Bill; we'd be glad to shed a few tears at the parting but we can't do it for laughing, and we certainly hope that you will get all the enjoyment you can out of your booze while you stick around this world, for we have a sort of hunch that a drink of good old Poughkeepsie hydrant water would taste awfully good to you (if you could get it) in the next world.

GOVERNMENT PREPARING FOR POST OFFICE ROBBERS

Postmasters in the more important towns of the nation are being advised by the post office department that plans are under headway whereby every post office of such towns will be equipped with a sufficient supply of firearms as to make the offices safe against daylight robbery.

Already shipments are going out to one of the post offices in this section of the state, and Belmond will likely have its supply in a few weeks. Sawed off shotguns and heavy 45-calibre revolvers will be forwarded. These are to be kept close at hand. Carriers of mail from station to post office will likely be armed, especially if it is known that valuable mail is being transported. Even rural carriers, when making valuable mail deliveries, will be allowed to carry a small arsenal ready for service. Permit to carry such arms come direct from Washington, and no local permits are necessary.

Mail robberies have become so frequent of late months that one of the first acts of Postmaster General Hitch cock was the posting of a $5,000 reward to any postal employee who captures a mail robber, dead or alive. An attempt to rob the mails is counted the same as an actual robbery.

The government is not the heavy loser on many of these robberies. Registered mail protection by the government is limited, but insurance companies carry the extra risk for a very small premium. It is said that hardly one registered package in a thousand goes thru theft or carelessness. Many insured packages are lost, but they are generally of small value.

IT PAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

The fact that the Standard Oil company has discovered oil and is operating wells in Egypt is generally known, but the reason for it's going to that ancient land to look for oil is probably not so well known. It is asserted that one of the directors of the company happened to read the second chapter of Exodus. The 3rd verse immediately caught his attention. It is stated that the ark of bulrushes which the mother of Moses made for her child was "daubed with slime and with pitch." This acute gentleman reasoned that where there was pitch there must be oil, and if there was oil in Moses' time it is probably still there. So the company sent Charles Whitshott, its geologist and oil expert, to make investigations, with the result that oil was discovered. Three wells are now in operation and others are to be opened.—Exchange.

TRICKS IN ALL TRADES

This little deal is said to have been pulled off recently in Fairmont. A resident had an old car. He took the old car to agarage and said he would buy a high priced new one if they would take the old one in for a certain sum. about $200 too high. "Well, I'll leave it and if you can sell it for that price, I'll take the new car," the owner said. In a day or two a man came in and looked at the old car. The price was satisfactory. "I'll pay you $25 down to bind the bargain and in a few days come in with the rest of the money." Then he went away. The first man came in, got his car, and paid for it, giving the old one at his own price. The garage is still waiting for the "other fellow" to come in with the balance of the money. Now they say the man who got the new car gave a stranger $25 to go in and buy the old car. There are tricks in every trade.—Fairmont Sentinel.

FORD STOLEN AT HAMPTON

Chronicle : Some person or persons stole the Ford sedan owned by O. F. Myers from the Myers garage last Saturday night, and after running the car probably 40 or 50 miles, judging from the amount of gas used, the culprits abandoned the car and left it alongside of the curb in front of the residence of Judge W. D. Evans. Local officials are on the trail of the thieves and they hope to be able to round them up.

BELMOND GIRL'S PUPILS IN RECITAL AT GARNER

Garner Leader: At M. N. Zeiger's Hall, Thursday evening of last week, a musical event of importance took place. On that evening the pupils of Miss Nellie Sullivan, musical instructor from Belmond, who has a large class here, performed. For many of them it was their first public appearance but let us hope that they continue to gather knowledge of music under the careful direction of Miss Sullivan and develope to the fullest the natural ability that a great many of them appear to be blessed with.

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SYNOPSIS.

PART I.—Robert Hervey Randolph, young New York man-about-town, leaves the home of his sweetheart, Madge Van Tellier, chagrined because of her refusal of his proposal of marriage. His income, $10,000 a year, which he must surrender if a certain Miss Imogen Pamela Thornton (whom he has seen only as a small girl ten years before) is found, is not considered by the girl of his heart adequate to modern needs. In a "don't care" mood Randolph enters a taxi, unseen by the driver, and is driven to the stage door of a theater. A man he knows, Duke Beamer, induces a girl to enter the cab. Beamer, attempting to follow, is pushed back by Randolph and the cab moves on. His new acquaintance tells Randolph she is a chorus girl, and has lost her position. She is in distress, even hungry, and he takes her to his apartment. There, after lunch, a chance remark convinces him the girl is the missing Pamela Thornton. He does not tell her of her good fortune, but secures her promise to stay in the flat until the morning, and leaves her. In a whimsical mood, also realizing that the girl's reappearance has left him practically penniless, he bribes the taxi driver to let him take his job, and leaving word with the legal representative of the Thornton estate where he can find Pamela, takes up his new duties under the name of "Slim Hervey." He loves the girl, but his pride forbids him approaching her under their changed conditions.

PART II.—One evening he is engaged by Beacher Tremont, notorious profligate, to drive him and Madge Van Tellier to a hostelry known as "Greenwood." Aware of the evil nature of the place, Randolph drives the pair to Greenwood cemetery. Infuriated, Beacher gets out of the cab and Randolph leaves him there, taking the girl (who has awakened to a realization of her folly) to her home. Madge recognizes him.

PART III.—In Randolph's apartment Pamela, pondering over the strangeness of the night's adventure, realizes she is very much more than interested in the young man. Next morning Mr. Borden Milyuns, her family's legal representative, informs her of her inheritance. Learning that her acceptance of the money will leave Randolph penniless, even the furniture of the apartment belonging to her, she proposes to divide the inheritance with him. Mr. Milyuns tells her Randolph is unlikely to agree to such an arrangement, even if found. He, however, agrees to do his utmost to find the young man. Wide advertising and the employment of detective agencies fail to accomplish this. Madge Van Tellier tells Mr. Milyuns of her encounter with Randolph. Knowing only that he is driving a taxicab, Pamela sets out to find him. The search naturally is a long one, but finally she comes upon Randolph in front of a hotel. Unseen by him she enters his cab, but when giving the starter her address Randolph recognizes her voice. The streets are slippery with snow, and in his excitement he smashes the cab against the curb, throwing the girl out.

There is no doubt that in five minutes more Mr. Gloom would have assumed full sway in the late apartment of Mr. Robert H. Randolph had not a long procession of parcels begun to arrive in the nick of time. Tomlinson brought them into the bedroom, one, two, three at a haul, and Pamela herself cut the knots with Mr. Randolph's best nail-scissors and laid out the goods, filmy fold upon filmy fold.

By the time Eileen turned up the apartment looked like the stateroom de lux of a millionaire young lady returning from Paris with nothing to wear and preparing to swear to it before all the customs officials in Gotham. Tomlinson was ordered to fill the cellar with wrapping-paper, tissue-paper, cardboard boxes and string, burning what was left over in the back yard.

As soon as sufficient space had been cleared for action, the two girls set to work, and were soon involved in such an orgy of "trying on" as only the healthiest stamina of youth could have endured without falling over in a dead faint from exhaustion. Even Eileen divested her person of everything but, and experimented with such dear garments as it seemed impossible Miss Thornton could get round to in the allotted time.

Having tried to show the public how charming was Pamela in and without her cheap clothes, no puerile and gasping effort will be made in these pages to measure the effect upon her of the latest creations of the raiment dream-gods of Fifth avenue. Suffice it to say that, in one hour's twinkling of the eye, she became such a radiant vision as chokes mere words down into the pit of a man's stomach, makes his jaw work like that of a fish on a hot sidewalk, fills his eyes with the pleading light of calf-love and inspires his hands with an overmastering desire to reach for it.

For two, four, six days, a week, two weeks, Pamela lived in breathless anticipation of the moment when she could burst upon the eyesight of one Robert Hervey Randolph, and when all these days—and weeks—passed without any news of him, her lips that were made to smile, to kiss, and to bless the air with words softly spoken and carried on the fragrance of clean young breath began to droop pitifully.

Mr. Milyuns' efforts in several directions had so far proved in vain. He had advertised in every paper in Gotham, from the New York Epoch to the pink Police Gazette; he had offered rewards; he had set traps and was now supporting a large corps of rapidly fattening individuals who called themselves "plain-clothes" men—a name that would have fitted them admirably had the last syllable been omitted. His net results were the information that Mr. Randolph, in a reprehensible state of intoxication and at seven o'clock of the morning of which he had disappeared, had exchanged his swell evening garments at a second-hand emporium on Sixth avenue for a suit of thicks and eighteen dollars in cash, stating, as he left the place, that he was thinking of going South for the rest of the winter.

After a minute and leisurely study of all the exits from Manhattan, the plain-clothes men had given it as their united opinion that Mr. Randolph had been speaking facetiously in his last-known remark and had probably not voyaged farther south than Canal street. They said if he would only try to leave New York they could find him at once, and settled down on a policy of watchful waiting for that event.

The efforts made by Mr. Milyuns in the direction of springing Miss Thornton on society went equally awry, but were not quite so fruitless. His natural love of a smooth-running establishment on the slippery crust of Gotham's social plane would have been saved a severe bump if American parents were as careful to look up their guests' moral records as they are to study their ratings in Bradstreetum's.

Unfortunately for Mr. Milyuns, it happened that a certain young scion of a once gentlemanly house was included in the first large dinner-box-party given to meet Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton. In the natural course of such events, the pasty youth stepped up for presentation, registering in his protuberant eyes a gleam of dubious surprise. What if he should say, "Hello, Vivienne!" Would it create a sensation?

Something else did; namely, Miss Thornton's modulated but terribly clear voice.

"I met Mr. Beamer," said Pamela, drawing back quickly her half-extended hand, "when I was a chorus-girl." She turned with a winning smile to her recently beaming hostess. "I don't care to know him in pleasanter surroundings."

For one breathless second there threatened one of those silences that spell social disaster. Eileen took it upon herself to mash it in its extreme youth with a soft tap of her efficient hammer.

"Oh, must you really go?" she remarked to Mr. Beamer.

Did this spectacular debut strike the name of Imogene Pamela from the lists of the matronly elite of Manhattan? It did not. Invitations rained on her and found her unresponsive. Her would-be hostesses would have gone the length of submitting rostrums of proposed guests as though to royalty, except for the fact that each and every one of them wished to put her own nearest and dearest to the test of a sudden meeting with the most exclusive of New York's latest crop of buds.

Pamela refused and accepted these bids for the latest thing in sensations in the most erratic manner. No one could fathom just why she said, "No," and much less why she occasionally said, "Yes." The mystery only added to the demands for her company and the Nays soon began to show an overwhelming preponderance over the Ayes. Why? Simply because it was not in the power of any of the hostesses to call up the moody girl and say: "My dear, we are going to have just pork and beans for dinner tonight. Won't you join us? Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph said he would drop in for pot-luck."

Yes; every time Pamela had accepted an invitation, it was in the rapidly waning hope that Mr. Randolph, beloved and once at the beck and call of these very people, would appear and come into his own. Could she have surmised that on two separate occasions the knight errant of her thoughts had actually seen her in her most ravishing bibless evening tucker, had driven her to two familiar doors, taken her money with averted face and without inspecting the "clock," and had passed on to some quiet stand to dream over her new glory and read the latest batch of ads crying for news of the whereabouts and welfare of self—could she have known these apparently insignificant items in the daily life of the great city, she would have wept her lovely eyes out twice over.

Such being her state of heart, imagine her excitement when Mr. Milyuns called by appointment and retailed word for word the following conversation which he had participated in that very morning with Miss Madge Van Tellier of East Ninth street:

"Oh, Mr. Milyuns, are you doing all that advertising for Bobby Randolph?"

"Yes, Madge; I certainly am, and if it doesn't bear fruit pretty soon I'll have to give up tobacco."

"Are you advertising for his own good? I mean is it important to him—not to you—for you to find him? Would he be really and truly glad to be found even against his will?"

"Er—yes—er—it is—er—he would—er—if he isn't sixteen kinds of a fool. I think I caught them all, my dear, but if I left any out, please repeat."

"Yes," admitted the lady question-mark; "your legal mind answered them all. Now tell me just your human self—if you were in Bobby's place, would you want to be found by you for the purpose that you want to find him for?"

Mr. Milyuns did not pretend for one second that he did not understand the preposterously worded query.

"You bet I would!" he answered promptly and emphatically. "Now tell me what you've got up your sleeve. Please, Madge; that's a dear girl! If you only knew how I'm worried seven times a day—"

"I'm trying to tell you," broke in Miss Van Tellier, "but you talk so much I can't get in anywhere. Last night, a taxi brought me home from—er—from a drive, and the cabman was Bobby, looking simply stunning in one of those awfully high-collared, khaki, waist-effect woolly coats, chauffeur's cap, tan puttees, boots, and all—"

"Yes, yes," interrupted Mr. Milyuns; "I know now just how he looked. What was the license-number of the car, and to which company did it belong?"

A long pause.

"Why, I didn't notice."

"Thanks awfully, my dear."

Sound of hanging up the receiver.

"So there you are," said Mr. Milyuns to the very much excited Pamela. "We've got this far and, by a fluke entirely unconnected with the twenty-two sleuths I have been pensioning in advance of their lifelong service, Robert is driving one of the sixty-three thousand taxicabs that infest the streets of New York."

"Poor dear!" said Pamela, tears rising to her adorable eyes. Then she dismissed Mr. Milyuns, who would gladly have lingered. "I have to go out now. I'm so sorry, but thank you very, very much."

"Can't I drop you wherever you're going?" asked the very human mind of the leading legal authority on corporation hedge-rows and byways.

"Oh, no," said Pamela, translucent as love itself; "I shall go in taxis."

How many vulgar vehicles for hire were blessed by the transient presence of Miss Thornton during the next seven hours is a matter of gross mathematics and consequently beneath the ken of an intelligence that can chat along about nice things like Pamela and Robert Randolph for pure pleasure and subsequently sell the remarks for cold cash. Five minutes to spot a lively cab, five minutes to ticket the driver and pile him on the discard, two more to find her purse, three more to look innocent; then start all over again. Divide seven times sixty minutes by all that, and you've got her number.

Let us leave the statistical fiend and pass on to seven o'clock of the near-Christmas evening when Miss Thornton was momentarily out of a cab and strolling down the slope of the hump in West Fifty-seventh street. A mushy snow-rain had just begun to fall, giving anyone with the price a splendid excuse for taking a cab anywhere for anywhere. Before the portal of the Great Northern Lights squatted four taxis in a line. In the driver's seat of the rearmost of these, and consequently the last on the rank, a lank human being was buried in an enormous turned-up collar roofed by a chauffeur's cap set at an angle of slumber.

Pamela, the very moment her eyes fell on the recumbent figure, felt that short quick leap of the blood in her veins which is ordinarily termed a "hunch." She longed to step forward and raise the veiling headgear, but she dared not, for not only was the hotel-starter on the job but also the window-shades of the Poppy club next door were still elevated by special request, owing to the slippery state of the sidewalk in conjunction with the homeward-bound stream of dress-models.

As a consequence, she was necessarily content with opening the car door for herself and stepping in. The starter politely begged her to pass to the taxi at the head of the rank and just as politely she informed him that her feet were wet enough as it was. In the meantime, even her light weight on the running-board had startled the driver into wakefulness and, without going through any motions, he had heard the unforgettable tones of her voice.

The starter shrugged his shoulders, barked out an address in Fifty-ninth street and kindly offered to "turn her over for him." The driver laid trembling hands on the wheel and cautiously drew himself up to a sitting position without disturbing the shielding angle of his cap. Far from his troubled mind were thoughts of snow, the slush and skidding. He threw in his clutch, started her with a jerk, rounded the cab in front successfully, skidded mightily thereafter, straightened her out, skidded again, and crashed, with a great splintering of spokes, broadside front on the curb directly before the delighted windows of the Poppy club.

Nothing would have happened to Miss Thornton had she been sitting back in a ladylike manner, but at the moment of the cab's collision with the imperturbable curb, she was otherwise occupied; in short, the glass being a bit frosted, she was standing up and trying to peek through the speaking-slot. As a consequence, when the door flew open with the shock, she also flew and volplaned to a landing on hands and knees in the very middle of the very wide sidewalk.

With a cry of, "Oh, miss!" the driver sprang toward her, but when, still on hands and knees, she looked up and gasped, "Oh, Randy—Mr. Randolph!" he turned and fled down the hill.

"Hi! You Slim Hervey!" yelled the starter. "Come back here an' sign up for the junk!"

In the meantime, which wasn't much more than the twinkling of an eye, three perennial near-youths dashed down the steps of the Poppy club to the assistance of the loveliest trouble that had ever sent out an S. O. S. signal in the face of ready help to the falling. Individually and collectively, they raised the curly-haired vision to its feet.

"It was Mr. Randolph," gasped the maiden, in evident distress, "and I've been looking for him for weeks."

"Not Bobby!" exclaimed Mr. Nearton.

"Not Herv!" ejaculated Mr. Verries.

"Not Randy!" interjected Mr. Berry.

Pamela nodded three times, but her eyes failed to show wonder. Nowadays everybody she ran into seemed to know everybody she knew by his first name.

"Excuse me," said Mr. Nearton, intent on getting there first with a remark—any remark; "does he owe you money, too?"

The effect was electrical. Miss Thornton assumed a freezing dignity. She fixed Mr. Nearton with steady eyes.

"How much does Mr. Randolph owe you?" she asked.

"Only tw-twenty," babbled Mr. Nearton.

"Well, here it is," said Pamela, drawing a yellowback from her chatelaine and thrusting it into Mr. Nearton's nerveless hand. "I happen to owe Mr. Randolph a great deal more than that." Wherewith she turned and made for the corner and the nearest telephone booth.

Pamela was short of breath when she reached the telephone, but she managed to get Mr. Milyuns' residence on the wire and learned that he was detained at the office. She called up that safe den of the wo'-'d-be undisturbed and connected with a new and strange drawl.

"You've got the wrong number, lady. This Mr. Milyuns went home early to celebrate his silver wedding."

"Will you put me through to Mr. Borden Milyuns," asked Paméla, in a sugar-sweet voice, "or do you really want to start looking for another job?"

"How do I know you know him—Miss Hurry, did you say? The office-boy ain't here, so I can't ask him. Leave me your number, an' I'll have him call you."

"Know him!" gulped Pamela, in a rage. "Why, I've k-kissed him!"

"Kissed Mr. Milyuns!" responded the voice, taking sudden notice. "Well, dearie, why didn't you say so? I thought you was one of them high-brow dames. If it's a matter of kissin' the boss over the wire, why just you go to it. I won't listen—oh, no!"

And a moment later, Pamela, in a streamline body:

"Oh, Mr. Milyuns, this is Pamela and I've found him! . . . Yes; Randy—Mr. Randolph. . . . No; he got away! . . . Yes. He's going under the name of Slim Hervey and he was driving the Village Cab company's No. 1898, and he smashed it on the curb just in front of that horrid Poppy club, and when he saw me, he ran. . . . Oh, you will get him, won't you? Please hurry. And now, if you'll hang up, I have a few words to say to that new telephone girl of yours. . . . Oh, no! you needn't tell her; I can feel her sagging on the wire. . . . Oh, will you? Oh, thank you! It isn't as if she didn't deserve it."

PART IV.

The Ascent to Mars.

When Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph, alias Slim Hervey, chauffeur, vice Patrick O'Reilly, ex-driver of the Village Cab company's No. 1898, skidded that vehicle disastrously to the curb in front of the Poppy club and, as a result of his criminal negligence, in conjunction with Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton's reprehensible peeking occupation, hurled that young lady to the middle of the sidewalk on her hands and knees, he leaped from his seat on a spontaneous impulse to help her to her feet and administer every kind of first comfort that the occasion seemed to demand.

Two considerations, however, shot from the double-barreled blunderbuss of Ridicule and Honor, caught him on the wing, as it were, and deflected his flight from west to east with a sharp turn due south at the corner of Fifty-seventh street and Sixth avenue. In the first place, out of the corner of his eye he had seen his one-time friends, Mr. Nearton, Mr. Verries and Mr. Berry descending the shallow club front steps in an avalanche; in the second place, he suddenly recollected that Miss Thornton was an heiress, high above his present station and intent, as he had gathered from between the lines in various advertisements in the local press referring to the location of his person, on thanking and otherwise recompensing him for turning to the right in a matter of ten thousand dollars a year, unearned increment.

As he gazed for one too brief second down into the pleading eyes and adorably eager face of this lovable vision on her hands and knees, which it seemed unbelievable he had once held in his arms, only the oft-repeated favorite poem of his nurse:

I could not love thee, dear, so much
Loved I not honor more,

kept him from facing the avalanche of ridicule and giving the eternally searching Diogenes with his lantern a run for his money. As previously stated, it was not to be. Mr. Randolph turned from the waiting arms of the sweetest temptation ever reniged by man and made his swift way to the sanctum of Mr. Tourke O'Shaughnessy, foreman-manager of the Village Cab company.

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wheels of my wagon on the curb in front of the Poppy club. Dock me thirty, please, and make out my pay check."

"Through, Slim? Whadda ya mean?" said Mr. O'Shaughnessy. "Think I'm goin' to sack you for a skid on a day like this? Pay for your fun, kid, but take another wagon."

Robert Randolph, alias Slim Hervey, shook his head.

"You don't understand," he said. "I—I've lost my nerve."

"Lost your nerve!" gasped Mr. O'Shaughnessy. "Whadda ya mean by tellin' me a lie like that? Come on, now; draw a map! Did ye kill the inside?"

"Oh, no," said Slim; "that's just it. I mean, the young lady is very much all right."

"I begin to get you," murmured Tourke. "Skirt on your track, eh?" A look of pity followed by one of loyalty crept into his eyes. "Look here, Slim," he continued: "I know that tryin' to trick a female is like playin' hockey with a stick o' dynamite, but we got a lot o' high cards to draw to. First shot out o' the box, all the boys here is for you. Then there's your frien's, the Force. I want to tell you, Slim, you're the first driver I ever had that could flatten out a cop on a busy day an' make him think it was a joke."

"Thanks," said Mr. Randolph, but shook his head sadly.

"Now, listen," resumed Mr. O'Shaughnessy: "I'm goin' to have the boys up here as they come in an' put 'em on. In the enteract, you slip out for a makeup. Get Sally Painter round the corner to tone your face down to the color of your freckles, do a little job on yer eyebrows, an' fix a deep scar in the upper lip of yer speakin' tube. Get me?"

Mr. Randolph's widely placed blue eyes narrowed in an effort to examine the proposition shrewdly from all angles, and the light of hope was just beginning to dawn across the trouble in his honest face when there came a sharp knock on the door, followed promptly by the rattle of the loose knob and the unceremonious entry of one birdlike, bald-headed, dapper corporation lawyer and two corpulent gum-shoe plain-clothes men.

"Yere! Wot the—" exclaimed the outraged Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

The legal light paid him no heed and advanced on the fast-wilting Slim Hervey with outstretched hand.

"Robert!" he cried beamingly. "My dear boy, I'm glad to see you!"

"Don't take the glad hand, Slim," warned Mr. O'Shaughnessy. "The little runt may be tryin' to serve papers on yer. Now, gents, show yer warrant er I'll call the boys an' you take the consequenees."

"I guess it's all right, Tourke," said Slim weakly. "They aren't going to pull me, exactly."

"I don't care whether they think they're goin' to pinch you er not," remarked Mr. O'Shaughnessy, fixing malignant eyes on the two heavy flanking forces of the small lawyer. "I never did like the smell of fat." Suddenly he roared: "Hey! Boys!"

The two bulls, strayed into inhospitable pastures, turned, stepped catfooted to the door, and took the flight of steps in three. They cannot be blamed, for they had recognized in Mr. O'Shaughnessy the man who had once been arrested for pushing over with one hand a Ford that had crowded him.

"Now, Robert," said the legal personage, apparently quite oblivious of the desertion of his supports, "I just want to talk with you. May I sit down?"

"Certainly, Mr. Milyuns," said Robert, apathetically.

"Excuse me," murmured Mr. O'Shaughnessy. "Did I, or didn't I get the name correct?"

"I beg your pardon, Tourke," said Robert, "Mr. Borden Milyuns; Mr. Tourke O'Shaughnessy." He pronounced it "O'Shockenssy," to the delight of the owner's ears, long unaccustomed to the correct intonation of the exotic patronymic.

"I did hear correct," said Mr. O'Shaughnessy, as he rose and tiptoed from the room. "I leave you gents to your family affairs," he added from the door, his eyes drinking a last view of the brain king he had dared to call a runt.

During the next half-hour, Mr. Milyuns delivered himself of an assorted lot of special pleading that he could have sold on the market almost any day for fifty thousand dollars, but the sole judge and object of his efforts still sat swinging one putteed leg in midair, as though fanning aside the valuable streams of golden words, and continued puffing at one cigarette after another, each lighted from the butt of its predecessor.

"It's no use, Mr. Milyuns," said Robert, at last. "The truth is, and you know it, that a meeting between myself and Pam—Miss Thornton, at the present time and under the exceptional conditions, could only bring about complications beyond the capability of any one of us to handle. Her proposal that she divide her income with me is so absurd that I am amazed at your imper—at your hardihood in even mentioning it."

Mr. Milyuns wiped his brow for the first time in many years.

"I don't mind you calling me 'impertinent,' Robert," he said meekly. "Call me anything you please. Only"—and his voice rose gradually to a surprising volume—"don't forget that I promised one of the dearest, most unspoiled, lovable, and wholly adorable young persons that it's ever been my privilege to assure of the impossible that I would bring you to her, and, by the holy mackerel, I will—if I have to hold you by one ear with my teeth."

Mr. Randolph took his latest cigarette from his mouth during this strictly illegal peroration, and allowed his lips to spread into a broad smile.

"Mr. Milyuns," he said, "I always did like you; now I've got a deeper feeling. They call it love. I admit to the human end of you that the only thing that keeps me from rushing straight away to call on the lady you have so accurately described is the fact that I haven't money and she has."

"But what about the job I offered you?" interjected Mr. Milyuns.

"I was coming to that," said Mr. Randolph. "I'm not keen on charity from you any more than from Miss Thornton, but—more than that—I wouldn't bury myself in your stuffy old skyscraper at any cash price known to man. In the first place, you belong to the most unoriginal of all professions, and, in the second, you make money too slowly."

"'Make money too slowly!'" gasped Mr. Milyuns, forgetting Bobby and Pamela and their affairs for the first time in three weeks, and remembering, for a change, and with a twinge of his hardened conscience, the size of his last retainer. "Ha!"

But Mr. Randolph allowed him no time for indulgence in vocal mirth.

"That's what I said," he continued, unmoved. "To meet Miss Thornton face to face and unashamed, I feel that I must have a capital of at least a hundred thousand."

He sank his head in thought for a moment. When he raised it again, the widely placed blue eyes were there. So was the saddle of faint freckles across his nose; so was the guarantee of honesty across his open face, but superimposed over all was a new look of sudden resolution.

"You will please tell Miss Thornton," he resumed, "that I shall do myself the honor of calling on her one week from the day after tomorrow at four in the afternoon. There is a condition, however, and it is that I be left alone without any mental reservation by her and you and your agents during the intervening time."

"One hundred thousand in nine days," murmured Mr. Milyuns skeptically. His great brain hung poised in thought for some time, but finally he nodded his acceptance of Robert's terms of capitulation and promptly left the room.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy presently returned and found his favorite driver sunk in strenuous reverie.

"Well, Mr.—er—Robert, are you goin' back to the folks?"

Mr. Randolph raised his head and smiled.

"Call me 'Slim,' please, Tourke—'Slim Hervey,' for awhile yet. I've decided to accept your offer of another wagon for a week or two—that is, if you realize you'll be doing me just a plain, unornamental favor."

"Sure, kid!" said Mr. O'Shaughnessy, flushing, as does all his kind on the verge of gratitude. "That's all right."

"Thanks a lot!" said Mr. Randolph. "And do you mind if I take the Wall street beat for a while? I need money."

"Why, Slim, what's got ye? Ye know that's the rottenest short-run stand in town. Now, ef it's money you want—" Mr. O'Shaughnessy reached slowly down into his capacious trousers pocket, his eyes, meanwhile, studying Mr. Randolph's physiognomy with a shrewd glint that had forestalled many a clever attempt at a touch in years gone by.

"Yes, money," said Mr. Randolph pensively; "a hundred thousand dollars' worth."

(Continued next week)

THE STRATEGY OF METHODISM IN AMERICA

By Rev. J. H. Edge.
(By Request.)

The essence of Christianity is service. One cannot know Christ as his own and keep Him unto himself. If we would be Christians we must be a Christianizing influence. Christians are as a leaven put in the meal and leavening the whole lump.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, said, "The world is my parish." Jesus said to His desciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Methodism is endeavoring to fulfill that mission and commission. To build the kingdom of God in the hearts of men and claim the kingdoms of this world for our Lord and Christ is a task so stupendous as to necessitate its being attacked with a program something like commensurate with the task. A program implies some knowledge both of the task and of the resources available to meet the task. That the Methodist church has such a program is the verdict of religious leaders, business men and statesmen. As a part of Methodism, we members of this church, are glad to be a part of that worthy program. The foundation of that program have been well laid. It remains for us to build upon them the structure of a Christianized world. It is my conviction that one of the reasons why the Church has not accomplished its task in a larger measure in the past is because it has played at its job. Its task has been so tremendously large and its program so pitifully small that it hasn't commanded the respect of live, energetic, wide-awake men and women. Furthermore: the average person has not been sufficiently informed as to the task that faces the Church and what the Church is trying to do and actually doing. I submit to you that the program of our Church is worthy and deserving of our knowledge of it and of our largest possible co-operation in it. If I did not think so I would immedately try to find a church that had that kind of program. We can, this morning, note but a few illustrations of what that task is and what our Church is doing. May we say that the work being done is strategic work and at strategic points?

1—Hospitals. It is generally conceded that one of the most fruitful pieces of work done by the Roman Catholic Church is the work it does thru its hospitals, of which they have many more than do all of the Protestant churches of the land. May God's blessing be upon them in their ministry of healing, for where would we be today were it not for these hospitals? And still there are not enough hospitals, for hundreds and thousands of men and women, boys an girls are dying needlessly for lack of hospitals. It is with a full realization of the need and value of this work that, according to the daily press of a week ago, **Mother Dominica** of St. Francis convent of Dubuque made the offer to a committee of citizens of LeMars that heir order would give a dollar for every dollar the committee gave, not to exceed $150,000. "That after the hospital is built no further assistance would be asked from the community to keep the hospital running; that any surplus earned in excess of current expenses would be expended here in the upkeep and betterment of the service, and that no worthy case would ever be turned away because of the lack of means." Like a group of wise citizens, of course those men accepted the offer. But that is strategic work from the standpoint of the Church as well. Was there not something of the same strategy in Mr. George I. Seney's offer to our church when he wrote to Dr. Buckley: "I offer you 16 eligible lots, valued at $40,000 as a site, and $100,000 in cash toward the erection of a Methodist Episcopal hospital, which shall be open to Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, heathen and infidel, on the same terms"? Realizing the need, the responsibility and the opportunity what could our Church do but accept the offer, and give itself, thru that institution, in service to humanity? Some months ago Dr. Jepson of Sioux City made a similar offer to our Church in this Northwest Iowa Conference, giving to the Church a hospital building valued at $40,000 and a 280 acre farm valued at a minimum of $60,000. The offer was held open for some months until finally it must be accepted or lost for ever. It is an opportunity to do strategic work in a strategic place and therefore the Church dare not let that opportunity slip by without accepting it. This is work to be done and being done by the church in the name of our Christ.

11. City Missions. Here is afforded the Church another place for strategic work. Two years ago the Union Methodist Episcopal Church an W. 48th and Broadway was on the market and about to be sold. All efforts to operate the church had failed. Our Board of Home Missions took over the property and paid its debts. A year ago Dr. John G. Benson was appointed pastor. Now there are an average of 800 people every day in Union Church and it is one of the livest centers Methodism has in New York City. The urvey made by our Church in Greater New York two years ago showed that there were 175,000 colored people there. The Methodist Episcopal Church then had seven congregations of them but only one church building for them. By the help of the Mission Board they have now acquired two more church buildings. How did the Mission Board help them? Not by giving them the buildings. Rather by givig them a sum of money as an inducement for them to raise what was needed to finish the project. For instance, the Board put in $5,000 if the colored folk would raise $27,000, which they did and purchased a very suitable building for one group of colored folk. That was good business. It was strategy in Kingdom building.

111 Mining towns, lumber camps, etc. In Colorado there is a coal mining and coke town of 18,000 population, of whom 11,000 were born in Europe. After coming to this land they were left to drift and settle where they would, until the moral and social conditions of the town became postively vicious. There was no other facility for welfare or social work in the town. What is it but a challenge to the Church? The entrance of the Church there means strategic work at a strategic place.

IV Mountaineers. Here too is a tremendous challenge to the Church of Christ. The Rev. Russell T. Pynes went down into Louisiana in 1919 and moved out nine miles from the railroad. He found there two small churches with 15 members. With some outside assistance from the Mission Board he has already built up an active membership of 178 and has organized two thriving Epworth Leagues among the young people. He has interested the people in a high school and has gotten them to vote a tax to build one. He says he preaches to more people every Sunday now than he did when he was pastor in a town of 20,000, which he left when he went down there. This is a phase of Kingdom building in which our Church believes and is engaged. It is strategic work.

V. Mormanism. No church, unless it be with one exception, has grown so rapidly in recent years as has the Morman Church. In their last yearly report a Morman elder boasted that of their new converts for the past year 83,000 of them had been taken from the Christian churches. The power of the Morman Church lies in its great wealth, for it not only has great possessions but gets 10 per cent of the annual income of all its members. Utah has great natural resources and these are controlled by the Mormans. The following we quote from one who lives in Salt Lake City: "The Morman Church controlls the salt industry of the United States. The Great Salt Lake is 100 miles long, 50 miles wide and 24 per cent salt. It costs 65 cents to manufacture the salt, which is sold for $12 to $15 a ton. In the same way it controlls the sugar industry, and it was the head of the Morman Church who, by a stroke of his pen, raised the price of sugar from 16 to 28 cents in a single night. It owns as much land as is embraced by France, Spain and Portugal, including the best sugar lands in Panama and the Hawaiian Isles, and the best wheat lands of Western Canada. The president of the church is the president of 22 banks, 65 per cent of the railroad stock is in its hands and it has a controlling interest in the steel and other industries. People do not realize the stranglehold the Morman Church is getting on this country thru its great wealth. Its elders boast that it is the greatest autocracy in the world—A man who lives in polygamy is told that he will become the ruler of a planet. Plural marriages are customary and for the last three years 'wife sacrifice' has been practiced. When Joseph F. Smith, the last president of the Church, died, it took 50 limousines to convey his wives and immediate descendents to the funeral. This is suggestive to us of the program of Mormanism. What are we to do to meet it? Methodism has attacked the problem in the most strategic way, namely, thru education, and is making it possible for the Morman youth to get a Christian education. This phase of work is strategic inasmuch as higher education is not given a conspicious place in the Morman program.

VI Wesley Foundation. This work that our Church is doing at the state universities is one of the most strategical pieces of work being done in the Home Field. There are 1,200 Methodist students at Ames, with no place of worship except an old hall. Most certainly the church ought to provide for the religious nurture and care of its boys and girls while they are in these institutions of higher learning. Probably no field in America offers a larger opportunity for constructive work than do these great student bodies. Practically every life touched by the Church here becomes a postive force or leader in the interests of the Church thruout after life. Our Home Mission Board is leading in the building of a community house at Ames for these Iowa boys and girls and putting a live man there to pastor them. A similar thing is being done in all our great state student centers. And results are already in evidence. Iowa State University sent six graduates to the Foreign Field in 1920. At the present time 20 Methodist boys and girls at the same University are lined up for definite Christian service. The University of Kansas has multiplied her number of recruits for Christian service by seven. At the University of California ten students were recently licensed to preach. This is most certainly strategic work for the Church and is worthy of the best assistance we can give it. It reminds us of the words of Roger W. Babson in one of his recent statistical bulletins: "We are willing to give our property and even our lives when our country calls in time of war. Yet the call of Christian education is today of even greater importance than was ever the call of the army or navy. We insure our houses and factories, our automobiles and our business thru mutual and stock insurance companies, but the same amount of money invested in Christian education would give far greater results. Besides, Christian education can insure what no corporation can insure—namely, prospesity."

It is well for us to get it grounded into our systems that the work of the Christian Church in America has but begun. With Oriential religious spreading thruout this country from New York to Hawaii; with 74 Buddhist temples in the United States today; and as many or more of other heathen temples in our Christian land; with an immense immigration population, millions of them without any idea of the principles of Americanism or Christianity, the Church of Jesus Christ faces a stupendous task. It is time that we recognize Jesus Christ as not a mere convenience either for individual or nation but as the supreme need of both; that we treat His gospel and His salvation not with indifference and hesitancy, but see Him and His gospel and His salvation as the world's first and greatest necessity.

LEGION CHECKING UP NEEDS OF WAR BOYS

The American Legion, mindful of the needs and conditions of many of its members, have planned a campaign to secure information concerning the condition of every one of its members in Iowa, and a regular "cencus" of the service men will be taken. Dr. Earl Tomkins of Clarion has been appointed chairman of the third Iowa district, and he will have supervision of the drive in the nine counties which comprise the district. Chairman will be appointed for each county, and these chairmen will appoint as many sub-chaimen as is necessary to complete the work in the shortest possible time.

Conditions as regards ex-service men in Iowa are not as grave as in some other states, Legion officials say but it is estimated that there are no fewer than 5,000 Iowa boys who served in he world war who are in immediate need. Hundreds of men are not receiving compensation due them. Others are out of iobs. Still others are suffering from old wounds gas and diseases incedent to easy living after inensive training in war days. Many of the veterans have dependents who are suffering because of the suffering of the father, husband and son. and it is the Legion's purpose to rectify these conditions also in so far as possible.

Organizion for the drive, which was suggested by State Commander MacNider, and which is under the personal supervision of himself and State Adjutant James F. Barton, includes a chairman in each of Iowa's 99 counties. the chairman to appoint lieutenants who are instructed to determine the condition of each of the veterans found. The county chairman were appointed by the state executive committeemen in each of the 11 congressional districts in this state and district meetings will be held at which the state officials will speak and outine all details of the campaign.

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MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM GIVEN ON MONDAY

Belmond Keeps On With Its Winning Streak

Take Third Game Of Year And Second Straight Win From Fort Dodge Sunday.

SCORE IS FIVE TO TWO FOR US

Belmond took the third game of the season, and their second straight victory, Sunday afternoon from the Fort Dodge team by an easy score of five to two.

It was a good game altho slow, and there was little doing in the excitement line. The Fort Dodge team was outclassed from every angle, and their two runs came partly from the errors of the home team.

Belmond outplayed them all around. In the batting line the hits were about equally distributed, but those made by Belmond were longer and counted for more. Fulton featured the batting with a three-bagger, and "Heinie" also drove one to the far woods for three bases, being caught by about ten feet trying to stretch it into a homer. Dillon started the batting spree, and Parsons secured two clean hits, while the whole team had their batting togs on.

On base running the locals had it all over the Fort Dodge aggregation, stealing more bases, taking more chances and getting away with them. Pillmer had them feeding out of his good right hand, and kept the runners so close to the bases that they thought they were glued, while Fort Dodge used threeheavers in the vain attempt to stop the local sluggers from getting overheated on the circuit of the bases. Belmond outplayed them, but at that they played a slow game, flashing out into real classy ball at times however when it was needed. Three or four times the locals had the sacks loaded, and were able to force in but one run, the needed hit not being forthcoming at the proper occasion.

Several beautiful plays were put over by the Belmond boys, among which was a double play, and a fast, clean pick-up and put-out by Baldridge, at short. Pillmer pulled a neat litte stunt when he caught a Fort Dodge runner off second, the runner taking too long a lead off and when Pillmer suddenly whirled and shot the ball to second the runner was about six feet too slow in getting back. When it comes to holding men on the bases Pillmer gets the gold medal, for he has the quickest and neatest turn and throw that has been seen around this neck of the woods for some time.

The Belmond team is playing some good ball this year, putting some real snap into it and working together as a unit in a way that was sorrowfully lacking last year. If they keep up the pace that they have been going their record this year should be a good one.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the game, and the best of order prevailed thruout. That is the way to have it, and the manager of the team is to be congratulated on the success so far attained.

On next Sunday, May 29, the home team will play Thornton here. The Thornton team has been going pretty strong this year, so a good game is the prospect.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

The Community Welfare club meets this week Friday, May 27, at the library basement. The meeting opens at 2:30.

The program will be on American Humorists.

Leader ---------------- Mrs. Edge
Life and Work of Mark Twain ----
----------- Mrs. W. R. Ramsay
Characterization of Geo. Ade --------
----------------- Mrs. Parsons
Vocal Solo -------- Mrs. C. O. Fitts
Walt Mason ---------- Mrs. Gowdy
Uncle Remus Stories ------------
------------ Mrs. E. W. Luick
Reading ---------- Loretta McGuire

Serving Committee: Mrs. Lud Johnson, Mrs. John Lieuwen, Mrs. Earhart, Mrs. I. H. Benson, Mrs. Martin Hanson, Mrs. T. A. Thompson, Mrs. E. S. Fyler, Mrs. Gus Johnson, Mrs. W. O. Eaton.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Clipper: W. V. Johnson of Sanborn, Iowa, jailed Saturday for giving alleged worthless checks at Eagle Grove was held to the October term of the grand jury by Justice Yearous at Eagle Grove. Bond for appearance was fixed at $500, and the young man's father, a banker of Sanborn, came to Clarion, Wednesday, and secured his son's release.

Johnson came to Eagle Grove from Algona. He scattered several checks around town before he was caught. One of them for $75 was given to Noonan & Winslow, where he bought a watch and ring. He left the watch to have it engraved and in the meantime the jewelers called up Algona and asked if the check drawn by "J. A. Brown" the name the young man has signed to the check was good. They advised that there was no J. A. Brown there, altho A. J. Brown was a customer at the bank. Johnson then claimed that he was A. J. Brown's son, but further advice from Algona stated Brown had no son. Then Johnson returned the change and the jewelry, promising that it was his first offense and if they would let him go he would never turn such a rick again. Reluctant to prosecute, the jewelers promised him they would make no complaint.

But Johnson went over to the hotel and gave another bogus check for $5. In the meantime the marshal had heard of the deed and went out to see if the man was cashing more checks. When he learned of the hotel check he nabbed Johnson.

The father stated he had recently advanced money to the young man for a busniness enterprise in Cedar Rapids. But he did not make good, and had cashed several checks drawn on the father. Then the father advised him to stop the practice.

Leslie E. Bernard, the Woolstock man who cashed a number of bogus checks in that vicinity, according to allegations filed in a suit in district court, has been arrested at Webster City and held for the grand jury. While the Webser City people are proseuting the young man there the sums advanced on the checks are being sued for in Wright county.

On Thursday last the board of supervisors awarded the contracts for the construction of 55 bridges and culverts. The contract price in the aggregate was a trifle over $37.600. The lot consists of six I beam bridges, one 64-foot truss and 48 culverts, which range in size from 10x8 feet down to 2 x 2 feet. The contractors are Swanson & Co., Webster City, Christensen Construction Co of Iowa Falls, and Iowa Bridge company.

N. H. Murphy of Eagle Grove manager of the Community sore in that city, who was indicted by the last grand jury, was arrested at Omaha last week. Sheriff Lang went after him Sunday, but Murphy was able to put up a $2,000 band and was released on bail. He is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses while in charge of the above store. Murphy says the note he gave is not due for four months and that he intends to pay it when due. Since he was indicted he is said to have married a rich Spencer girl. Another chapter was added yesterday when this paper received notice of his bankruptcy,

Tony Tonisky was taken to Cherokee, Sunday, the Commissioners having decided he was a fit subject for the state asylum at that place. He was arrested by Eagle Grove authorities and brought to Clarion. Tonisky had been employed by F. W. Klein, whose farm is near Eagle Grove. On Monday night of last week the Klein barn was destroyed by fire and 13 head of horses and mules burned to death. The peculiar actions of the farm hand at once placed him under suspicion.

Marriage licenses for the past week except one bashful young fellow from a neighboring county, are as follows: Herbert Eike and Dora Coe, Ralph Peterson and Nora Olson.

Primary road project No. 10 will come up for letting today. Bids will be received for draining and grading nine miles, which completes the main road east and west across the county. Two bridges are included in this letting.

In Flander's Fields the poppies grow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
Which mark our place,
While in the sky the larks,
Still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from falling hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, tho poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

High School Graduation Next Week

Last Saturday the B. H. S. ball team journeyed to Corwith to play the return game there. A jinx was with the boys from the start. Car trouble prevented them reaching there until after 4:00 o'clock and as the game had been set for 2:30 the Corwith fans insisted that they play ball at once. Belmond forged ahead after the second inning and held the lead until the 6th, when Corwith put several hits in left field, where the fielder had to wait for the ball to roll from off the building and thus took the lead and won 6 to 8. In a clear field there is no doubt but what the score would have been 5 to 6 in favor of B. H. S. Madsen and Tyrell were the local battery

Monday our base ball team drove to Dows, where they defeated Dows for the second time by the score of 6 to 8. This game was the fastest played this year, as well as one of the most exciting. It was to be a seven-inning game, but because the score stood 6 to 6 another inning was played. Madsen and Luick were on the mound for Belmond and did excellent work, assisted by Tyrrell behind the bat,

Thursday our boys go to Hampton to pay the return game. A good game is expected.

Friday the B. H. S. track team will attend the invitation meet at Clarion, where they compete with Eagle Grove, Hampton and Clarion.

Baccalaureate exercises will be held Sunday evening, May 29th., at 8:00 o'lcock in the high school auditorium.

March ---------------- Senior Class
Invocation ---------- Rev. Leinbach
Reading of Scriptures ---- Rev. Edge
Music ------------ Girls Glee Club
Sermon --------------------------
----The Reverend Father Eardley.
Piano Solo ------------ Carol Tyrell
Benediction ---------- Rev. Leinbach

The High School Commencement Exercises will be held Thursday evening, June 2, at 8:00 o'clock in the auditorium. Prof. Louer of the State University of Iowa has been secured to give the Commencement address.

The Senior Play cast wish to thank all people who so kindly aided them by lending things for the play. They wish to thank especially the Belmond Furniture Co. who loaned the furniture for the last acts.

The Senior Class are greatly relieved now that the Annuals are out and the play is over. They will take their final exams the last of the week.

EIGHTH GRADE PROGRAM

Part I

Opening Chorus—
At the Village Post Office

Cast of Characters

Hosea Howe, the village postmaster
Samuel Leinbach.
Sophia Titterington, his assistant—
Cecilia Houltzbauer.
Bill Bluster, rural carrier, and
Seth Swallow, the village scamp—
Marshall Nourse.
Benjamin Bullet, a relic of the war,
Bob Worthington, the bright boy—
Elmer Peterson.
Obediah Wayback, the oldest citizen

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Change of Publication Date

To the Independent Subscribers and Advertisers:

Beginning with the next issue, the Independent will change its publication date from Wednesday of each week to Thursday, the papers going into the mail on Thursday morning. The next issue, therefore, will be on June 2nd.

This change is made for several reasons. It will enable the Independent to give its readers more and fresher news; its advertisers better service; and enables the publisher to put more time on the paper.

The publisher believes that this move will meet with the approval of the subscribers and advertisers, and asks their co-operation that better service may be given to both.

LEGION, G. A. R. W. R. C. AND CITY OFFICIALS

Complete Program For Observance Of Memorial Sunday And Memorial Day In Belmond.

ADDRESS BY DR. A. A. BROOKS.

Speaker From Fort Dodge Secured To Deliver Principal Address Of The Day.

Memorial Sunday, May 29th., 1921
11:00 a. m.—Union services at school auditorium.
Address by Rev. J. M. Jensen.
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 1921
By G. A. R., W. R.C., and American Legion. All ex-service men are requested to be present in uniform
Officer of the Day—Leo R. Kenefick.
9:00 a. m.—Music by Chamber of Commerce band.
9:30 a. m.—Formation in front of Belmond Savings Bank. March to Cemetery: Color Guard, American Legion, G. A. R., W. R. C., Boy Scouts, City Officials, and other civic organizations who wish to join.

At Cemetery

Music by Band.
Logan's Oorder—C. O. Fitts.
Chaplain's Prayer—Cato C. Griesy.
Strewing of flowers and Exercises by G. A. R., W. R. C., and American Legion.
Taps.
National Anthem by Band.

NOON

2:00 p. m.—Formation in front of Belmond Savings Bank.
March to high school.
Music by Band.
Opening Prayer—Rev. Leinbach.
Song—American Legion Quartette: A. H. Skovlin, Cato C. Griesy, Frank Baldridge, F. A. Bailey.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—A. H. Skovlin.
Roll of Honor—C. R. Townsan.
Solo—Miss Helen Sidow.
Introduction of Speakers—G. H. Klemme.
Address: Dr. A. A. Brooks, of Fort Dodge, Iowa.
Song—America.
Benediction.

Committee: C. O. Fitts, Cato C. Griesy.

Auto Committee: W. A. Parker, Geo. F. Heginger.

Flower Committee: C. M. Morse, F. S. Baldridge.

Music Committee: C. C. Benson.

Firing Squad: Ray P. Morris.

Anyone wishing to donate flowers kindly leave them at residence of Mrs. J. B. Robins, or notify Flower Committee who will call for them.

Cars will call for members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. upon request to Auto Committee.

RECENT REAL ESTATE CHANGES

Among the recent changes of property here listed as changing hands are the following:

Edward Kiplinger and wife to Sophia Halfpap, lot 2 block 14, Morse addition to Belmond, no consideration.

Edward Kiplinger and wife to Mayme Wolfe, lot 7 block 14, Morse addition to Belmond, no consideration.

Edward Kiplinger and wife to Julia Lowenberg, lot 8 block 14, Morse addition to Belmond, no consideration.

The Independent was the scene of a little excitement Saturday afternoon when an alarm of fire was turned in. The blaze, which did not amount to anything, was caused by a pipe leading up from the linotype thru the ceiling, used to carry off the fumes of metal the pipe becoming heated and starting a small blaze in the ceiling. The alarm was turned in but the blaze had been extinguished with a hand chemical tank, thru the assistance of J. S. White before the fire company arrived. The company was on the scene in remarkably short order, and certainly demonstrated to ye ed that they are on the job.

FREE AIR!

That this is the age of many wonderful things, you have got to admit. Inventions extraordinary, marvels of science, impossible to do and to believe.

The wireless telegraph, the airship woman suffrage and prohibtion all make you pause and consider, but it is announced that one of the greatest wonders is about to be given to the gaze of mankind.

Henry Ford is going to build an iron bossy.

He's going to invent a cow that you won't have to feed hay. A steel-ribbed moo-cow that will switch an iorn tail and bawl by electricity, and give milk.

Better milk than a real cow that kicks.

That might be all right under some circumstances. But we wonder—to make the Ford bovine deliver the goods, will you have to crank her, or is she to have a self-commencer? Suppose, so long as she won't be able to kick, that she back-fiires?

And if bossy doesn't eat hay, will she consume gasoline? If she does, then the old reliable will be by far the cheapest to keep.

And another thing, how about the calves? Will Ford's steel cow have quadruplets like Christie's famous cow?

This is the age of wonderful inventions, and you can't most always sometimes tell what to least expect the most you're gonna get, but there be some things that passeth the belief.

What has become of all the exciting court news lately? Must be that the town has reformed, or become scared out, or something.

Maybe Hizzoner is having his summer vacation.

How did you get thru Friday the 13th week before last? We never thought what day it was, or we never would have written Free Air on that day.

The foreman, he got terrible excited when we had the fire the other day. He hears us holler that the roof is on fire, so he beats it to the phone and calls central.

Says he: "This is the fire department, quick, the Chronicle office is on fire!"

If this was the fire department, then they sure done some fast work.

One thing that a fire demonstrates in this town, perhaps you've noticed it, and that is, that there's a heap of folks in this burg when you get 'em out.

The Clipper must have thought that he who fights and runs away will have a chance to go to the movies that night, for after having both Belmond papers call his attention to the fact that he was somewhat off his right ideas, he thought maybe there might be something to it.

CLARION TO HAVE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND SOON

An announcement of more than ordinary interest to the young girls and small children of Clarion will be the fact that a playground station has been purchased by the park commissioners and will be installed on the west side of the park. It consists of two slides, two see-saws and four swings, having an all metal frame. The post will be set in cement and the station complete will cost about $450.—Monitor.

This is somewhat along the same order as the playground apparatus which the Community Club has had for the children of Belmond for the past year.

FALSE FIRE ALARM THURSDAY

An alarm of fire was turned in on Thursday of last week, about half past six in the evening and brought out the fire company in jig time. After chasing around several minutes hunting the blaze, it was found that the alarm was false. Some little boy in his curiosity had punched the button, and created a lot of excitement. In getting out of the fire station in the hurry the door was caught and somewhat damaged.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

WOOLSTOCK HOLDS RECORD BREAKER MEETING

Woolstock township Farm Bureau held its regular monthly meeting at the Head Grove school Friday evening, May 20. About 160 people were packed into the school building to enjoy the splendid program which had been so carefully worked out by the program committee, of which Mrs. Ed. Kirstein was chairman.

A. S. Chapman, township chairman for Woolstock, made a few remarks after which a most delightful musical program was enjoyed by all. The feature of the program was the dialogue, "Clubs Are Trumps," which was given by boys and girls of the local school. This dialogue illustrated most forcibly the great possibility of boys and girls club work in the community. The boys and girls of Woolstock township seem very much interested in the club work and will no doubt take an active part in the work after it is organized. The county agent gave a short talk on boys and girls club work and farm bureau work in general.

This meeting of 160 farmers or more is a sure sign that the farmers are going back to the good old time community gatherings. They realize that by meeting together in this way they are going to get more out of life. They are going to know of life. They are going to know one another's problems and in this way be in a better position to co-operate with one another in the problems which concern everyone in the entire community. The program committee announces a lawn social for the next regular meeting which will be held on the third Friday of June. It is planned to secure a speaker from some other section of the county for this next meeting.

LAKE HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Lake township farm bureau which was postponed from May 10 to May 19 on account of rain was held at the Center school Thursday evening. Some where in the neighborhood of 60 people were present at this meeting and entered into the discussion of the community problems.

It seemed unfortunate that Lake township was unable to secure an outside speaker for this occasion but, thru some misunderstanding the meeting was called for the same evening that the Grant township meeting was held at a home not more than four miles from their meeting place. However, those who attended this meeting report a very interesting time under the leadership of Mrs. M. L. Clark, lady chairman for Lake township.

An interesting program of recitations, songs and a dialogue "The Arrival of Billy,' was put on by the three school districts from the east side of the township. The way in which these pupils put on this part of the program indicated a thorough preparation for the occasion and showed that the teacher who made arrangements for the program spent considerable time in preparation. One point which was brought up for discussion was that of arranging for more seats at the Center school building, because of the fact that the seating capacity is insufficient for the various meetings of the community. Plans for the next regular monthly meeting were talked over and the following ladies were added to the program committee: Mrs. Anton Anderson, Mrs. Alan Robinson and Mrs. Pete Duitscher.

VETERINARY SPECIALIST VISITS WRIGHT

Dr. K. W. Stouder, extension specialist, of the Extension Department was in Wright county Friday, May 20, to attend a call from J. F. Hoffman, who lives near Dows, and who has been having considerable trouble with his hogs during the past few months. Mr. Hoffman had a peculiar condition in his herd and one which his local veterinarians seemed to be unable to solve entirely. The fact that this was an unusual condition among Mr. Hoffman's hogs was the reason for calling the veterinarian specialist from the extension department at Ames.

Dr. J. R. McDonald, veterinarian from Clarion accompanied Dr. Stouder and County Agent Edwards to Mr. Hoffman's farm and found Dr. Pierce and Dr. Olson, veterinarians from Dows, and 15 or 20 farmer neighbors of Mr. Hoffman waiting for Dr. Stouder to arrive to make a diagnosis of the case and recomend treatment.

Dr. Stouder found Mr. Hoffman's hogs to be infected with what is known as posterior paralysis, a condition which causes the animal to lose control of its rear limbs. He explained in detail the various things which bring about this condition in the animal. This is an instance where an individual farmer received service thru the farm bureau and the service which was rendered proved to be valuable to the entire community.

FARM BUREAU SOCIAL IN GRANT

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant township Farm Bureau was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Bell, four miles north of Clarion, Thursday evening, May 19. Farmers, wives and children came from far and near to attend this regular monthly social affair and by the time the program began about 125 people had congregated to enjoy the evening's entertainment.

E. W. Campbell, chairman for Lake township farm bureau, gave an interesting talk on the workings of our local live stock shipping associations. It will be remembered that Mr. Campbell is manager of the shipping association. Mr. Campbell talked for a short time also on the activities of the farm bureau and urged a closer co-operation between the members and officers of this organization.

The principal address of the evening was given by O. P. Moron of Lincoln township, who for many years was connected with the farm bureau as secretary. Indeed, Mr. Morton and his connections with the farm bureau will not soon be forgotten by those who remember the early history of this organization. Mr. Morton was a loyal supporter of the farm bureau from the time of its inception to the fall of 1912 and has always had the interests of the farm bureau at heart. Mr. Morton began by telling a bit of early history of Wright county conditions and by giving a brief history of some of the other farmers' organizations. He told about the Grange which was organized in the early seventies which was replaced along in the nineties by the Farmers Alliance. He then drew a comparison of the activities of the old organizations with our present farm bureau organization and went on to say what an improvement our present organization has over the old form of farmers associations. Mr. Morton touched upon all problems that are of interest to the farm bureau at the present time and seems to have had first hand information regarding the present day conditions. He closed his remarks by saying "We should aim to make the farm a more attractive place and one in which we will want to live instead of one which we will want to get away from just as soon as conditions make it possible.

C. L. Hall, chairman of Grant township Farm Bureau gave a short talk which was interesting and to the point. The one thing which was emphasized by all speakers of the evening was that we must have closer co-operation among the members them selves and between the members and officers of the organization. A neat dialogue "Clubs Are Trumps" was put on by the school children of the township. This dialogue brought out most forcibly the things that are possible to work out in club work with the boys and girls. Ice cream and cake were served after which everyone went home rejoicing.

ITERESTING CLUB MEETING SATURDAY

A most interesting and instructive meeting was held at the county agents office Saturday afternoon, May 21, for the purpose of organizing girls club work in Wright county. Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader of girls' club work, was the principal speaker at this meeting and gave many valuable suggestions for planning and organizing the girls of the county in the club work.

Miss Arnquist suggested that the girls' club work in Wright county be conducted by an executive committee of five members distributed over the county. Miss Hazel Spencer of Grant township was elected chairman of the executive committee to co-operate with the county agent in club work. The various kinds of clubs which were discussed at this meeting were canning clubs, food study clubs, garment clubs and "Own your own room" clubs. The concensus of opinion of those present seemed to be that the garment club would be the most interesting and most practical for Wright county girls.

Any girl between the ages of 10 to 18 inclusive, who is interested in becoming a member of the club should write or call either the county agent or Miss Hazel Spencer at once, and your name will be added to the list and insructions and suggestions sent out.

TIMELY REMINDERS OF THINGS TO BE DONE

Vaccinate the spring pigs to prevent hog cholera. The pigs will now weigh about 40 pounds and are the ideal size for immunization. At this age the pigs are easily handled. If a pig dies as result of vaccination the loss is not as great. The cost of vaccination of 40-pound pigs is less than for older hogs.

Plan a fly campaign. Swat the flies!

Don't let the weeds take your summer garden.

Poison the grasshoppers. Examine the alfalfa fields and the edge of the grain field for the presence of young grasshoppers. If they are are discovered in numbers, plan to poison them with poison bait. Your county agent can arrange to have the control of this pest demonstrated.

Get Rid of the Rooster. Infertile eggs keep best and market best, especially during the warm summer months. Fertile eggs will start to incubate at living room temperature and soon become tainted and unfit for food. It is not advisable to hatch chicks later than May or June, hence, for the extra value of infertile eggs the male birds should be penned off by themselves or turned into meat. Contrary to a common notion the cock bird has no influence on the number of eggs laid by the hens. June is the best time to get rid of the rooster.

Look after the machinery. Get the mower ready for business. Grind the sickles, tighten bolts, oil the bearings. The binder might be carefully examined to see if repairs must be made or new parts ordered. Get a pail of hard oil or axel grease and smear it over the disk after all the dry soil is scraped off. Smear the moldboards and shares of the plows. It will pay to put some on the corn plow shovel when corn plowing ceases for a day or two. If possible put machinery which will not be used for some time into the shed. Wet summer weather is worse on machinery than the dry weather season. Keep machinery away from stock when not in use Injured stock and broken machinery are poor investments.

Destroy Barberry sprouts. The spring stage of the black stem rust which is found on the common barberry has already started to develope. Mature rust spots from which spores were blowing have been found this spring. This means that the fields are even now in danger of infection from this disease. Delay in destroying the common barberries allows the rust to mature and spread

STABILIZING THE FARMER

The economists are agreed that one of the most serious of our afterwar problems is how to make agriculture safe for the agriculturist.

It is becoming plainer every day that when we have solved this problem, we shall have gone a long ways toward making the world safe for everybody.

Altho the basis of our prosperity is the soil, the government has uniformly exhibited the most pronounced partiality for the manufacturing interests, many of which it has fostered at the expense of the agriculture.

It is time the farmer received some "first aid" consideration. His present plight is worse than it has been for many years, Despite the fact that a drastic process of deflation has forced down he prices of his products to prewar levels, and even lower, he is still facing the highest costs of farm supplies, of rail transportation, and of local, state and national government in the history of the modern world.

Speaking in Washington the other day, Herbert Hoover called attention to the fact that the present rate on grain from Missouri river points to New York is 30 cents a bushel, as against 10 for grain from Argentine to New York, which he said created a situation that "would change the granary base from the central states of the west to foreign nations." He also offered statistics to show that there had been a 50 percent greater decline in crop prices than in the prices of manufactured products. "Certainly these levels," he declared, "must come into step or the agricultural industry and its standards of living will be undermined."

It is beyond dispute that the farmer's boasted annual surplus has become either negligible or a minus quantity. In hundreds of cases the returns from his labor are barely sufficient to pay his interest and taxes. At best, thay are constantly fluctuating between a small profit and a loss too big to be borne for long.

Until the farming business is stabilized it will be impossible to stabilize any business. And to stabilize the farming business it will be necessary to do something more than to restore a "normalcy" which represents merely pre-war crop values plus post-war costs and taxes. That sort of normalcy will not revive the buying power of the farmer. Only fair prices for his products can do that.

In his connection we cannot refrain from pointing out that it is the great and distinctive achievement of the beet sugar industry that it has given the farmer he inestimable assurance of a fair return on his labor and capital. No matter how the prices of his other crops may slump, the price of his sugar beets remains a fixed and irreducible quantity. His contract with the beet sugar factory puts him on a cost-plus basis—the safest basis on which any business can be conducted.

A particularly striking illustration of the "edge" which the beet growing farmer has on his non-beet growing neighbor occured last year when the price of so many farm products fell below the cost of production—when it took a 60-pound steer hide to pay for a $9 pair of shoes and 40 acres of average oats or corn to pay for the services of the hired man for the season—for at this very time the beet grower was getting not only his regular contract prices but a small bonus besides. Compared to the lot of the average farmer, it could be truly said of him, as Mr. Gump so proudly said of himself, that he was "settin' " os Old Luck's back.

The importance of the sugar beet crop as a reliable money-maker is enthusiastically attested by the country bankers, than whom there are no shrewer observers or appraisers of agricultural conditions. Almost without exception they bear testimony to the year-in-and-year-out profitableness of the sugar beet crop. One of them in Michigan last fall put his testimony in concrete style when he said: "It is noticeable that the man who grows beets is not coming in to borrow money to pay his taxes." which tallies exactly with the remark of a country merchant in the same state that "the farmer who is paying his bill this year is the man who had the sense to raise beets."

It is the certainty and permanence of the reward of human effort that make for genera progress and contentment. It is because the beet sugar industry gives the farmer just this sort of an assurance that it has become one of the greatest agricultural assets of the mid-west and Rocky mountain states.

We Agree

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens."

George Washington.

Methodist Episcopal Church

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING BILL PASSES HOUSE

The House of Representatives passed the Capper-Volstead bill to give farmers the right to form co-operative marketing associations without being penalized by the anti-trust laws. The vote was 284 to 49.

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ROWAN NEWS

S. B. Heath has painted the exterior of his house this week.

Mr. Morrison spent the week end with friends at Hampton last week.

Wilford Carmon went to DeSmet, S. D. Saturday of last week for a few days visit.

J. A. Whitten and daughter Wilda were Dows callers Monday.

Mrs. Alfred Davis is recovering from an attack of near pneumonia.

Frank Snyder was at Clarion on Tuesday to visit his mother, Mrs. M. Snyder, at the Fred Smith home.

Harold Steffens was a Dows caller Tuesday between trains.

The Misses Wilda and Freida Whitten were Fort Dodge shoppers Wednesday.

George Pritchett was a Clarion caller Wednesday.

Jens Kjar was a passenger to Clarion, Wednesday.

Mrs. Harold Tomkinson attended the Sunday school convention at Eagle Grove, Wednesday, where she gave an address on "The Child in the Midst."

Mission Study Club Meets

The Young Ladies Mission Study club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. D. W. Whitten with Miss LaVonne Ballou as leader. The lesson was very interesting. The mothers were invited to this meeting and several attended. A committee was selected to secure new members. Also mit boxes were given out. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, The next meeting will be a picnic. It is hoped that all the young people will be able to attend this meeting as a fine time is planned.

The Andrew Whitten post of the American Legion of Rowan met at their regular meeting Monday evening. A good crowd attended. One new member was added to the roster.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and daughter Clara Jane spent several of days at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Howell, and family.

Mrs. H. Burt of Clarion, who has been visiting at the home of her son, Elmer Burt, for a week returned to her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs of Goodell spent Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph.

Mrs. J. S. Farren had the bad luck to fall Friday and sprain her arm at the shoulder joint. It is very painful and will incapacitate her for some time.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson was a Clarion caller Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Steffens and brother, Henry DeWald of Holly, Colo., visited at at the Jesse Steffens home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph went to Clarion, Saturday. Guy went for medical aid for blood poisoning in one of his fingers caused from a scratch received while he was opening a box of meat.

Isiah Brittien of Iowa Falls visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitten, Thursday.

Miss Evelyn Heathershaw is assisting with the housework at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen.

Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, this week. Mrs. Flecther has been sick with the summer flu.

Miss Grace Meinders of Belmond is helping at the Charley Huntington home.

Monday night five cars from Rowan went to Goodell to spend the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs in honor of Mrs. Jacobs' birthday. They gave her a cut glass water set in remembrance of the day. They enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, Thelma and Marjorie, Blanche Box, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and children, Mrs. R. L. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, Mrs. Blanche Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill, Miss Pearl Mickelson, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, George Aldrich, Chester Moellering. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and Edgar Mantle.

Friday evening this same crowd with the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and boys, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Tomkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Mirian Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodin met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller in honor of the birthday of Harland Hill. He was presented with an appropriate gift. A very nice lunch was served and the guests report a very nice time.

Clint Kercheval and son Charles and Mrs. E. Bingham were Dows shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Ole Erickson of Dows visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey, Monday.

A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McAlpine on Monday. This young man has been named Donald Laurence. Mother and baby are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carmon, the Misses Wilda and Freida Whitten, Geo. Carmon and Alfred Larson were Belmond callers Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers of Paxton, Neb., are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday. Mrs. Myers is at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers. The baby has been named Howard Wesley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Munson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey motored to Dows, Saturday.

Messrs. Frank and Fred Kercheval and Master Charles were Clarion shoppers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Langdon were Dows callers Saturday.

A baby girl named Dorothy May arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Niggs Friday of last week.

Mrs. Esther Andrews entertained entertained the following guests at dinner Sunday of last week: her sister, Mrs. Geo. Seney, her nephew, Glen Seney, and wife, her niece, Mrs. Frank Sridgens and children, all from near Sheffield, also Will Bailey Jr and wife and children. Her sister returned Friday to stay a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham, Mrs. Georgia Rowen and Mrs. Fred Weber were Hampton shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Jacobs went to Dows on Saturday to have some dental work done.

Mrs. Will Azeltine of Galt spent the week end with relatives at that place.

Miss Nellie Hackley has been visiting at the homes of her sisters, Mrs. Gaulke and Mrs. Bachman of Dows the past week.

Mr. and Mrs Sim Stout and Mrs. D. K. Stout were Belmond callers on Saturday.

Earl Jacobs and Edgar Mantle were Hampton dental visitors on Saturday.

Geo. Miller of Hampton spent the week end at the home of his brother Ed. Miller and family.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson was a Dows shopper Friday.

Bernice Bailey went to Conger, Minn., Thursday to spend a short time with her sister, Mrs. Casper Reasoner.

A number of the friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith, Friday, for a social time. They report a very enjoyable evening.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion visitor Saturday.

Little Constance Tomkinson caught her finger in a wringer one day this week and mashed it so the nail came off.

Wright County Sunday School Convention Convenes

The Wright County Sunday School association met in the M. E. church at Rowan, Tuesday afternoon and evening. 103 enrolled for these meetings. There were some very good speakers for the day. A count was taken at the afternoon session and it was found 37 were attending their first Sunday school convention. There were six Sunday school superintendents and 4 assistant superintendents and four ministers present. The motto given for the Sunday schools was "The needs of the pupil should be the law of the school." There were five towns and 10 schools represented at this convention. Following is a list of the schools an the number of elegates: Dows: Presbyterian 3, M. E. 11; Cornelia: Union 2; Belmond, Cong. 4; Clarion: United Pres. 1, Cong. 1, M. E. 1; Eagle Grove: Cong. 1; Rowan: M. E. 43, Cong. 35. Walter Hutton, the general secretary of the state, gave two very interesting talks. At the afternoon session Mrs. Breaw of Dows gave a pleasing talk on the use of hand work in the primary classes of the Sunday school. Her suggestions were very helpful. At the evening session the following names were nominated as officers for the coming year and were elected at Eagle Grove, Wednesday: Pres. Rev. J. F. Jamieson, Clarion; secretary-treasurer, Lucy Umbreit, Clarion; departmental superihtendent, Elementary division, Mrs R. M. Smallpage, Eagle Grove; Young Peoples, Miss Jennie Bethel, Clarion; Ault, Mrs. George Kabele; Administrative, Rev. W. L. Breaw, Dows; Educational, Mrs. J. F. Jamieson, Clarion; District Presidents: C. L. Hall, Clarion; Mrs. Bertha Loobey, Goldfield; Rev. W. G. Muhleman, Eagle Grove; Rev. A. H. Waalkes, Belmond; Rev. Harold Tomkinson, Rowan.

Miss LaVonne Ballou sang a pleasing solo at the evening session. A picnic supper was served in the basement of the church. The rain stopped a great number from attending who would have been there had they been able to drive. This was a very helpful meeting and should entuse the Sunday schools to a greater work. Following is a list of out of town delegates: Clarion: C. L. Hall, Rev. J. F. Jamieson, Lucy Umbriet; Belmond: Mrs. J. E. Wallace, T. A. Davenport, Mrs. C. A. Thiltgen, Mrs. T. A. Davenport, Mrs. H. J. Traeger, Mrs. L. L. Lathrop; Dows: Rev. W. L. Breaw, Rev. Elliot, Carl Danielson, Mrs. A. Granan, E. C. Burrows, Mrs. Ellott, Mrs. W. L. Breaw, F. J. King, Mrs. C. C. Danielson, Mrs. E. C. Burrows; Eagle Grove, Mrs. Smallpaige.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Frank Kercheval, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Hannah Whitten was leader. The subject was "What shall I render to God?" A good crowd was present considering the day.

The Cong. Ladies Aid society met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Emerson, Thursday afternoon. There was a very small crowd present so not much was accomplished on the quilts. They are very anxious to get these two quilts completed so ladies try to be present at the next meeting so that it will be possible to get them out of the way. Mrs. Emerson served refreshments.

The lot on Main street owned by A. C. Rietz is being smoothed off and put in shape for a tennis court. We suppose some hotly contested games will be played there this summer as the tennis players of the town have increased since the school got their court.

Fred Williams returned from Gillman City, Mo., Sunday.

Elm Lake has had quite an attraction for the Rowan people the past week. Some of those who enjoyed the sport from here are: Bill Bailey, Perle LaGue, John Riker, Jim Rowen, C. W. Fowler, Mr. Thomas, Joe Rowen, Carl Steffens, Wm. Steffens, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden, Mr and Mrs. Leonard McCallum, Mrs. A. A. Williams, Lottie Williams and Cecil Harris.

Friday night the 6th grade was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten, in honor of their son Lyden's birthday. About 30 were present and they spent a very pleasant evening. The feature of the refreshments was a birthday cake with 11 candles on it.

Word was received Sunday morning by Geo. Whitten of the death of his brother, Norman, of Winnepeg Canada. This brother and wife visited the relatives here two years ago.

Geo. Aldrich went to Rochester on Saturday to consult the physicians at the hospital ond possibly have an operation.

F. H. Fowler received word announcing the arrival of a granddaughter named Arline at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. N. Johnson of Sioux Falls, S. D. Mrs. Fowler is there helping care for them. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Sunday night part of Miss Charter's class in music assisted in a musical at Coulter. Anna and Nina Rietz gave a piano duet, Kenneh Keith a cornet solo, Russell Bailey, LeRoy Nigg and Margaret Keith violin solos and four of the Moellering boys played in the orchestra. Those who accompanied them were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith, Mrs. Moellering and Walter Nigg. The recital was a very great success and much credit is due to Miss Charter for her instruction.

The Boy Scouts met Monday and Thursday nights of this week They are a lively organization, being wide awake boys, and it is a fine thing to have something of this kind in the community to keep the boys interested. Citizens give the boys your support and help them to truer, greater manhood.

The Rowan Legion ball team played the Galt town team on the Legion diamond north of town. The score stood 14 to 4 in favor of Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, Thelma, Marjorie, George and Edgar, Miss Fan Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sheldon, Maxfield and Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, Chester Moellering and Edgar Mantle were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs at Goodell, Sunday.

The M. E. Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Roy Ryder, Thursday afternoon. A very small crowd was present.

"Buddy" Williams, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, had the misfortune Sunday to fall on a broken glass and cut his arm thru two arteries. They rushed him to Dr. Steele as soon as possible. Six stitches were taken in the muscles of the arm.

Mr. Morrison spent Saturday in Hampton.

Mr. Moule went to Mason City on Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conn and children spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval visited at the E. Bingham home on Sunday.

Memorial Day Services at Rowan

The exercises for the observance of Memorial Day will be as follows:

At 1:30 Andrew Whitten post with the school children and Boy Scouts will form at the M. E. church and proceed to the Cnog. church where the Legion will escort the colors. During this ceremony spectators are requested to pay the simple tribute to the flag of our country, which regulations prescribe for civilians on such occasions. If you believe with the ideas of a certain American that "the flag is the last refuge of scoundrels," pay no attention to the colors, but if you believe with the lads that sleep along the Marne that your flag is the symbol of Freedom, of Justice and Honor, then show your belief by rising and uncovering when the colors approach and while the bugler sounds "to the colors."

Immediately after this ceremony, the following program will be given on the church lawn if the weather is favorable and inside if otherwise:

Prelude—Ruth Emerson.
Invocation—Rev. Walker.
Star Spangled Banner.
Quartette—We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall.
Reading—Mrs. Roy Ryder.
Solo—The Deathless Army—LaVonne Ballou.
Address—Rev. Walker.
America.

At the conclusion of the services at the church we will repair to the cemetery where the Legion will decorate the graves of soldiers buried there and honor our unknown dead. The order of march to the cemetery will be as follows: Legion with colors at head of column, Boy Scouts marching and school children in conveyances and others. You are earnestly requested to observe this order of march

After the ceremony at the cemetery we will go to the river at the old mill dam and place wreaths upon the water in honor of our sailor dead.

Rowen Congregational Church Notes

Rev. Ada Anderson, who supplied the Cong. pulpit at Rowan this winter was a passenger thru Rowan on Saturday morning, enroute to Omaha to begin her work in her new field Sunday, May 22. A few of her friends went to the train to bid her goodbye e present and wish her success in her new work.

Rev. W. H. Nye of Waterloo came Sunday as a candidate at the Cong. church. The members and officers gave him a call. He comes highly recommended and we hope everyone will do their part to help the man to do his best.

Sunday night there were union services at the Cong. church. Rev. H. Tomkinson gave the Baccalaureate sermon for he graduates. The church was full. The choir furnished special music. Howard Box sang a solo

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MEMORIAL DAY, 1921

To America this year is given a day of memories which fills the heart with joy and with sorrow: Joy that the nation has had such brave men and sorrow that they could not live to see the fruits of their bravery.

This Memorial Day in which a nation pauses to revere the memory of its dead, sees the veterans of two great wars, the two greatest of our history, and the two bloodiest, not only of ours but of the world, and therefore this day means more to America than ever before.

The veterans of the one, a civil war between father and son, brother and brother, are now old and gray, the toil of years showing in their furrowed brows and stooped shoulders; those men of the other great war, the greatest of the world's history, young and fresh, with smiling face and cheerful mein.

The old veterans, too, were once as they; they, too, in their youth had fought the good fight and won. To one belongs as much honor as to the other. To each is due the nation's reverence and tender memories. But to those who went and who never came back; to the thousands who today are at rest under the green sod of America and the blooming poppies of France, America holds the sweetest, dearest memories. In both of these great wars there went from this city men who never returned. Men who were mere boys, tender of years, and men who left families, wives and children, who see each day at the family table an empty chair. To them the sorrows of war will ever be present, long after the roar of the guns has ceased.

It seems so futile, so useless, to endeavor to express in words the deep, solemn gratitude and reverence that lies in the American heart for these men. To them is this day set aside, a measure of honor in which a grateful nation pays its respect to the living and its honor to the dead. In all years to come, so long as this country shall exist a free nation, will this day be observed. From the peak of Lookout Mountain to the field in Flanders where poppies grow, there will be the heart of an hundred million people, mourning their dead and rejoicing over their returned and living sons.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

At 11:00 a. m. there will be Union Memorial services at the school Auditorium, the Rev. Jensen delivering the address. Special music will be given.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies Aid society will be held at the church on Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

A welcome awaits you at this church at any and all of the services. If you have no other church home, you are cordially invited to make this church your place of worship.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet in the church parlors on Thursday afternoon at two thirty. All the members and friends are urged to be present.

Last Sunday was a banner day for attendance at Sunday school. We just lacked eight of being a hundred per cent above what we had a year ago. We hope next Sunday to set another high mark and if all will push it can easily be accomplished.

There will be no preaching services in the church next Sunday on account of the union memorial services at the M. E. church at 11:00 and the baccalauareate sermon at the high school in the evening.

The ladies of the W. R. C. and friend will meet next afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robins to make bouquets for Decoration Day. The ladies will be very grateful for any flowers sent at this time.

"Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those heros of ours."

The ice man has now become a familiar sight on the streets, and a welcome one to most folks the past week, for with the hot weather that has visited this community the need of ice has come with a rusn.

The fishing season has opened, and seekers of the finny tribe have been numerous the past week or two. The reports of luck seem to vary considerably, some reporting good results and others saying there is nothing doing. Morse Lake has been the Mecca of local anglers, and they say that the fishing there is good, some good catches being reported. Clear Lake opened the official season last week Sunday, and with the usual large crowd. The fish are said to be hungry at that place.

The Clarion Clipper is no more, but in its place the Wright County News. The name of the paper was changed by Editor King with the issue of last week.

Changing of names of newspapers seems to be the rule around this part of the country lately for the Hancock County Recorder published at Garner has been changed to the Leader. The editor states that he never was a Democrat, and the title was just left on the paper when he took it over about three years ago. He says he is Republican, and the word Democrat has been misleading.

Clear Lake will celebrate the glorious Fourth this year, as usual, and are making the usual plans for the big time and big crowd. Hampton is to observe the day this year also, for the first time in five years, asd are making some large plans for the day. Clarion will have a big time on the Fourth too, so that Belmond folks who get the celebration fever will have plenty of places to choose from to spend the day.

Howard Wolle left last week for his trip to Honduras, where he has accepted a position with the Dyer Construction company as electrical engineer on the new sugar factory the company is constructing at that place. goes to New Orleans, taking a boat from there. The trip will occupy about eight days. Howard stopped a day or two at Nevada, Iowa, to visit his brother Carl, and family, before going on to New Orleans.

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Thursday

Mason City will entertain the Shriners. It will be a Big Day.

Friday

Mason City will entertain the Twin City Boosters. A train load of fun will be let loose.

Saturday

Mason City will open its big annual automobile Show.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

The merchants of Mason City will co-operate with the various committees by offering special inducements for the time.

For Instance

The Sterling Dry Goods Company will offer its entire Stock of elegant Suits and Coats at greatly reduced prices. It will also feature special lots of merchandise in other departments.

Come to Mason City This Week

Mason City Auto Show
May 28th

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The Water's Fine!

The water's fine for a number of things—but it's especially fine for transporting farm produce. Since the invention of the steam locomotive water routes haven't been of much use except for swimming. But they are coming back into style, says

The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

The freight-rate increases did it. They made it necessary for many farm areas to find new markets or else cheaper rates to the old. Next week's issue tells the story.

Not only are water highways being opened up, not only is ocean shipping supplanting a great deal of the transcontinental hauling, but the agricultural map of the whole country is being changed. A lot of the produce that used to be brought into this very town from distant centers of production will now have to be grown right here or nearer home.

There's only one farm weekly that can tell you about this situation, because there's only one farm weekly *national* in its vision. THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN will keep you in touch with every national farm happening that affects us locally, and it will do it for a whole year — 52 issues — for One Dollar. Of course I'll accept your check!

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SPECIAL LOCALS

Found—Bicycle tire. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying costs.

—I—

Miss Kathleen Berry, trimmer at the Tyrrell millinery store, was a visitor with friends at the county seat town a day or so the past week.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Wanted—Work on the farm by 15 year old boy, plowing corn or doing any kind of farm work. Has had four years on the farm. Inquire at this office.

—I—

Found—Auto license plate. Owner can have same by proving property and paying costs. Call at the Independent.

—I—

Wayne Pond, who has been working at Hampton with the Kughn road grading gang, has been spending a few days in Belmond visiting old friends and assisting in the arrangements for a class reunion.

—I—

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

—I—

The grade operetta, which was to have been given in the park on Thursday evening of last week, was postponed until Tuesday evening of this week on account of the weather.

—I—

My prices on all work in the mason line are about 25 percent lower than a year ago. See me if you have any work to be done.—W. A. Bullis. 9tf

—I—

The D. S. C. girls, assisted by a number of other girls, will stage an operetta, "The Japanese Girl," at the opera house this week for the benefit of the local post of the American Legion.

—I—

Brng your work to the Belmond Tailor Shop and get a number free on a $63.00 tailored suit.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone, 28. F. J. Tuffree.

Now is the time to get your lawnmowers sharpened.—W. A. Dittmer.

—I—

The corn planting in this vicinity is practically finished, but very few farmers not having their corn all in. The steady rains of last week held the corn back considerably, but the recent hot weather has brought it along in fine shape.

—I—

A free pair of pants with every order for a new suit.—Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Hotel.

—I—

Rev. Edge and J. S. White went to Alexander on last week Wednesday evening, where Rev. Edge preached the sermon to the graduating class of the Alexander school. They went over on Jim Leavy's "Nicodemus" gas car, and Nick baulked on the return trip so that the two gentlemen were forced to hoof it home in the middle of the night.

—I—

Henry Pals, Jr., of Alexander, was among the callers here one day the past week, looking after some business affairs.

—I—

Pure bred Buff Orpington eggs and baby chicks.—Mrs. Myrle Peck, Clarion, Iowa. 262c

—I—

One of the local business men filled up his car, put on his glad rags, and started out last week one afternoon to collect some six hundred odd dollars due him. He spent an enjoyable afternoon riding around, and returned at night with a total collected of $2.40. Which was better than some others have done.

—I—

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

—I—

W. Weigands returned with his famly from California last week to make his future home in good old Belmond. Mr. Weigands moved from this place to California last summer, buying a ranch there, but he and his family liked good old Iowa better and decided they would come back here to live. They will locate in town for the summer.

—I—

This vicinity has certianly been having its share and more of rain the past week, especially last week, when it rained practically every day more or less.

—I—

Wanted—Washing and ironing to do. Inquire at this office. 1t*

C. Stroback of Rutland, Illinois, is the new tire repairman and vulcanizer at Christ Rise implement shop. He has had a wide experience in the tire business in Chicago and Cincinnati.

For Sale—One new tailored suit with extra pants, large size; also one slightly worn suit, large size.—W. L. Wilson Star Cleaner.

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

FOR SALE—Good Waterloo Boy tractor, at a bargain. Phone 310. 23tf

For Sale—Some mixed hay. Phone 1812. Ed. Jenison. 20tfc

—I—

The Keemp garage had a new sidewalk installed in front of their place of business last week.

—I—

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

L. W. Nelson will do your interior painting and paper hanging at reasonable prices. Call 205. 13tf

—I—

School closes this week Friday, and the week will be more or less taken up with the various school exercises incidental to graduation. The program for the school activities may be found in another column of the Independent.

—I—

A nice lot of Gingham Coverall Aprons. Price $2.50, at the Woman's Exchange.—Miss Mary Gealow.

—I—

An auto accident of minor consequenses occured at the town bridge on Saturday, when a buggy was run into.

—I—

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams have returned from their auto trip to various poinst in Minnesota.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

William Chase, one of the graduating Seniors, was reported as being on the sick list a few days the past week.

—I—

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price.—Christ Rise. 25tfc

—I—

Ed. Carlstos of Kanawha was in town one day last week looking after some business matters.

—I—

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

For the Spring Frys—just arrived a new lot of panacea and louse killer at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Try our high test kerosene in your oil stove.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

For Sale—One pair Tailor Made pants, second hand. Also one suit.—Star Cleaner, W. L. Wilson.

—I—

First Class Blacksmithing.—W. A. Dittmer. Located in the Peter Stacy shop.

We have all the latest Victor Records. We can supply a great many of the records you have been unable to get for the past year. Victor Records play on all phonographs. Come in and hear them.—Schultz Drug Co.

—I—

Lundberg & Co. of Mason City are located at 28 E. State street, which address was left off their advertisement recently.

—I—

6 room house for rent, with barn and 6 lots. Inquire of J. W. Sheriff or W. H. Purdy.

—I—

NOTICE!

From and after this date we will do only a cash business, and will expect all work to be settled for before removed. We are compelled to do this in order to cut down the cost of collections and keep our prices down. C. J. Johnson Garage.

—I—

Home made lard for sale.—Mrs. A. W. Martin.

—I—

Young man wants room and board in modern home with private family. Inquire at this office.

—I—

"The Japanese Girl" at the opera house May 26 and 27, under the auspices and by the D. S. S. girls and for the benefit of the American Legion.

—I—

Don't forget "The Japanese Girl" at the opera house this week Thursday and Friday. Given by the D. S. S. girls for the benefit of the American Legion.

—I—

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Headquarters for Fishing Tackle and the American Kampkook Stove at Townsan Hardware.

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

Henry Crist left for Illinois last week Saturday where he will spend a few weeks visiting friends. He made the trip by auto.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their first child, which died on Friday of last week, shortly after birth.

—I—

Mrs. A. W. Martin was a visitor a part of last week at Mason City.

—I—

Roy Crabtree of Clarion was a visitor here Saturday.

—I—

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

We now have the high test kerosene and gasoline for sale.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

As will be noticed on another page of this issue of the Independent, the publication date of the Independent is to be changed with the next issue to Thursday of the week, instead of on Wednesday as heretofore.

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Are you coming to the Shriners Convention on May 26th, or the Automotive Carnival on May 28th? If so, we cordially invite you to inspect our new stock of Ladies Ready-to-Wear. We are located at 101 North Federal Ave., formerly the Sax Ladies' Shop, Mason City, Iowa. We have purchased the stock and fixtures of this firm and we intend continuing it as an up-to-date store where you will be able to find the very latest styles at reasonable prices. Our connections are such that we are in a position to offer values that are not far from pre-war prices. We solicit your patronage.

Matthew Style Shop

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In the Middle of the Auto Show---May 28th

A Special Attraction

Seasonable Garments at Prices that Will Appeal

We are showing a large group of handsome Summer Dresses of such materials as printed Georgette Silk, Foulards, Voiles, Dotted Swiss and Organdy.

The dotted Swiss and Organdy appeal as never before to the Miss. Colors are new and different---and styles are particularly youthful.

PRICED AT $15.75 and Up

Printed Georgette Silk is the biggest seller we ever had. Requires no washing and to the Miss or Woman who wants a summer dress it is irresistable.

A Large Group Priced at $18.75

To the woman who wants an inexpensive dress she can find nothing else that compares with the Silk Foulard.

Very Special $10.75

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTMASTER EXAMS

President Harding has just issued an executive order requiring that all vacancies for Postmasters of the first, second and third class be filled from competitive examinations. This order means that all post offices for which examination have not already been held, will become vacant as soon as the present terms of the postmasters expire, and no one will be appointed unless he has passed the Civil Service examination. Examinations will be announced as soon as the terms of postmasters expire. Both men and women are eligible.

These examinations will be strictly non-political, and both Democrats and Republicans will be eligible to take the examinations. The appointment will be given to one of the three making the highest marks in the examinations. The Civil Service Commission will grade the papers of candidates without knowing whether they are Democrats of Republicans and without any knowledge whatever of their political beliefs. This will give Democrats the same chance as Republicans to make the highest marks in the examinations.

Lyric

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
"GUILTY OF LOVE"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
DOROTHY DALTON
Also a two-reel Sennet comedy.
11c and 25c

THURSDAY, MAY 26
"THE LITTLE GRAY MOUSE"
A Fox picture featuring
LOUISE LOVELY
Also a two-reel Sunshine comedy.
11c and 25c

FRIDAY, MAY 27
"KNOW YOUR MAN"
A Fox picture featuring
PEARL WHITE
Also a one-reel comedy,
11c and 25c

SATURDAY, MAY 28
"HOMER COMES HOME"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
Jest a poor, dern fool! He was chuck full of hifalutin' plans but couldn't hold a job a week. Neighbors all lowed he'd never amount to a hill of beans. All but one—a girl. For her sake he went away. Then one day Homer came home! Stylish as all git-out! And money—gosh! Got the folks to thinkin' he was doin' great things in Wall street. Got 'em all het up to a big investin' scheme and then—
A picture filled with fun and love and heart-tug. A glorious story of plain folks.
Also two-reel Educational comedy.
11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY
MAY 30 & 31
"MARRIED LIFE"
A five-reel Mack Sennet comedy.
There's a moral in "Married Life" if the beholder can stop laughing long enough to discover it. Full of mirthful episodes. The hospital scene where Jimmy Finleyson is taken after his 8-story drop from a building makes one want to get sick just to go there and be nursed by those beauties. A picture that will drive away the blues, and highly recommended to all grouches.
11c and 25c

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

(Continued from page three.)

which was greatly enjoyed.

Next Sunday morning will be the Memorial Sermon at the Cong. church Lieut. Wolcott delivering the address. Sunday evening the Missionary society will give a program as follows:

Prelude—Ruth Emerson.
Songs—The Whole Wide World, Tell It Today.
Scripture—Mrs. O. E. Ballou.
Prayer—Mrs. R. Virden.
Vocal Duet—Frances Farren and Marjorie Brooks.
Playette—**America That Is To Be.**
Spirit of Congregationalist—Mrs. Mary Rowen.
Womans' Home Missionary Federation—Bertha Whitten.
American Missionary Association—Maude Kercheval.
Negro Nurse—Thelma Brooks.
Indian Nurse—Laura McCallum.
Mountaineer—Florence Lent.
Chinese—Laura Aldinger.
Home Missionary Society—Ethel Box.
Frontier—Esther Emerson.
City—Blanch Combs.
Rural—Ruby LaGue.
Immigrant—Cleo Duffy.
Church Buildinig Secretary—Mrs. Farren.
Board of Ministerial Relief—Vera Knuths.
Educational Society—Letha Gunderson.
Students—Frances Farren, Stella Emerson, Joe McKinley, James Burt.
Sunday School Extension Society—Mable Emerson.
Spirit of Amer'ca—Grace Fletcher.
Instrumental Solo—Mrs. Clint Kercheval.
Playlet—**America's Welcome**
Polish Girl—Margaret Keith.
Syrian Boy—George Brooks.
Bohemian Girl—Dolly Duffy.
Greek Boy—Carl Emerson.
Swedish Girl—Doris Gunderson.
German Girl—Evelyn Whitten.
Hungaarian Boy—Dyrl Farren.
Italian Girl—Thelma Streveler.
Russian Jewish Boy—Linden Whitten.
French Girl—Elsie Holbrook.
American Children—Kenneth Keith, Alta Allen, Arthur Emerson, May Hyde, Fern Streveler, Frances Virden, Bernice Williams, Ray Holbrook, Duane Holbrook, Pearl Hiams and Doris Hiams.
Offertory—Ruth Emerson.
Song—America.
Benedicion—Rev. W. H. Nye.

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Olson and family of Britt were calling on relatives and friends here Sunday.

Miss Agnes Heggen left Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends at Hardy.

Mrs. Fred Knudsen and little son Louis returned home Friday from a very pleasant visit relatives at Iowa Falls.

Miss Cecil Benzler was an over Sunday visitor at Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaw and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hefte were guests at the Oliver Fosen home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Summers and family were Fort Dodge callers on Saturday.

MESERVEY ITEMS

A. A. Sifert and wife arrived here Monday. He is the new school supertendent.

K. C. Ruigh motored to Alexander Sunday.

Rev. Schelesseman delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of '21 Sunday evening at the Evangelical churcn.

The high school enjoyed a picnic at the Iowa river Monday.

Merle Brogan caught a 10-pound pickeral at Clear Lake, Sunday, which has caused the fishing fever to run high in Meservey.

Miss Rose Nicolet and Thornton friends motored to Aldin, Sunday, to visit Miss Nicolet's sister and other friends.

"The Alligator" (which is only his nick name) visited the north part of town, Sunday night. While there he stepped in a flower bed but not much damage was done.

Meservey high school base ball team played Ventura, Friday, the score being 34 to 15 in favor of Meservey.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wicks of Roland, in Story county, spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. G. Holverson.

The Ladies Aid society, on account of rain, was postponed until Thursday. It was quite well attended. It will meet with Mrs. Ole Hanson in three weeks.

Philip Erdman lost about 12 acres of beets by the freeze a week ago. It was one of the finest fields of beets around here and means quite a loss to him.

G. Holverson went to Minneapolis last week to consult a physician. They decided that his teeth were causing a good deal of his poor health.

Mrs. Clarence Scott entertained a cousin, wife and baby, last week.

Geo. C. Johnson and Martin Hanson went to Chicago last week with a load of stock, cattle and hogs.

Geo. Baxter shipped two carloads of hogs for the farmers, Tuesday.

Andrew Stockseth, an old settler of this community, passed away on Saturday evening at the home of Henry Stockseth. An obituary will be printed next week.

Walter Nelson of Mason City has been visiting during the past week at the Ralph Nelson home.

Miss Marion Emerson entertained a number of her little friends last Friday afternoon, the occasion being her 10th birthday. A delightful time was had.

STATE FAIR TO PAY OUT BIG SUM

Announcement of the full list of premiums to be offered at the 1921 Iowa State fair have just been received. They show a total of over $143,500 offered in the various departments. This is the largest sum ever offered by the Iowa state fair or any other exposition of its kind in the country, officials state. Following are some of the main classifications:

Horses $29,010, speed events $23,000, cattle $40,975, swine $7,600, sheep $5,103, poultry $2,419, agriculture, $13,593, horticulture $3,109, boys and girls contests $8,351.

In the statement issued in connection with the premium list, the fair management declares that they will endeavor to make the 1921 exposition a real contribution to the advancement of the prosperity of the state. It will be the most mammoth exposition Iowa has ever staged, they say, and will tax the capacity of the fair grounds to the limit.

HAS THE COST OF LIVING COME DOWN ANY?

From time to time the claim is made that the cost of living has not been reduced in any appreciable manner. It is easy to generalize and theorize, but for the benefit of those who still adhere to the claim that there has been no material slump in the cost of living we desire to submit a concrete example of what has happened in a year.

A year ago a sack of sugar cost $28 and in some places in Iowa $30. Today for the $28 it would have cost to buy that sack of sugar, you can buy the following: First, your sack of sugar—same quality—and in addition these items which find ready use in every kitchen: One sack of flour, a bushel of potatoes, 10 cans of peas, 10 cans of corn, 10 cans of tomatoes, 16 pounds of rice, 10 pounds of beans, 10 pounds of prunes, 10 pounds of coffee, 10 pounds of oatmeal, 10 pounds of crackers, 10 pounds of syrup, 10 pounds of lard.

It is said that figures sometimes lie. Not so in this case. We have a proposition in black and white from reputable people to make good on this list. The cost of living has come down in Iowa and it has dropped a long distance, and everybody who is sincere, knows it.—Waterloo Courier.

Regarding the foregoing, how many pounds of cow hide does the farmer have to haul to market to pay for a pair of boots?

How many eggs, at 13 cents a dozen, does it take for the farm wife to pay for a dress?

How many bushels of corn does the farmer have to give to pay for a suit of clothes or a pair of overalls?

Living has come down, true; but it needs to come down quite a bit more on some things to equalize the prices now being received for farm producst.

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SYNOPSIS.

PART I.—Robert Hervey Randolph, young New York man-about-town, leaves the home of his sweetheart, Madge Van Tellier, chagrined because of her refusal of his proposal of marriage. His income, $10,000 a year, which he must surrender if a certain Miss Imogen Pamela Thornton (whom he has seen only as a small girl ten years before) is found, is not considered by the girl of his heart adequate to modern needs. In a "don't care" mood Randolph enters a taxi, unseen by the driver, and is driven to the stage door of a theater. A man he knows, Duke Beamer, induces a girl to enter the cab. Beamer, attempting to follow, is pushed back by Randolph and the cab moves on. His new acquaintance tells Randolph she is a chorus girl, and has lost her position. She is in distress, even hungry, and he takes her to his apartment. There, after lunch, a chance remark convinces him the girl is the missing Pamela Thornton. He does not tell her of her good fortune, but secures her promise to stay in the flat until the morning, and leaves her. In a whimsical mood, also realizing that the girl's reappearance has left him practically penniless, he bribes the taxi driver to let him take his job, and leaving word with the legal representative of the Thornton estate where he can find Pamela, takes up his new duties under the name of "Slim Hervey." He loves the girl, but his pride forbids him approaching her under their changed conditions.

PART II.—One evening he is engaged by Beacher Tremont, notorious profligate, to drive him and Madge Van Tellier to a hostelry known as "Greenwood." Aware of the evil nature of the place, Randolph drives the pair to Greenwood cemetery. Infuriated, Beacher gets out of the cab and Randolph leaves him there, taking the girl (who has awakened to a realization of her folly) to her home. Madge recognizes him.

PART III.—In Randolph's apartment Pamela, pondering over the strangeness of the night's adventure, realizes she is very much more than interested in the young man. Next morning Mr. Borden Milyuns, her family's legal representative, informs her of her inheritance. Learning that her acceptance of the money will leave Randolph penniless, even the furniture of the apartment belonging to her, she proposes to divide the inheritance with him. Mr. Milyuns tells her Randolph is unlikely to agree to such an arrangement, even if found. He, however, agrees to do his utmost to find the young man. Wide advertising and the employment of detective agencies fail to accomplish this. Madge Van Tellier tells Mr. Milyuns of her encounter with Randolph. Knowing only that he is driving a taxicab, Pamela sets out to find him. The search naturally is a long one, but finally she comes upon Randolph in front of a hotel. Unseen by him she enters his cab, but when giving the starter her address Randolph recognizes her voice. The streets are slippery with snow, and in his excitement he smashes the cab against the curb, throwing the girl out.

PART IV.—Stopping only to see that Pamela is unhurt, Randolph flees from the scene. While he is explaining his mishap at the office of the cab company Mr. Milyuns appears. After much persuasion Randolph agrees to call on Pamela nine days after that time. He also announces his intention of accumulating $100,000 in the interval, and arranges to drive a cab on the Wall Street beat. There, as he had hoped, he picks up a "tip" on the market. His entire capital being in the neighborhood of $70 he goes to one of his clubs and sits in a poker game, trusting to chance to secure a stake that will enable him to play the "tip" he has secured. He is lucky and runs his capital up to an amount sufficient for his needs. His inside information on the market proves correct and he closes the deal with the sum he had decided it was necessary to have in order to meet Pamela on a footing of equality. Punctual to the minute he calls on the young lady, who had awaited his coming with impatience, and at the close of the interview there is no question of the division of the inheritance—or the apartment.

Tourke's face underwent a startling change, as though it had tumbled down a whole ladder of emotions until it landed with a jolt on a solid platform of infinite pity.

"Take any beat ye like, boy, while ye c'n hold the wheel," he said, at the same time jambing the brakes down on his too generous hand. "An' be sure your ol' frien' Tourke ain't goin' to forget to come to the hospital to see you"—he finished almost with a sob—"often."

For five restless, heart-breaking days, Mr. Randolph and his cab were at the beck and call of every short-horn curb-broker that wanted his friends and customers to see him start away from the scene of others' labors in a taxi. The vast assurance that had graced him when he allowed Mr. Milyuns to infer that nine days was plenty in which to pick up a hundred thousand dollars and that had also tinged a remark made some weeks before to a Miss Madge Van Tellier to the effect that the great thing nowadays was to avoid having too much money had been gradually worn to a ragged frazzle.

Mr. Randolph was on the point of trying to persuade himself that he was giving way to the too constant strain rather than to any defect in his philosophy of the easiness of wealth when an excited and hatless elevator boy rushed up and said:

"Here, youse! Mr. Embonpoint Morgum's car has froze. Ring your ol' fire alarm."

Mr. Randolph almost knocked over a fare that was attempting to get aside.

"Engaged!" he growled, as he stooped to "turn her over."

Five minutes later, his cab was carrying, in the persons of Mr. Morgum, above mentioned, and another, the potential pivots of very tight-vested in-

"Good Idea! Friday It Is."

terests to the tune of twelve billion dollars. It may be thought that it was Slim Hervey's intention to waft this precious pair to some bosky retreat, cover them with leaves, and hold them for ransom, but such was not the case. He desired nothing from these two potentates among a race of lucre giants beyond what might come to him through his ever-open speaking slot.

This is all he heard:

"Lewisfader is getting kind of fresh."

"That's what I been thinkin'."

"When?"

"What about Friday, when the Bunkers-Bollweevil report comes out?"

"Good idea! Friday it is."

Not another word, but, as it happed, it was enough to start Mr. Randolph honking uptown the moment he had dropped his laconic fares at their next board meeting. No one had to tell him who Lewisfader was; he had been to college with that financier's son, and if there was one thing above all others that said offspring was good at, it was blowing his father's horn. Lewisfader was this and Lewisfader was that, but principally and especially he was the central rock in the money maelstrom known to the stock market as "Amal. I. S. & C.," which had only lately dared to swell its portentous belly in the company of the most developed and vicious saurians of the financial world.

All the way uptown, Mr. Randolph's face was concentrated in the nearest approach to a frown of which it was capable. He was not, however, weighing the substance of what he had heard this way and that, for the simple reason that the moment the one word, "Lewisfader," had reached his ears, he had seen the great light, and grasped his hunch beyond any thought of looking back. That part of it was settled; what worried him now was the amount of ways and means in his pocket. By thinking very hard, he added up his capital without bringing it forth to the light of day. The exact sum was sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

No sooner had he passed the test in mental arithmetic than he drew up a little beyond the front door of the Rocket club. He started to leave his cab, paused, considered, and then deliberately lowered the flag. As he entered the lobby of the club, four scandalized fronts leaped to bar his way. They asked him a variety of biting questions: Did he think it was a night lunchwagon? Which chambermaid was he calling on? Was he looking for Mills hotel?

"Herbert!" roared Mr. Randolph.

The functionary named, head doorman for the Rocket club since first it started on its appropriately meteoric career, leaped from his dignified seat on the somnolent side lines and stared wide eyed at the servile apparition that had dared shout the open sesame to that inviolate portal.

"Mr. Randolph!" he gasped at last, and the stunned fronts started to slink away.

"Hold on, there!" said Mr. Randolph, and divested himself of cap to one, overcoat to another, gloves to the third, and asked the fourth for a light. "Herbert," he continued, in modulated tones, "the cab outside is waiting for Mr. R. H. Randolph. It may be there for some time. Have an eye kept on it."

"Yes, Mr. Randolph. I'll see to it, Mr. Randolph. George, Mr. Randolph's letters."

"Never mind the letters," countermanded the oft-named one, and proceeded to thread his way to a certain small room strategically placed well within the depths of the edifice and far from the maddening tumult of the streets. The said apartment at the moment of his arrival contained five occupants seated round a circular table of convenient height and clothed in pale green, kindest of all shades to the eye of man. There were no mirrors on the walls.

Mr. Randolph's entry was greeted first with consternation and then with shouts.

"Bobby, you old scout!"

"Herv, by great balls of sweat."

"Randy, from where the devil?"

The speakers arose and pump handled Mr. Randolph's arm.

"Ye gods, man, where you been? Strayed in from a fancy dress?"

"Never mind the glad rags, fellows," said Mr. Randolph. "I was just feeling lonely for the sound of chips. Room for another?"

"The surest thing! You don't know these two chaps, do you? Mr. Seegar, passed on to us from 'Frisco, and Mr. Bowling-True, our latest new member. Gentlemen, this is Mr. Randy Randolph of New Haven and New York, in disguise but still the best ever."

"Table stakes?" murmured Mr. Randolph, as he took his place, apparently at random, but at the left of the two comparative strangers.

"Of course! Same old ante. Same old game. You talk as though you'd been away for a month."

For a moment, but for a moment only, Mr. Randolph was dazed. Was it possible that the last three weeks hadn't been a year? He drew out his sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents nonchalantly, as though they were merely the loose change he had on his person, bought fifty in chips, and laid the small heap of what was left of his cash on the board. The strain on his nerves during the next half-hour put that of the five days' wait for a hunch on the Street to the blush. There came a moment when all his chips were gone, and he was forced to see with a full house for his small pile of change only.

"Serves you right, Randy," said Mr. Mein. "For forgetting to pile up the ready in a table-stake game; there are two and a half million walking the streets—"

"Oh; stow it!" murmured Mr. Randolph, as he counted out his share, amounting to ninety-two dollars and fifty cents, and pushed across the rest of the fat pot to the next best hand. He looked up and smiled. "Boys," he remarked frankly, "I'm riding a hunch with four legs. Watch me."

Five spectators did, but got little excitement of their pains. Mr. Randolph was playing that most difficult and uninteresting of poker corollaries—a tight game. Mr. Seegar turned impatient as the conviction grew upon him that he had run up against the original hard-shell who never drew to less than a pair of tens, never bluffed, and could surrender three kings without a sigh to a low straight unseen. He began to make facetious remarks in connection with the safety-first campaign which was then at its height.

Mr. Randolph nursed his pile through five long hours up to eighteen hundred dollars. Then it was that he suddenly met a raise of two hundred on the part of Mr. Seegar, tacked on three hundred more, waited for that individual to throw in his very good hand, face up, with the resigned smile of a wise one, and then carelessly displayed in the same manner, his own three-flush, so bobtailed that the attention of the S. P. C. A. should have been called to the case.

The roar of laughter that went up from all but Mr. Seegar was more full and free than even such occasions usually produce. Mr. Mein pounded Mr. Randolph on the back.

"Bobby, old boy," he said, "that was the eternalest, patientest, and deepest-laid trap I've ever witnessed in a life-long pursuit of the only national pastime!"

The light merely flickered in Mr. Randolph's blue eyes, and he returned to his old job of sawing wood. Not for nothing had he made that grand-stand flourish, and his object had been gained. A new seriousness, masked in cold-edged, classic poker smiles, settled upon the table as a whole. The idea that they were gathered together merely to while away an idle evening faded into the background, and, one by one, like stars coming out at evening time, supper trays began to make their appearance. All but Randolph, they had been toying with poker; now they began to play it.

That gentleman continued for the nonce the even tenor of his stride except for a Lenten concession to his insides. He ordered placed on a stand at his elbow a large jug of ice water and a platter containing four dozen sandwiches. No added touch could have done more toward persuading his friendly antagonists that he, Randolph, was out for thick blood. If any one of the five had joyed in the knowledge that two slices, thin, of buttered bread embracing a sliver of meat had been named eternally after the earl of Sandwich on just such an epochal occasion as this, he would probably have seen the high sign and beat it for home and bed.

Night was fast joining the discard when the weary Herbert dared to interrupt.

"Please, Mr. Randolph, the officer on the beat says the grass is lifting your cab, sir, and he thought he ought to report anything like that."

"Tell him to undo the check and let it feed itself down again," growled Mr. Randolph.

The day passed; night fell. Now one and then another of the six devotees of a science which even in the youth of this nation had forestalled all the wonders of the submarine, the flight of man, and wireless telegraphy withdrew just long enough to connect with the Daily Night bank round the corner or some other convenient base of supplies and returned to set new money to catch old. But Mr. Randolph had no occasion to do this. His heap of chips and cash of the realm rested on too solid a base of its own.

There may be recorded an amusing diversion from the serious business in hand. It was ushered in by the crestfallen Herbert, who confessed that actual physical exhaustion had driven him to forty winks, during which time a professional purloiner of motor-car accessories had stopped, spellbound by the gigantic sum registered on Mr. Randolph's taximeter, had promptly stolen the preposterous clock, and was now on the club steps offering to settle with whoever was the interested gent on a fifty-fifty basis.

Great was the consternation of the enterprising speculator in theft when he was confronted by two persons in one; namely, Mr. R. H. Randolph, lessee of Car No. 1898, and Mr. R. H. Randolph, alias Slim Hervey, the irate driver of said cab. His glib tongue, loaded to the gills with arguments as to how much the fare would save through the sudden exit of the clock from the ken of man, tripped hopelessly on this vision of wrath in the shape of a driver in whose interests the ticker had been faithfully slaving.

It took Mr. Randolph just thirty-two precious minutes to force the crestfallen one to replace and readjust the busy bee of meter readings. When he returned to the fray upstairs, he noticed a strange phenomenon of poker-age, unmistakable age, had settled on the faces of the five youths. He put his fingers to his own countenance; he could feel the added years.

The game ended, as do all titanic battles, in absolute silence. Mr. Randolph sorted, stacked, tabulated his winnings, and stuffed them into all the pockets on his person. He then noted the hour—eleven o'clock of a bright Thursday morning—and, proceeding to the nearest telephone booth, called up Mr. William Verries of Verries & Cat, stock brokers.

"That you, William? This is Bob Randolph. William, I've got sixteen thousand dollars in my jeans at the moment of speaking. What's the lowest margin you'll give me to sell Amal. I. S. & C. short for delivery at tomorrow's closing?"

"Sell Amal. I. S. & C. short!" gasped Mr. Verries. "Why, you're crazy! Buy, and I'll talk to you."

"I don't want to buy," said Mr. Randolph patiently. "You're right, in a way, about my being crazy. You see, since you saw me the other day, I've come into some easy long stuff, and it's just ruining my experiment in the philosophy of a moneyless life. I want to lose my wad just like I told you, and if you don't promise to start selling for me inside of the next five minutes, I'll let friendship slide and call up some real brokers."

"Well, if you put it in that way, you escaped loon, I'll assist your sap-headed philosophy to your exact cash limit. When will you pony up?"

"In twenty minutes by the clock," said Mr. Randolph cheerfully, and rang off.

The historic pounding drive on Amal. I. S. & C. that started with the opening of the market on the following day was of such Homeric proportions that the advance sale made by Messrs. Verries & Cat on behalf of Mr. R. H. Randolph during the Thursday afternoon next preceding was a mere drop in the bucket of oblivion to the public at large—a mere flea-bite lost in the shuffling of epidermises to the monster saurians involved in the combat; but to Mr. Randolph, it was a matter of transcendent importance.

With a feeling of great relief over an order that he had placed with his tailor nine days previously for complete new afternoon and evening outfits, the successful hunchbuster collected one hundred and thirty-two thousand, thirty-eight and no hundredths dollars and proceeded to turn in his wagon to the Village Cab company, together with the highest clock reading ever known in the history of Manhattan. He then chartered one of the vehicles for hire of that concern and directed it to carry him to his new clothes.

At ten minutes to four, he emerged from his tailor's, garbed in the very latest thing in slim-line morning coats, a top hat, pearly-striped trousers, spats, a mottled, platinum-handled, snakewood stick, and a gardenia in his buttonhole. Ignoring the wise and friendly-sneering look on the face of the cab driver, who was none other than our old friend of saturnine visage, Patrick O'Reilly by name, fallen on evil times, and re-engaged that very day on Mr. Randolph's recommendation, he gave a certain address in Fifty-ninth street.

Let us now break one of the cardinal rules of narrative for cash by ruthlessly switching the objective point of view. Behold Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton dressed in a ravishing, modestly modern tea-gown effect that would have cost her great-great-grandmother a ducking in the pond off Bleecker street if she had dared to wear it in her day at a fancy-dress ball, pacing up and down Mr. Randolph's recent sitting room and counting off nine on her fingers for the hundred and eighty-sixth time.

And then, at last, the bell! Tomlinson, his jaw set grimly, advanced upon the door. For an agonizing small moment, Pamela held her breath, and then let it go with a rush as she heard the old valet's sonorous voice tinged, nay, reeking, with the joy of welcome.

"Glad to see you back, Master Robert. Miss Thornton will receive you in the sitting room." Followed jingling sounds as Tomlinson disconnected the doorbell.

He was right in surmising that his former employer did not require a guide, but, as it turned out, there was no reason why he should not have witnessed the very proper meeting which took place between the two outwardly cool young members of society who were inwardly, nevertheless, seething with more emotions than there are fumes in a lime-kiln.

"Miss Thornton!" exclaimed Mr. Randolph, as, from force of long habit, he laid hat, stick and gloves on a side table and then advanced with a tentatively outstretched hand.

"Oh, how do you do?" asked Pamela, rising and offering her hand. "Wo—won't you sit down?"

"Thank you; I will."

He took the other end of the couch, crossed his legs in an effort to appear thoroughly at home, and gazed almost furtively at the apparition before him. Ye gods and heaps of daffodils! What a vision of loveliness, of charm, grace, breeding, carriage and nurtured beauty! What a bubbling well of mirth; what a source of the light of youth that never fails; what an armful of divine delight!

"Er—I—er—told Mr. Milyuns I'd call," said Mr. Randolph.

"Yes?" eagerly countered Miss Thornton.

"Er—I—said I'd be here at four," supplemented Mr. Randolph.

"Yes; he told me," murmured Miss Thornton, not quite so ardently.

"Er—it's just four now," stated Mr. Randolph.

"So it is," agreed Miss Thornton quite coolly, glancing at the clock and registering surprise—tone quite calm and dignified.

A long silence intervenes. The lady could easily break it, but won't. She has gathered somewhere that silence is often a club. Mr. Randolph evidently shares the intuition; he must say something and does.

"I've been very busy since I saw you last."

"How interesting!"

"Yes; it has been—in spots. I've—er—been studying the under side of the upper world through a hole in the front glass of a taxi. It has given me a great idea."

"Really?"

"Yes; I'm going to start the Manhattan Chaperoned Cab company."

"The what?" asked Miss Thornton, forced to show interest in the preposterous project in spite of the fact that her eyes were growing more and more wounded and the corners of her tremulous mouth were drooping farther and farther south.

"Chaperoned Cab company," repeated Mr. Randolph, his broad brows puckering in serious thought over his wide blue eyes. "It doesn't sound like much of an idea until you follow it out. Would you like to have me explain it to you?"

"Oh, ce—certainly."

"Well, it all hangs on an invention of my own—an attachment to the ordinary taximeter of a miniature map of New York and vicinity and a sort of seismic-needle affair. You set the needle on the point in the map corresponding to where the cab starts from in—er—real life. Wherever the cab goes, the needle shows the route in red ink on the map, with a time signal of how long it stopped at any given house, park, store—er—et cetera. Do you begin to get the idea?"

"N—no," said Miss Thornton.

"Just think a minute. Tired old couple of conventional ideas and actually beyond the age of dancing are in horror of sitting up all night watching daughter have a good time. Send her in one of my cabs; the ink-route will show just how straight she went to the party, how long she stayed, and how she came back. I forgot to mention the dictograph attachment in every vehicle. Take another case: Man married to a pretty and very young wife. Can't you hear him say, 'Yes, my d-d-dear; you can go anywhere if you'll take a Chaperoned Cab?'"

"No, I can't," said Miss Thornton decisively, and stared meaningly at the clock, as though she were worrying over her next engagement.

Mr. Randolph flushed, rose hastily, and possessed himself of hat, stick and gloves.

"I mustn't keep you," he said, "I've got an appointment in about five minutes myself."

She rose, an absent-minded look in her eyes, and accompanied him to the door of the room. He opened it and took his hand from the knob to shake good-by. Her hand reached out toward his listlessly, as though it had become infected with the selfsame droop that had assailed the corners of her lips.

"May I—er—call again?"

"No!" cried Pamela, snatched back her hand, threw both arms up against the doorjamb, dropped her curly head upon them, and burst into tears.

Mr. Randolph's platinum-headed cane fell with a clatter; his gloves fluttered to the floor, and his new top hat, emitting a clucking, mirthful sound, hurtled across the room. In less time than it has taken to describe these simultaneous events, he had seized the sobbing girl in his arms and was babbling as follows:

"Miss Tho—Pamela—Pam, you dearest and sweetest of all the little women in the world! Oh, darling, don't cry; but if you must, then cry on me—so! That's right, my precious; put your arms round my neck and hold me close. S—strangle me, b—but never, never let me go."

He stooped gradually, picked her up, and made for the couch. Just before he got there, he reached a small prayer rug of Persian design and of great value, one of many such oases in the large expanse of beautifully waxed flooring. The specified rug seemed to take sudden offense at Mr. Randolph's rude footfall. It took to itself wings and flew from under him. The crash of two of the choicest bits of Manhattan's humanity was terrific. Above the din of scattering furniture could be heard the peal of a girl's clear laughter, and presently a voice ringing merrily through half-swallowed sobs:

"M—my—what a b—bump!"

They sat on the floor, face to face, and matched a treble: "Ha! Ha! Ha!" with a heavy male: "Haw! Haw! Haw!"

The terrified Tomlinson burst in upon the scene and there are twenty-six adjectives that would have fitted the look on his countenance, the first five being "astounded," "scandalized," "amazed," "deprecating," "appalled."

"M—Master Robert! M—Miss Imogene!"

Pamela pointed one finger at him weakly, and was off again to tumble down another cascade of laughter. Tomlinson shook his solemn head from side to side in a grieved and palsied motion.

"Such doings! I never—no—I never!"

"Tomlinson is right," said Mr. Randolph solemnly, as he rose and helped Pamela to her feet. "I consider this the most astonishing sample of deportment that has come to my immediate attention for—for ten years." He turned to the unmollified servitor, "Tomlinson," he continued, still supporting the laughter-weakened Pamela with one arm, "I think it is due you to explain that Miss Thornton and I were merely rehearsing, or, rather reviving the occasion of our first meeting. It was sitting just as you found us that we first made each other's acquaintance a decade ago, except that the encounter took place on the western sidewalk of Fifth avenue at about the corner of Forty-eighth street. I trust that this information will clear up all doubts in your mind as to our sanity, and that you will now leave us to the settlement of certain personal affairs of great moment."

Tomlinson withdrew, still shaking his old head from side to side, and mumbling his opinion that the explanation, far from condoning an affront to what had once been an orderly establishment, was in the nature of a plant on his credulity. No sooner had he closed the door softly but firmly on the scene of wreckage than Mr. Randolph turned all his attention to the lady in his arms.

After a few moments, he laid his hands on her shoulders, held her at arm's length, and forced her eyes to a long and breathlessly solemn meeting with his own. "My dear girl," he continued, "when I came here this afternoon, the sudden bloom of your beauty swept me off my usually confident mental bearings. I saw how completely desirable you are and my courage sank and left me, as though some one had said, 'You can have her if you'll just step up to Mars.' When I was running away, so that I might live to fight for you in many other days, the flame of you swept down and seized my coward heart. It's yours, darling, forever—if you'll only take it!"

And then they kissed each other—one of those long, unhurried marriages of the lips in which eye meets wondering eye so closely that the barriers of flesh and space and time are pushed aside, and all the whole wide world together with seven heavens are crowded into the tiny sphere of a single lucent orb. Look at them, oh, you growing public; watch them do it! For while it is customary to draw the veil on these intimate first contacts of the soul, let it be said that such conventional literary hypocrisy is herein abjured on the grounds that the real thing in youth in love doesn't give a whoop who sees.

Even such a kiss as is under review has an end as well as a beginning, and just as this one finished its too brief but crowded span of life came the honk three times repeated of a motor horn, as though the world at large had availed itself of that means to cap the shameless osculation with three exclamation points.

"Why, Bobby," cried Pamela, "you've never kept your cab waiting?"

"Sometime tonight," said Mr. Randolph dreamily, sadly, wistfully, "I'll have to go somewhere away from here. Let him wait."

[THE END.]

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Prof. Willow, the schoolmaster—Claude Johnson.
George Washington Jones, a colored individual—Cyril Jenison.
E. Z. Marks, who answers advertisements—Leo McNamara.
C. D. Dooless, the town shirk—Harland Rierson.
Artie Wiseboy, from the city,
U. R. Wright, the drummer,
Prof. Sleeper, the hypnotist—Donald Pech.
A Young American—Robert Fetrow, (Third grade.)
Dick Quill, the country editor—Carl Whittaker.
Marjie Ketchum, the village cut-up—Esther Amblie.
Rose Highcrown, the town milliner—Loretto Barry.
Arabelle Tittletattle, the gossip—Helen Elder.
Aunt Mirandy, the good old soul—Maurine Hake.
Dorthea Dimple, the village Belle—Veron Hanson.
Susan Snip, a blue law advocate—Della Bayliss.
Mary, the school teacher—Elma Stapley.
Cleopatra Jones, a would-be novelist—Emma Luick.
Mrs. Dooless, the victim of C. D.—Reaka Buschmann.

School Girls:
Cora ---------------------- Esther
Dora ---------------- Olinda Lutz
Flora -------------- Marian McNulty
Nora ---------------- Loretto Barry
Nell --------------- Kathleen Barry
Belle -------------------- Helen Elder
Stell ----------------- Leona Johnson
Dell ------------ --Gladys Gunderson

Part II
Musical Reading ---- Kathleen Barry
High School Welcome ---------------- Arthur Christie
Response ------------- Paul Johnson
Presentation of Diplomas ------------ Miss Bock

We hope that all Eighth Grade graduates who receive the invitation to attend the Commencement will be present, even tho they have already received their diplomas.

Remember the date, June 1, at 8:15.

Belmond Local News

Harley Potter and Arval Frost of Fort Dodge were business visitors in town on Friday.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay and son of Clarion were guests Sunday afternoon at the Wallace Ramsay home here.

—I—

Little Duran Hill had the misfortune to fall from the slide on the playground at school Sunday evening, spraining his arm qujte badly and cutting his face somewhat.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton and family drove to Eagle Grove last Sunday to spend the day with relatives.

—I—

Miss Jane Ramsay went to Clarion on Saturday to visit relatives.

—I—

Clarence Craven of Mason City was a caller with Belmond friends on the first of this week.

—I—

Mrs. Max Robinson of Storm Lake has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Maitland, the past week.

—I—

The A. W. Hill and Wm. Luick families autoed to Mason City one day last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. George Beard and Mrs. H. J. Holt left last week for Green Bay, Wisconsin, where Mr. Beard has accepted a position with the beet sugar people at that place.

—I—

Jas. C. Blocker, who moved to Mason City a few years ago has returned to Belmond to live.

—I—

Mrs. Anna Case, Belmond's popular librarian, was in attendance at the district librarians meeting held at the county seat last week.

—I—

Miss Nora Nelson has been visiting friends at Fort Dodge and Dayton the past week.

—I—

Andrew Norem, who was run over by one of the big gravel trucks recently, is reported as recovering nicely.

—I—

Chris Jacobs, wife and daughter of Garner were recent visitors at the Chas. Papousek home. Mrs. Papousek was formely Miss Jacobs.

—I—

Mrs. Clare Clark from Weldona, Colorado, who has been visiting at the home of friends and relatives here for the past few weeks, returned on Saturday to her home.

—I—

Mrs. J. J. Flynn and daughter, Marjorie, who have been spending the past several months in California, returned home on Saturday of last week.

—I—

N. M. Wolcott came up from Des Moines the first of this week to be present at the Memorial Day exercises and to spend a few days visiting old friends.

—I—

M. C. Barry was at Iowa City the first of the wetk, where he was called by the serious illness of his wife's mother, who is not expected to live.

THERE'S TWO SIDES

There has always been an objection on the part of Allison merchants to having city merchants enter this field. More than once they have openly stated to the editor of this paper that he s not "loyal to the town and the community if he encourages or accepts advertising from the merchants in larger towns," and they have preached whole sermons about "standing up for the home town first."

We haven't needed any of these sermons, for we've never stood for anything else but the home town first. last and all the time. But it's a poor rule that won't work both ways. So, if the home town paper is going to throw into the waste basket advertising that comes from the outside then it has a right to expect the home town merchant to make up that loss. Two can play at this game of "loyalty" and if the editor is going to be loyal and turn down city advertising then the home merchant must be loyal enough to see that the paper does not suffer. It takes money to run a paper, the same as any other business, and we can't pay bills with sentiment.

Yes, there's two sides to the home town loyalty question. If you want the home trade and want to keep the city merchant from getting it, then do what he is willing and anxious to do—advertise for it. So long as you don't loyalty counts for nothing with you. We're for the home town first, and we always will be, and we are just as strong for the merchant who is fair enough to advertise his goods in the home town paper if he expects to keep his city competitor out of it.—Allison Tribune.

Glasses

For Every Purpose

Whether for temporary use or permanent use, as a protection against the wind; the sun, or strong artificial light---

Our glasses---both clear and tinted---are the latest products of optical science.

We invite your inspection

F. A. BRAS, Optometrist

with

L. A. Cederquist, Jeweler

Ft. Dodge, Iowa

- WILL BE AT -

H. SCHULTZ, Jewelry

May 25, 1921

You've Got to Do What You Say You'll Do

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

Some people---and among them are some merchants---who only think that a guarantee is only "advertising." They think advertising is something to get people into a store---then they can do as they wish.

It's all wrong, a successful store has to live up to it's advertising; people won't come back again and again unless that store does what it says it will do.

We say, "Money back if you aren't satisfied and you are the one who decides what your satisfaction should be."

We live up to the letter of that statement; it means that you can't make a mistake here in Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes or anything else that we sell. It means that we have taken the gamble out of clothes buying for you.

Get to Know

Gildner Bros.

Iowa's Largest Clothiers

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Mason City, Iowa

Special Bargains

40 in. Voiles, 75c value, now	50c
36 in. Percales, 25c value,	19c
42 in. Pillow Tubing	45c
Scrim and Curtains,	25c per yd. and up
30 per cent discount on Blouses	
$1.00 Brooms, now	55c
3 pkg of Corn Flakes	25c
5 lb. Bulk Oatmeal	25c

We have a good line of canned goods from 10c up.

Our low prices in groceries are moving them fast.

W. A. Parsons & Co.

We Deliver Phone 30

We Buy Eggs and Butter. Open Evenings

Men's Oxfords

Brogues Semi-Brogues Ball-Straps

English or Broad Toe Models

$7.50 to $13.00

It's merely a case of picking your particular shoe. It makes no difference what your need may be you will be able to find it here.

They come in Black and Brown kid or calf leather with good weight soles. Built to give comfort and the maximum amount of wear.

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115 N. Federal Mason City, Iowa

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REMEMBER---
We Handle no Samples or Brokerage Lines---
All High Class Merchandise

Now is the Time to Buy

Prices Back to 1916 Basis on Men's and Boys' Clothing Shoes and Furnishings at

HARRY MARK'S

We positively guarantee Satisfaction or Your Money will be Refunded

Men' Shirts

Men' blue Chambray work Shirts, full cut, all sizes, 14 to 17, at 59c

Embey Suits

They are guaranteed all wool, hand tailored, latest styles and sizes, for men and young men, pin stripes, mixtures, browns, blues and other shades at $22.50, $27.50, $32.00 and $37.00

Men's Overalls

Blue denim overalls, sizes 32 to 42, good grade and well made at 95c

HATS

Men's felt hats, big selection at from $1.95 to 3.50
A big line of men's and boys' straw hats. Priced very reasonable.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Boys' striped overalls, sizes 2 to 8	.65
Children's wash suits, grey and brown, fine grade chambray	.98
Boys' shirts, only	.45
Children slipovers, khaki and stripes	.85
Boys' khaki pants, sizes 6 to 16	.65
These are just the thing for summer wear.	
Boys' striped or checked wash pants	.85

Furnishings

Men's poris knit underwear, special at	.98
Men's black or tan hose	.09
Men's neckties, $1.00 grade	.48
Men's knit ties, sold for $1.50, now	.85
Men's rockford socks	.11
Men's canvass gloves	.10
Men's overalls, best grade	1.45
Men's dress or work pants	2.45
Men's better grade pants	3.50
Men's khaki pants, only	2.00
Men's extra heavy Government Khaki pants	2.45
Men's fine dress shirts, collars attached	$1.25
Men's dress shirts, big values	.98
"Uncle Sam" very best grade mens work shirts, blue, gray, tan, recently sold as high as $2.00	.89
Men's fine dress shirts, recently sold for $2.00, to-day's price	1.25
"North Star brand" men's athletic underwear, all sizes, ful cut	.98
Men's balbrigan union suits	.75
Men's 2-piece light weight underwear	.48
Men's better grade balbrigan union suits at	1.25

SHOES! SHOES!

A big value in dark brown Russian calf	3.50
Ask for No. A502	
Other grades, $5.00, $5.50, $6.00 and	6.85
A combination last in brown calfskin or kid at	7.50
O lot of men's black shoes, odd sizes, $7.00 values to close out at only	3.25
Men's outing shoes, $2.45, $3.25 and	4.00
Men's Thorogood brand work shoes, $3.75, $4.25 and	3.75
A large assortment of men's rubber boots, $3.50 $4.75 and	6.00
Boys' first quality at	2.50

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The Clothier

Lowest Prices our chief attraction on High Grade Merchandise

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FIRST BAND CONCERT THIS WEEK SATURDAY

Sugar Company Stockholders Held Meeting Friday

Stockholders Discuss Plan To Finance Company Until Campaign Opens For Next Year.

PLAN IS THOROLY EXPLAINED

The meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Valley Sugar company was held at the city hall on Friday evening of last week, and was attended by a fair sized crowd.

Messrs. Tyrrell, Luick and Fenton of the company officials were present and placed the condition of the company fairly before the stockholders, together with the only remedy that they could see to put the company back on its feet. This plan as at present outlined, calls for each stockholder to put up in cash 35 per cent of his original holding of stock, each stockholder to be secured for this money by five year notes of other similar security at eight per cent interest.

Of this 35 per cent, it is asked that 15 per cent be put up by the fi,rst of July, the remainder to be called for as needed during the rest of the time between then and the opening of the campaign in 1922. The sentiment of the stockholders seemed to be favorable to the idea as expressed, and a committee composed of Ole Thompson, J. D. Baker, M. C. Barry, W. J. Morse, E. F. Bailey and T. A. Davenport was selected to place the idea before the stockholders in and around Belmond. It is understood that action along this line has been started and the next few weeks will show the results.

Michigan stockholders, who have stock to the amount of about half a million dollars, are said to favor this plan of refinancing the company and are working for it there. Every holder of stock in the company realizes the condition of the company, and none care to lose the money they have placed in the company. United effort along the lines suggested seems to be the logical measure to take under the circumstances, if the company is to be placed on a firm foundation and the investment saved.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP TO ENJOY LAWN SOCIAL

Members of the Pleasant township Farm Bureau are planning to hold a lawn social at the home of J. F. Henn on the evening of Friday, June 3.

J. H. Abernathy, chairman of the Boone township Farm Bureau, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Abernathy is a practical farmer who is operating a quarter section of land about five miles northeast of Renwick. Mr. Abernathy has had a number of years of experience in Y. M. C. A. work previous to the time of his coming to Boone township. He is a fluent and interesting speaker, a man who believes in the Farm Bureau and can talk Farm Bureau. The County Agent will also be present to give a short talk and assist with the meeting.

Every farmer in Pleasant township both young and old members and non-members are earnestly urged to attend this community social and get acquainted with your neighbors and friends and with the County Agent.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

The following are the teachers for next year who have been elected and have accepted:

E. S. Fyler, Supt.
Hazel V. Thomas, Principal.
Amy C. Peterson, Asst. Principal.
Ruth Dodd, History.
Adeline Sharon, Math. and Latin.
Edna Stedman, H. E.
Oralee Brooks, 6th. grade.
Marie Leavy, 5th. grade.
Bessie Quigley, 4h. grade.
Viva Rourk, 3rd. grade.
Rena Purdy, 2nd. grade.
Maud Newgord, Sub-primary.

Some others have been elected but have not as yet signed contracts, and one or two vacancies are yet to be filled.

BIG FIGHT ON FOR LOWER RATES

Conditions now existing in the United States will not return to normalcy until our basic industry, agriculture, assumes a prosperous condition, says E. H. Cunningham, secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation in a statement issued the other day.

"Every day some economist asseits that conditions are approaching a normal state," Mr. Cunningham said, "and these statements undoubtedly carry encouragement to many. But I would suggest to the public that it keep its eyes on agriculture and when it observes agriculture assuming prosperous conditions, then and not until then, can it safely say that the whole country is on the way to prosperity.

"Agriculture is our basic industry and it must be on a paying masis before business conditions throughout the United States can possibly return to normal.

"The federation is bringing pressure to bear on the interstate commerce commission and the railroads to affect a reduction in freight rates. A general reduction in rates amounting to at least thirty-three per cent would be the greatest aid for immediate relief. With freight rates so high that shipping is almost prohibitive and with no European credit, the prospects for selling surplus farm products are not very bright.

"The present emergency tariff on corn and wheat was absorbed by the last raise in rates, leaving the farmer in exactly the same status so far as foreign competition is concerned, as before the heavy increase in rates was put in force. A reduction would not only bring relief to the farmer, but would reduce a large additional revenue to the roads.

"Our methods of distribution must be corrected. There are too many turnovers between the producer and the consumer. It is this method of distribution that makes cheap produce expensive to the consumer. Every one knows there is a big difference between the price the farmer gets for his produce and the cost to the consumer, and it is our method of distribution that is wrong.

"Corn today is below the twenty-six year average. If we had proper methods of distribution, then the farmer could get the cost, at least, out of his products and at the same time living expenses for the consumer would not be increased.

"Notwithstanding the large surplus of crops, the farmer is fulfilling his obligations in producing. Every acre of land available is being utilized by the Iowa farmers. In the face of the large surplus he is continuing to utilize his land to the limit. Now it's up to the people of the country to realize the conditions that conf ont er at least the cost of his crop. Certainly present condtiions can not long exist. There is no immediate relief in sight and the outlook for an immediate rise in prices not encouraging.

"Summer feeding is heavier now than in former years. owing to the large surplus of corn and the inability of the country to absorb this surplus.

"Foreign buying of grains—especially wheat—has been uncontrolled through central buying agencies for many months. There has been no competitive buying from us owing to this central buying agency which represents nearly all foreign countries. There were large quantities of wheat owned by European countries held in storage in the United States for months to depress other markets.

"Europe has been out-dealing this country for many months in the purchase of her necessary food stuffs and apparantly no one in this country is in a position or is disposed to block their scheme. The farmer must take the question of better marketing of his products in his own hands to a large extent. It is the farmer's right to do this.

"This is fast becoming the conviction of our bankers, and in the near future the financing of a better marketing plan will be perfected through the co-operation of the farm bureau and the banks."

A referendum covering fifteen questions of agricultural nature now

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Farm Bureau Picnic June 9th, at Fair Grounds

Assistant Secretary J. F. Coupe of Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to be the Speaker of the Day

Wright County Farmers will meet at the County Fair Grounds at Clarion for a big day of jollification on Thursday, June 9th. Music tor the occasion will be furnished by the Tri-Star Quintette of Dows. The Day will be filled with Baseball, Track Meet, Cood Eats, Good Speakers and a general good time for all.

Forenoon Program

10:00—Short Talk by President Harry Sumners.
10:10—Music by Tri-Star Quintette.
10:20—Remarks by County Agent Edwards.
10:30—Music by Lincoln Quartette.
10:40—Music by Tri-Star Quintette.
10:50—Farm Bureau Song by All Members.
11:00—Address: "Boys' and Girls' Club Work"—Paul C. Taff, State Club Leader.

12:00 Dinner Hot Coffee

Afternoon Program

1:00—Music by Tri-Star Quintette.
1:10—Farm Bureau Song, by All Members.
1:20—Music by Tri-Star Quintette.
1:30—Address: "The Farm Bureau Of Today"—Asst. Sec. J. F. Coupe, of Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Athletics 2:30 Athletics

TRACK MEET
100 Yard Dash—
Boys 15 years and under.
Girls 15 years and under
50 Yard Dash—
Fat Men 200 pounds or over
Fat Women, no limit.
Three Legged Race—
Boys 15 years and over
Boys under 15 years
Sack Race—
Boys 15 years and over
Boys under 15 years
Base Ball—
Lake Township vs. Boone Valley
Pres. Harry Sumners, Umpire

Forget your Troubles---Bring your Smile--Enjoy Yourself.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES GO THRU AS PLANNED

Memorial Day was observed in Belmond in the usual customary fashion and according to the program as printed in the Independent last week. In the morning the procession was formed on Spruce street, headed by the colors, the Legion, G. A. R. and other societies and city officials, and marched to the cemetery where the program as announced was successfully carried thru. A large crowd attended the exercises at the cemetery.

After dinner the exercises were held at the school auditorium. A change had to be made here, however, as the speaker, Dr. Brooks from Fort Dodge failed to arrive and Rev. Edge of the Methodist church gave a short talk in his place. A small audience was present at the afternoon exercises.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

The Community Welfare Club held a very interesting meeting last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Edge was leader of the program which was on American Humorists. The program was well planned and everyone said it was the most interesting the club has had for some time. Mrs. W. R. Ramsay told about the life and work of Mark Twain. Mrs. Parsons about Geo. Ade and his works, Mrs. Gowdy about Walt Mason and Mrs. E. W. Luick about the Uncle Remus stories. Each one of the talks were enjoyed by all. A very enjoyable vocal solo was given by Mrs. C. O. Fitts.

TELEPHONE SCHOOL IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

The telephone operators school held in Belmond last week was a decided success, and was attended by many of the operators from the surrounding towns. The manager of the local compony, T. A. Dovenport, had the local end of the school under his didirection and is to be congratulated upon the successful conclusion of the school.

STORM THURSDAY DOES SOME DAMAGE

This vicinity had the tail end or the edge of a storm thot caused more or less damage thruout this port of the country. In this immediate vicinity the storm did not do any considerable amount of damage, other than blowing down a few sheds and similar buildings on some of the farms west of town, but furher north in the vicinity of Manly and Clear Lake considerable damage was done and severol lives were lost. Two Garner men were caught on the lake at Clar Lake and drowned before they could get to shore. At Manly and thereabouts considerable property damage was caused. The storm was a black looker here and oltho the wind did not blow very hard it was hard enough to satisfy folks in this vicinity.

Miss Alberta Pierce has returned to her school duties at Clinton, after a couple of weeks spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pierce, where she had been sick.

Commencement Exercises At Auditorium

Annual Commencement Exercises Of Belmond High School Feature Of Week's Activities.

ALUMNI BALL GAME FRIDAY

Yearly Dispute Between Once-Wasers And Isers To Be Settled For Another Year.

Thursday night of this week the annual High School Commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

The Baccalaureate sermon was given Sunday evening to a large audience Father Eardley's address was a very inspiring message to the graduating class, and was appreciated by all present.

Semester examinations are scheduled for this week. Friday morning at ten o'clock school will convene for the last time this year. Every pupil is to be present at that time to receive report cards.

The Literary society will hold election of officers Friday morning and athletic letters will be awarded.

The Junior ciass are planning on a picnic Thursday evening.

The Sophomore class have a breakfast planned for Friday morning.

The Eight grade commencement program was given Wednesday night. Twenty-six Eighth grade graduates received their diplomas.

The last game of the season has been scheduled for the high school next Friday afternoon at 3:00 ó'clock.

This time the high school team will cross bats with the former graduates of B. H. S.

The boys have been playing good ball this year, and expect to show the alumnus a good game.

Be a booster! Come to the game.

Tuesday of this week the B. H. S. track team went to Clarion to take part in the Invitation Meet which was postponed from May 27. The results of the meet cannot be given at this time, but will appear next week.

COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS MEFTS

Regular Meeting Of Federation Is Held At County Seat Tuesday Of Last Week.

The Wright County Federation of Women's Clubs held a very interesting meeting at Clarion on Tuesday of last week, with a morning and afternoon session, Mrs. J. W. Holman of Eagle Grove, president of the county federation, presiding.

The morning session was aken up by the reports from the various clubs of the county, the session in the afternoon being given over to papers, discussions and entertainment. Reports of the state convention held at Clinton recently were given. The conclusion of the program was a very entertaining and pleasing playlet given by some of the Clarion high school girls.

CROPS COMING SLOW BUT SURE

The condition of the crops about Belmond is apparently pretty good, and coming slowly but surely to a better stage. Small grain is in very good shape, a good stand and with a thriving look to it. Corn is also in good shape, a nice stand and to a good growth for this time of year, but owing to the constant rains it is very weedy. Farmers have been unable to get into the corn to cultivate on account of the wet ground, and consequently the weeds with all the rain have obtained a big start. If the weather stays warm and dry the rest of this week the farmers will manage to get thru their corn in good shape.

Sugar beets are in nice shape with all the rain, but are in much the same shape as the corn, very weedy owing to lack of cultivation.

OBITUARY

MRS. HENRY KRUSE

Sophia Festing was born at Hunover, Germany, July 12, 1841, and died at her late home northwest of Belmond, Iowa, May 22, 1921, at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 10 days.

She was married to Mr. Kluseman, to which union were born three children, and was married to Mr. Henry Kruse in 1873.

When a young girl Mrs. Kruse was confirmed in the German Lutheran church. She came to America in 1881 coming directly to Iowa and locating in Butler county. She with her husband and family remained there for several years, moving in 1888 to Wright county where she has since made her home.

Some two years ago Mrs. Kruse sucered an attack of apoplexy. A second attack coming about two weeks and the third, which came on Friday, claimed her life.

She leaves to mourn her decease her husband and five children: Mrs. John Rynn of Freeport, Illinois, Mrs. Peter Hirtz of Rockford, Illinois, Mrs. John Kelly of Fort Dodge, Earnest Kluseman of Ventura, and Wm. Kruse who lives with his parents.

Thirteen grandchildren also mourn her loss.

Funeral servces were conducted by Rev. J. H. Edge, from the Methodist Episcopal church at 2:00 p. m. Thursday and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

BELMOND WINS THIRD STRAIGHT GAME SUNDAY

The Belmond ball team maintained its stride Sunday and took the team from Thorston into camp by the easy score of 5 to 2. The Thornton team put up a good game, altho they were outclassed in every branch. Clarence Obrecht, formerly of Belmond, pitched the game for Thornton, Thomas being in the box for the locals.. Two Thornton players, the catcher being one, did not arrive in time to start the game, and Court Morse done the catching for Thornton until the other men arrived. Obrecht and Morse for Thornton seemed like a Belmond outfit. Henisch caught for Belmond. Thomas pitched a very good game for the locals, and had fine support. The game was interesting thruout and the big crowd enjoyed it thoroly. The line-up for Belmond was as follows:

Heinisch—Catcher.
Thomas—Pitcher
Packard—1st.
Jones—2nd.
Pillmer—3rd.
Baldridge—Short stop.
Nelson—Left field.
Dillon—Center field.
Fulton—Right field.

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD FOR NEW POST OFFICE CLERK

On July 1st the post office at this place is to be made second class which means another clerk in the office. An examination to fill this place is to be held here on the 18th of June. Anyone interested in the office may secure full information regarding the duties and examination may be secured from Lois Morse at the post office. The place of examination will be given next week thru the columns of the Independent.

ROCK ISLAND PASSENGER JUMPS THE TRACK

The Rock Island broke its good record Saturday when Train No. 1069 due here at 2:32 p. m. jumped the track with its tender a mile and a half south of Rowan. In starting out of Dows, it was about two hours late, and in their attempt to make up time the tender jumped the track and rode on the ties for about 500 feet before the train could be stopped. When it was stopped the front trucks under the tender looked as tho they were trying to make a high dive under the rail. Quite a few Belmond people were on the train and did not get home until Sunday afternoon about 1:00 o'clock. This derailment held up the evening passenger train quite a few hours, and the numerous stock trains usually run by the Rock Island on Saturday nights.

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CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Announcement of plans and committees for Children's Day will be made next Sunday. We plan to make Children's Day a great day this year. Be there next Sunday.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Dr. A. E. Buriff of Klemme will preach at both of these services next Sunday. The pastor will preach in Klemme for Dr. Buriff. Dr. Buriff is a forceful speaker and will have two fine messages. Hear him morning and evening.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet Thursday of this week at the home of Mrs. H. F. Luick. Mrs. W. R. Ramsay is the leader of the lesson. A very interesting lesson is planned.

CHARLES CITY YOUNG MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The first death on the North Iowa Pike since it has been paved, occured Sunday when Oliver Sigler, aged 20 years, of near Floyd Crossing, sustained a broken neck, dying instantly. The others in the car the fatner, Mr. Sigler who was driving, his daughter, Estha, and two small sons, were not seriously injured but were scratched and bruised and badly shaken up. Estha, who was injured the worst of those who survived, is recovering nicely. The accident occurred about ten o'clock in the morning. The Sigler family was returning home from Charles City and passed a car driven by a neighbor at a good rate of speed. After passing, Mr. Sigler attempted to pull his car back into the center of the road when one of the rear wheels of his Cadillac skidded off the pavement into the dirt. He then attempted to cut his car back and in so doing it turned over and about face, alighting on its wheels and turned upward.

Evils of Constipation

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RESTRICTING IMMIGRATON

There has been the past month or two more or less talk on restricting immigration, and it is understood that here will be introduced in congress a bill for this purpose.

It should pass. America is at a stage in its affairs when the question of immigration becomes one of the most serious that the country has ever had to answer. Europe is over flowing with people who are clamoring to come to this country to escape the back-breaking task of rebuilding the old countries, of meeting the heavy taxes and at the same time managing to scrape together enough money and food to live.

Our foreign representatives are simply swamped with the flood of applications for passports. Unless we take some measures immediately our country is going to be overrun by hundreds of thousands of immigrants who do not live as we do or work for what we consider a living wage. There are today in America hundreds of thousands of men who are out of work; production has shut down; 60 per cent of our shipping is idle; 50 per cent of our railroads inactive; wages are coming down and there is not work enough to go around. If we do not shut down on the flood of cheap labor which is threatening us, we shall we in worse condition to bring the country back to normal than we are now.

One of the greatest troubles with America today is the fact that we have so many foreign-born population who have not will not or do want to assimilate the American standard of living, morals and patriotism. It would seem that the better thing for us to do under the present conditions would be to digest what we have already eaten rather than to eat a lot more before we assimilate what we have.

To shut off the flow of immigrants may appeal to some people as being unAmerican, against our established customs and the name we have for being the haven of the oppressed. But it is a time now when what is going to be best for America should occupy the minds and thoughts of Americans and not what will please the people across the seas. America for Americans right now is a pretty safe and sane slogan to go by, and the closer we go by it the better our country will be for it.

S. D. BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS RAPIDLY INCREASING

South Dakota boys and girls are becoming more and more interested in agricultural club work, judging from the increased interest shown in the club projects and the ever increasing enrollment, say the state club leaders of the extension department of the South Dakota State college. The fact that there are three times as many corn and potatoe clubs in 1921 as were listed in 1920 and more than double the number of poultry clubs gives some idea as to the rapid membership increase.

The boys and girls of the poultry clubs are starting with purebred stock and they are given suggestions and instructions as to its proper care.

Many of the potatoe club members are starting out with certified seed and every member is at present learning proper methods of treating this seed to keep it from disease.

The corn club members are starting with purebred varieties and have recently been learning the proper methods of testing for germination.

This is where the leadership and organizing ability of Paul J. Scarbro, well known in Belmond where he was for nine years superintendent of the schoos here and where he had several such clubs, comes in. Mr. Scarbro has made a phenominal success of the work in South Dakota.

Belmond Local News

Morse Lake has been a popular place with Belmond folks the past two or three weeks, both for the fishing and bathing facilities. Some good [illegible] been reported from the La[illegible] recently.

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Cornelia Lake has had some pretty fair fishing reports recently, altho the catches do not seem to be as large and fishing as good as has usually been the case. A few new cottages are going up there and as the summer comes on doubtless the attendance will be larger. The club house grounds have been staked out and it is understood that the active buiding operations on the club house are to start at once. The grounds are located on the top of a hill on the east side of the lake, and the grounds when completed are going to be a very pretty place.

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Mrs. Harbinson underwent an operation on her throat at the local hospital last week, and is recovering nicely. She returned home the next day after the operation.

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Sheriff Lang was in town on Saturday on business matters. He was able to get around after his scrap with Ersland on Thursday night, but was not looking very brisk. His head was bandaged up where Ersland had hit him with the iron bar.

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It is reported that there is to be a home talent play given in Belmond in the near future, some of the old timers in the acting line staging the play.

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Mrs. Henry Groen, Jr., of Ackley, gave birth to a fine ten-pound baby girl on May 24th., at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kalvig. Both mother and baby are doing nicely. The child's father was killed at the sugar factory last summer, when he was electrocuted by coming in contact with a live wire.

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Ole Shaw has been doing some carpenter work at a home in Holmes, for a woman who is suffering from tuberculosis. Ole has been constructing a fresh air porch for the patient.

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L. W. Wendell of Nora Springs was a recent visitor here looking after some business affairs. He and his wife moved to Nora Springs this spring from Belmond, shortly after their return from California, where they spent the winter.

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Mrs. Leslie Reed of Alexander was a recent guest at the home of of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn and daughter Marjorie recently returned from their trip to California, where they had been spending the past two or three months.

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The high school annuals are now a thing of history. The class ordered three hundred of the books printed, and sold the entire lot within a few days after they were delivered. The Independent happened to have a few extra copies, which the class secured to fill extra orders.

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A. J. Lester, who has been spending the past month or two at Belmond and some of the neighboring towns visiting old friends and relatives, has returned to his home at San Diego, California. He was formerly a resident of this city, moving from Belmond to California about two years ago.

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Lee Stacy and family drove to their former home at Hampton, Sunday, to spend Memorial Day at that place, returning to Belmond Monday evening.

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Claire White, who has been connected with [illegible] erruban c[illegible] at Fort Dodge, has just been promoted to chief ticket agent for the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern, with entire charge of the ticket office. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Belmond.

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A card from Howard Wolle received by the Independent last week, states that he arrived all O. K. at New Orleans and expected to sail for Honduras on the 25th of the month, May. He goes to that country to work for the Dyer cmpany on a sugar factory which they are constructing at that place.

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The operetta, "The Japanese Girl," given at the opera house on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week was fairly well attended, the house the first night amounting to about fifty dollars and the second night to about forty. The play was very well spoken of, the crowd seeming to be well pleased. It was for the benfit of the American Legion.

CLIPPINGS

Miss Jane Ramsay of Belmond was a week end visitor with the J. H. Ramsay family.—Monitor.

The committee on speaker for July 4th has been successful in securing Mike Healy, the blind orator of Fort Dodge. He is considered one of the best platform orators in this section of the state. In this connection it will be good news to know that the Clarion band will furnish the music on that day.—Monitor.

Curtiss Luick of Belmond was a Klemme visitor Wednesday.—Times.

Thieves broke into the office of the Farmers Elevator Company last Monday night, but all they could find that seemed to suit them was the typewriter, which they carried away. They also entered the Kratz milk and icre cream plant, at the rear of the Kratz market and grocery, by prying loose a large window over the back door. Nothing of value was missing, except a few bottles of milk, and some butter and cream.—Hampton Chronicle.

Mr. Herman Priebe was a business visitor at Belmond, Saturday.—Klemme Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Croner were at Belmond, Thusday. Mrs. Croner had dental work done.—Times

J. F. Barry of Belmond was a county seat business caller Saturday and incidently took advantage of some of the clothing bargains being offered by our merchants.—Monitor.

A party of ladies enjoyed a day of fishing at Morse Lake, Monday—Times.

A. J. Lester departed Monday on his return to San Diego, California, after a two months' visit with his daughter, Mrs. Leo Littlefield, and other relatives.—Monitor.

Miss Leone Sullivan spent the week end with relatives and friends at Belmond.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Knisley of Belmond spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Rachel Wilkens.—Times.

Word was received last Thursday of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pritchard, at their home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on that day. This accounts for the grandfatherly smile Walt Pritchard has been wearing since that time.—Garner Signal.

If you want all the news all the time, read the Independent.

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Belmond Telephone Company

HAMPTON GIVEN SEVEN ACRE TRACT FOR PARK

Recorder: People interested in the general prosperity and future welfare of Hampton will rejoice to learn that Mrs. George Beed of Epworth, a former resident of this city and widow of George Beed, who older citizens of our town remember most kindly as a pioneer merchant and banker, a man who was always ready to aid in every good cause, last week donated to the city of Hampton, for park purposes, seven acres of land north of East Fourth street and adjoining Mott Field on the east. This gift was made known in a letter from Mrs. Beed to W. L. Robinson with a deed enclosed. The only stipulation made in the document is that Mrs. Beed shall receive an annual rental of $75 during her lifetime and that the tract be named "George Beed Memorial Park" in honor of her husband.

The land is admirably located for a public park and with improvements that can annually be made to the ground by the city, it will not be many years before it will be pointed out as one of Hampton's beauty spots.

The Recorder voices the sentiment of our people in extending to Mrs. George Beed our sincere and heartfelt thanks for her generous gift to this city.

11-YEAR-OLD GARNER BOY KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Garner Signal: A very sad accident occured just southeast of town Monday when the car in which Mrs. Henry Brede and two of her little boys were riding turned turtle and the older, Harold, a boy of 11 years, was injured so that he died a few minutes later.

Mrs. Brede and Harold and the baby, 16 months old, had been to Garner to do some shopping. About two o'clock they started home, and as they were leaving a storm was approaching. Mrs. Brede was driving fast in an effort to reach home before the storm struck. When just east of the cemetery she pulled to the side of the road to let another car pass, and in some way lost control of the car, and it turned over. Harold was struck by some part of the car and his skull was fractured.

Archie Bowers was near the scene and picked up Mrs. Brede and the children and brought them to town. They were taken to a doctor's office and Harold lived but a few minutes. Mrs. Brede and the boy were bruised and scratched, but no serious injuries were received.

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ROWAN NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller and Mrs. Blanche Jennings, and Edgar Mantle were Dows visitors Monday, where Mrs. Jennings had some dental work done.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Mrs. R. L. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and daughter Clara Jane were Clarion callers Monday.

The Congregregational ladies met and cleaned the parsonage Tuesday, ready for Rev. Nye and his family to move into. They arrived Wednesday night and were entertained at the L. A. McCallum home. Their goods arrived Thursday night. The community wishes to welcome Rev. Nye and his family.

Mrs. Kate Conn returned Tuesday from California, where she has been spending the winter. She is visiting at the homes of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Whitten and her son, Chester, Her many friends are glad to welcome her back to this community.

The school children planted trees on the school campus, Monday.

The high school boys say the water is fine these days. They have enjoyed some fine swimming lately.

Mrs. Henry Rietz and Mrs. Bert Pelly were Hampton visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were Clarion shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks and Miss Fannie Reed were at Clarion, Tuesday, to see Mrs. M. Snyder at the Fred Smith home.

Miss Lottie Williams, Henry Williams and Cecil Harris went to Blythedale, Mo., Thursday.

Mrs. J. S. Farren and son Bobby and Mrs. Mary Williams and son Ivan were Fort Dodge shoppers Thursday.

Mrs. George Whitten and daughter Vinnie were Hampton callers Thursday. Mrs. Whitten had dental work done.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion caller Thursday.

Miss Florence Gordon of Galt was operating the switch board at the telephone office Wednesday while Miss Angie Baines, the regular operator, was attending the instruction school for operators at Belmond. She returned to her home Thursday.

Mrs. J. F. Howell and daughter, Clara Jane, were Dows callers between trains Thursday.

Fred Clark, uncle of Mrs. Dan Fletcher came from Los Angeles, Calif., Wednesday, to visit for a while.

S. A. Ferguson was a Hampton visitor Wednesday.

E. Bingham was a business caller at Coulter, Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Moon was a Dows caller Thursday and Friday.

Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates entertained at a social evening. Refreshments were served, of ice cream and cake, and the following people report a very pleasant time: Mr. and Mrs. Cuy Stumph, and children; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCallum; Helen Sellers; Mrs. R. L. Robinson and son, Malcolm; Miss Marjorie Brooks and Edgar Mantle.

Miss Alma Ramsey has been visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sullivan of Fort Dodge are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Clifford Snow spent Thursday night at the Will Whitten home.

Mrs. George Whitten went to Clarion, Friday, to have dental work done.

Mrs. Fred Sheldon went to Iowa Falls, Saturday, to visit relatives and to spend Memorial Day. Her father, Mr. Caulter, who was an old soldier, is buried at that place. Her mother, Mrs. Coulter, went to Iowa Falls a week ago Wednesday to visit and spend Memorial Day also.

Mrs. F. M. Myers and granddaughter Dorothy were both sick with the summer flu but are some better. Dr. George was called to prescribe for them.

The high school had a picnic on Thursday night at Abraham's Heights There were four car loads started about 1:00 o'clock. They report a fine time with a good supper. The rain hurried them in the eating of their suppers and caused them to hurry home.

Friday the 7th and 8th grades had one at the same place. They went out in the school buses. The high school teachers went along. They report a fine time too.

Wednesday the other six grades had their picnic in the Aldinger woods. These picnics always finish the year right for the pupils and leave a pleasant memory for them to carry thru the vacation time.

The graduating Exercises were held Wednesday night at the school auditorium. The following program was carried out:

Piano Solo—Miss Newman.
Invocation—Rev. Tomkinson.
Lecture—The Vision Splendid—Dr. Starbuck of University of Iowa.
Piano Solo—Miss Newman.
Presentation of Diplomas—Ed. Miller, president of school board.
Benediction—Rev. Tomkinson.

The graduating class consisted of four members only: Marshall Myers, Donald McCallum, Letha Gunderson and James Burt. These young folks have the congratulations and best wishes of their freinds as they finish this preparatory work ready to begin their serious work of life. Their motto was "Just A Commencement", which is a very good one for them as they are all industrious young people and will not be willing to let this be their finish.

Their colors were purple and gold. The auditorium was decorated in the colors and also in green and white which are the Junior colors. School work was finished Friday for the year and the teachers departed Saturday for their respective homes, Mr. Moule to Mason City, Miss Mullins to Monroe, Iowa, Miss Nordmeir to Mororistown, Minn., Mr. Morrison to West Union, Miss Newman to Martelle, and Miss Draheim to Clarion.

O. F. Braden has put a new side walk in front of his property in the north part of town. This adds greatly to the appearance of the place.

Mrs. Hansen of Coulter, sister of Mrs. Theo. Hansen and Miss Peterson also of Coulter, cousin of Theo. Hansen, visited them Thursday.

Mrs. Ray Williams, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett, and other relatives, for the past three weeks, returned with her two children to her home in Washington, D. C., Wednesday. Her father accompanied her as far as Chicago, returning home Friday.

Miss Wilda Whitten spent several days this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Clint Kercheval.

The hail which we had Tuesday did quite a lot of damage especially south of town where it cut up gardens and broke windows at several places.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett and Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchett were entertained at the O. F. Braden home Friday evening at a six o'clock dinner.

Mrs. Clifford Snow went to Fort Dodge, Saturday, and spent Sunday at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Lew Venum. Her husband met her there returning with her Sunday night to spend Memorial Day at Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Doctor and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farmer of Clarion spent Sunday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferguson.

Frank Snyder was called to Clarion, Friday, to see his mother who was not feeling so well. Mrs. Fred Brooks spent Sunday with her and reported her a little better when she came home Saturday night.

Ed. Brooks and two daughters, Maxine and Charline of Cornelia visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, and other relatives on Saturday.

Harry Cain and wife have moved to their new summer bungalow south of town and are very nicely settled.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey have rented the hotel and opened to the public Saturday. They serve short orders as well as meals and also have home baking. We wish them success in their undertaking. See their ad in this paper.

Henry DeWald of Holly, Colorado, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Steffens for the past three weeks returned to his home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Azeltine of Galt spent Sunday and Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Martel Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady Templeton of Clarion came Saturday night to spend Sunday and Memorial Day with the latter's mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and children Duane and Loretta and Mrs. Georgia Rowen spent Sunday at the Lee Aldrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval Sunday.

Miss Mildred Duffy and Miss Nina Burt retuned home from Cedar Falls Saturday where they have been attending school for the past year. They report a fine school year but are glad to be back again and their many friends are glad to have them home thru the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan of Mason City came Saturday to spend Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Aldrich and family.

Miss Charter, the music teacher, is putting on a summer course to begin June 6 and close Aug. 30. She will be here each Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Fuller of Klemme visited at the Chester Bailey home Saturday.

Monday night Guy Toyne, O. F. Braden, James Rowen, Harold Virden and J. F. Howell attended an American Legion meeting at Belmond.

Friday several of the Rowan people attended a school picnic at Vernon township. The Legion ball team played the Galt team, the score standing 14-11 in favor of Rowan. Those who attended besides the ball team were: Alt Hackley, John Riker, Jim Rowen, Harry Cain, John Rowen, Wes Azeltine, Walt Carmon, Joe Rowen, Harvey Lineweaver, August Rietz, Guy Sheldon, J. F. Howell, Edgar Mantle, Thelma and Marjorie Brooks. Mrs. Will Ferguson and Miss Nordmeir They report a good game and a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Holiday and family have moved their household goods into the house lately occupied by the Will Azeltine family. Mr. Holiday is the superintendent of school for the next year. They expect to spend the summer at Cedar Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan McBurney of Popejoy visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler Sunday.

The Rowan American Legion ball team played the Goodell town team on the home diamond north of town Sunday. The score was 14-13 in favor of Goodell.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson and son Malcolm have gone to Dows to spend some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parkenson. Her husband has been working there for some time past.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum.

D. W. Whitten went to Spirit Lake on Saturday to spend about five days at the Ricestir Traveling Men's annual fishing party.

Fred McCormick of Eagle Grove spent Sunday at the Ed. Miller home.

Alfred Fletcher spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Oscar J. Johnson of Dows, returning to Rowan Monday morning.

Russell Olsen returned to the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olsen the middle of the week from Miller, S. D. He went up there with Dr. Gorden when they moved there in the spring.

Saturday afternoon the mixed train on the Rock Island going north was wrecked two and one-half miles south of town. Several Rowan people were on this train. Fred Hackley drove down with his car and brought his wife, Mrs. Esther Andrews and Mrs. Jennie Rowen back with him to town. Donald Farren was on the train also. Several people were transferring in town for Forest City. Guy Sheldon took a car load up there Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsey were waiting to go to Buffalo Center to attend the funeral of the former's nephew who had an operation for gland trouble following pneu monia. The train got thru about 11:30 Sunday morning so they got to go in time for the funeral. There was quite a long strip of track torn up.

Grandma Ryder passed to her rest in the Great Beyond. The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Ryder took place from the old home Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church, conducting the ceremonies. Prayer was offered at the house, and afterwards a short service at the cemetery. A large number or people turned out to pay their last respects to this fine old lady, who was well loved by all who knew her. Her life had passed over a period of five wars which she could remember. Mrs. Ryder tho being unable to get out among people much the last few years kept herself well posted on the world's doings as she was a good reader remembering what she read. She had a paralytic stroke Wednesday night. She suffered very much before the last. Those attending the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ryder and baby, Mrs. Perle Fuller and baby, Lyman Steinblock and lady friend from Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duffy are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday, May 29. This young miss weighed six and one-half pounds. She is named Betty Jean. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Frizel and wife of Estherville came Saturday to visit at the Dan Fletcher and Herb Ketchum homes. They spent Memorial Day in Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher went to Fort Dodge, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls spent Memorial Day at Rowan.

Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mrs. G. R. Stumph who had charge of the wreath and bouquets for Memorial Day desire to thank the girls who came on Monday morning to help prepare them.

Marshall Myers went to Des Moines Saturday to work in an insurance office for his uncle, George Dalmage. His father accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Truesdale and wife of Popejoy and Mrs. Ed. Drury spent Sunday at the Herb Hadley home.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

The Congregational services are as follows:

Morning service	11:00 a. m.
Sunday school	12:00 m.
Christian Endeavor	7:00 p. m.
Evening service	8:00 p. m.

We invite you to come and bring your friends.

The pastor, Rev. W. H. Nye, of the Rowan Cong. church, will preach at the church morning and evening.

At the morning service the subject will be "The Beauty of the Sanctuary and the evening service "How Can We Fulfil the Laws?" Mid-week prayer meeting at the church Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Come, YOU and YOUR FRIENDS.

The 14th District Christian Endeavor will meet at Rowan, opening on Tuesday at 9:00 a. m. June 7 for the day and evening only. Come on, let's go; Christian Endeavors.

The W. C. T. U. convention will meet in Rowan, Thursday and Friday of this week, June 2 and 3. This is expected to be a fine meeting as some very good speakers have been secured. On Thursday evening Anna Hebdon Reade will give an address. On Friday Dr. Bird T. Baldwin, who is the head of the Research Station for Welfare of Normal Children at the University of Iowa, will give a lecture illustrated with lantern slides. Now all you parents try to be present. Dr. Baldwin brings with him a lady helper, Dr. Stecher, who will give the mental tests. Now all this work is free so here is a chance to beat the H. C. L. and hear some good lectures free of charge. Everybody boost and help make this convention a success and help put Rowan on the map as a good convention town.

The union services at the Congregational church Sunday morning were well attended. The speaker, Lieut. Wolcott of Goldfield gave a fine address. The union choir furnished special music. The Legion attended in a body about twenty of the members being present.

In the evening the Home Missionary society program was a decided success. The two playlets were very much enjoyed and emphasized the the Home Missionary societies are doing. An offering was taken for the work. A little over $12 was given and the promise of more to come in.

MRS. JANE RYDER

Jane Cordelia Benedict was born August 28, 1834, at Stissing, Duchess county, New York, and died May 27, 1921, at her home south of Rowan Iowa at the age of 86 years and 8 months. On December 27, 1859 she was united in marriage to Ethan G. Ryder. To this union were born five children. Two boys died in infancy. In 1903 her husband passed beyond. In April, 1871, they came to Fryburg, Iowa, which now Rowan. It was 50 years ago they built and moved into the house where she has since lived. When Mrs. Ryder was yet a girl in her teens she joined the Methodist church and remained a faithful Christ ian until the day of er death. She leaves to mourn her death one son, Leonard T., and one daughter, Mrs. Will Steenblock, six grand children and many other relatives and friends

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

A arge audience was present at the Memorial Day erercises in the Congregational church last Sunday, when Lieut. Wolcott of Goldfield delivered a masterly talk on "Patriotism." Those present will not soon forget his address. At the evening service he spoke in the M. E. church.

Miss Daisy Kraup, Deaconess of the Algona District of the M. E. church will give an address in the M. E. church next Wednesday. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting, and games will be indulged in. An invitation is extended to all the friends of the church to be present.

The local tennis club will cross bats with the LuVerne club next Friday at LuVerne.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and daughter LaVonne of Thompson came Saturday to spend Memorial Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout.

The S. Christiansan family motored to Fort Dodge Monday to fix the grave of their son, Charley.

F. B. Sheldon motored to Iowa Fals Monday to spend Memorial Day.

George Aldrich who went to the hospital at Rochester a week ago Saturday night was operated on Friday. His parents received a telegram saying he was doing fine. Miss Blanch Box went to Rochester Saturday to visit him for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyarence Johnson and family went to Bristow, Saturday, to spend Memorial Day.

Peter Schreck and son William of Hayfield were at Rowan, Monday. His daughter Lillian accompanied them this far on her way to Cedar Falls where she will attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Miss Dolly Riley has returned to her school work at Iowa Falls, Monday. She has a little over a week of work eft.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings of Clar ion were attending the Memorial exercises in Rowan, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson visited in Belmond, Sunday.

The Memorial Day exercises were

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MESERVEY NEWS NOTES

Miss Viola Thomas who has been attending the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas.

The ball game between the fat men of Meservey and the American Legion resulted in a victory for the Legion bmoys, the score being 5 to 6.

Harry Sondergard of Thornton was in town Sunday.

Miss Alma Ralston, who is attending Ellsworth College is visiting at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abkes and sons of Austinville were visiting relatives here.

The Memorial Day exercises were given by the American Legion boys. A good crowd was present. Four graves were decorated, two soldiers of the civil war and two of the world war.

The school here closed Friday of last week. A good crowd enjoyed the picnic held at the school house Friday

Miss Viva Schroedermeir returned to her home at Waverly, Sunday.

Miss Rose Nicolet spent the week end with relatives at Thornton.

ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

Peter Bohlen was a caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Jerry Blau was a business caller at Belmond on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlley Bell and Robert Weber of Waterloo visited at Alexander with relatives several days last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Arends and daughter Annette of LeSeuer, Minn., have spent the past week with relatives here.

Mrs. Will Tinkey and daughter of Ostendock are visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

John Christenson and son LuVerne of Iowa Falls were visitors in town one day last week.

Wm. Winwood was a business caller at the county seat last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Frederick visited with relatives at Belmond, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mary Kausian returned to her home at Ackley after a two weeks visit with relatives at this place.

Miss Charity Hansen, real estate agent at Hampton, was a visitor at Alexander the last of the week.

A large crowd attended the Memorial services at Alexander last Sunday.

Miss Alice Peters was a caller at Hampton, Saturday.

John F. Bell was transacting business at Hampton, Thursday.

Mrs. Thompson and daughter of near Palsville visited with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen, last week.

Albin Johnson of Hampton was calling on friends in town the first of the week.

Miss Nettie Benson visited at the Will Foughty home a few days the past week.

Arthur Winwood was a caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Waddington of Geneva were Sunday visiors at the Otto Kieslich home.

Rev. and Mrs. Mohr were Belmond visitors last Saturday.

Edd. Miles and family of Ventura were Sunday visitors at the Albert Larson home.

The cemetery society will meet at the home of Mrs. Otto Kieslich next Thursday afternoon, June 2.

J. C. Arends was a business caller at Belmond, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kieslich of Hazelton, Wis., visited at the home of his brother, Otto Kieslich and family a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blau were Belmond visitors Saturday.

Clifford Hansen visited with friends at Thornton, Sunday.

John Modderman was a business caller at Hampton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meno Frohling of Belmond spent Sunday at the Peter Pals home.

NORWAY ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Asbe were business callers at Sheffield on Monday.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Alvin Enge Wednesday afternoon.

T. A. Wicks was a business caller at the T. H. Asbe home Thursday.

Mrs. Stole, Miss Tillie Asbe and Mrs. T. A. Wicks autoed to Clarion on Friday.

Miss Lila Wicks autoed to Clarion on Thursday to do some sehopping.

The farm bureau picnic held at the Robert Lucas home was well attended.

T. A. Wicks and Mrs. Hans Wicks transacted business at Clarion Thursday.

KANAWHA ITEMS

The Misses Leona Garton and Alma Olson returned home Saturday from Cedar Falls where they have been attending school the past year.

Helbert Severson of Albert Lea, Minn., was greeting relatives and friends here last week, also transacting business.

Miss Esther Africa and brother Henry left Saturday for an over Sunday visit with relatives in Algona.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Welch of Dows came Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends here.

Miss Gertrude Johnson and uncle Jurgen Johnson returned home from the Twin Cities the latter part of the week where they spent a few days visiting and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rankins came up from Gourie, Sunday, and will visit here until Wednesday when they expect to leave for a trip to California.

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, coedine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

BIG FIGHT ON FOR LOWER RATES

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pending consideration in congress will be voted upon by approximately two million farmers of he farm bureau federation, was recently announced.

The call for the national referendum was issued by the American Farm Bureau federation on May 19 and marks its first attempt in this country to give individual farmers an opportunity to express themselves on questions under consideration in congress.

The principal questions upon which the vote is to be cast includes:

"Do you favor legislation making short selling of farm products illegal?"

industry under government regulation?"

"Are you in favor of continuing the excess profit tax?"

The call for the poll of farmers thruout the nation also involves an attempt to bring about voluntary reductions in freight rates on the part of railroads by demonstrating that lowering of rates would result in traffic increase so large that it would more than make up for reduced charges.

One of the questions upon which the farmers will be asked to submit their opinions is whether the average farmer "will be able to move a materially larger amount of agriculture products if th American Farm Bureau federation obtains an adequate reductions in freight rates."

If you want all the news all the time, read the Independent.

gram was nicely carried which were appointed for the interest took in their work and in helping to make the program a success.

SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF IOWA,
Wright County ss.
To P. J. Lieuwen, W. L. Kent and J. Lieuwen:

You are hereby notified that by virtue of a general execution, to me directed, and issued out of the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, within and for Wright County, upon a judgement rendered in said Court in favor of First National Bank, Belmond, Iowa, and against P. J. Lieuwen, W. L. Kent, J. Lieuwen, for the sum of Sixteen Hundred Eight & 98|100 ($1608.98) Dollars debt, and Sixty-Two & 25|100 ($62.25) dollars costs, and attorney's fees, I have levied upon the following Real Estate, to-wit: The Northeast Quarter (1-4) of Section Thirty One (31) Township Ninety-Two (92), Range Twenty-Three (23), and the Forty Eight acres (48), in Southeast of Southeast of Section Thirty (30), Township Ninety Two (92), Range Twenty Three (23) West of the 5th P. M. Wright County, Iowa.

And that on the 14th day of June, 1921 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Court House, in Clarion, Iowa, I will proceed to sell the same in satisfaction of said execution, together with all legal costs accruing.

Dated at the Sheriff's office in Clarion, on this 13th day of May,1921.

HENRY LANG
Sheriff Wright County, Iowa.
J. M. Jensen, Attorney. 2t

Wm. Voiles has been improving his residence property the past week by giving it a coat of paint, and in otherwise fixing it up.

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that you believe in God and Righteousness by showing a positive and active interest in His Church and human welfare.

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Mason City's Shopping Center

Advance Information of Our

June Sale of Silks

Beginning Monday, June 6th

Below are a few of the prices---just an example of the lowered prices that will be in effect on hundreds of yards of Silks next week. And every yard sold will be of the same quality which has gained for this store the name of being the Silk Store of Northern Iowa.

Black Satin Messaline	$1.44 yd.
Fancy Messaline and Taffetta	.99 yd.
Crepe Mohair, 32 inch	1.29 yd.
Black and Navy Taffeta	1.44 yd.
All Silk Georgette, 40 in.	1.59 yd.
All Silk Tricollettes	1.88 yd.
All Silk Satins	1.99 yd.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED.

If you didn't get your Suit for Decoration Day--you'll want one before the 4th. Come and look over our line of

Embey Clothes

They're all wool, hand tailored and shown in a variety of styles and colors. The biggest values ever offered at

$22.50 $27.50 $32.00 and $37.00

Other well known makes at

$12.50 $17.00 $19.50

SHOES! SHOES!

A big value in dark brown Russian Calf	$3.50
Other grades; $5.00, $5.50, $6.00 and	6.85
A combination last in brown calf skin or kid at	7.50
One lot of Men's black shoes, odd sides, $7.00 values to close out only	3.25
Men's outing shoes.	$3.25, $2.45 and $4.00
Men's Thorogood brand work shoes	$3.75. $4.35 and $3.75

Hats from $1.95 to $3.50

HARRY MARK

We handle no brokerage samples or auction lines, only high grade merchandise

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Mason City, Iowa
Across from 5 and 10c Store

Lowest Prices Our Chief Attraction on High Grade Merchandise

Northwest Iowa's Greatest Furniture Event

A Pre-Market Sale

Bringing prices on all high grade, dependable Furniture down to a level not known for several years. This entire mammoth stock---six big floors---more than one acre---all filled with marvelous bargains. An opportunity that you cannot afford to miss.

This Sale Positively Closes Saturday, June 4th

---and all Sale Prices will be withdrawn and regular prices restored. Your time is limited---act promptly for it means many dollars saved in procuring furnishings for your home.

Most Decisive, Genuine Price Cutting, Everything Goes

8 PIECE DINING ROOM SET $236.25
Handsome Walnut Set in Period Design. 60 inch buffet. 54 inch 6 foot round table, 6 blue leather covered, slip seat chairs, also a server. A wonderful value.

7 PIECE DINING ROOM SET $128.25
William and Mary Style in Walnut. 54 inch by 6 foot round table, 6 leather covered slip seat chairs. Originally sold at $185.00.

$58.00 OAK LIBRARY TABLE $39.75
A famous "Stickley" make with a 60 inch top, finished in waxed golden oak. A beauty.

3 PIECE PORCH FURNITURE SET $110.00
Handsomely finished in old ivory. Chair, rocker and settee. Made of heavy fibre and upholstered in imported cretonne. Regular $164.00 value.

12 ft. LINOLEUM, sq. yd. 98c
The well known "Blabon" Art Linoleums, famous for good patterns and long wearing qualities.

6 ft. LINOLEUMS sq. yd. 68c
"Feltex" Linoleums are most reliable and are now offered in a great variety of the better patterns.

GRASS RUGS PRINTED BORDERS
Extra Heavy, Good Values
$12.50 6x9 Rugs $ 7.95
18.50 8x10 Rugs 11.90
21.00 9x12 Rugs 12.75

3 PIECE PARLOR SUITE $198.50
Queen Anne style in luxurious upholstering. Embossed valour cushions, solid mahogany construction with cane panels. Regular $375.00 set. A beauty.

QUEEN ANNE DAVENPORT $79.00
Blue striped velour upholstered Davenport, an extra special, Queen Anne style, loose cushions; Sold at $147.00. A big bargain.

$50 SET DINING ROOM CHAIRS $33.75
Solid Oak, heavy and durable, golden oak finish, waxed, Box seat style, splendid value.

$45 SOLID OAK ROCKER $24.75
High back with leather covered cushion. Spring seat with leather covering. A real $45 value.

$55 BRUSSELS RUGS ONLY $32.75
Bigelow Hartfort Seamless Brussels Rugs. Well known and thoroughly reliable, size 9x12.

$95 SEAMLESS VELVET RUGS $59.50
Another Bigelow-Hartfort Rug that will please you in pattern and quality, size 9x12.

$49.50 TAPESTRY BRUSSELS RUGS $29.50
Choice of patterns in Alexander Smiths' Seamless Velvet Rugs. Some real beauties at about half price.

Delivery will be made to your home promptly. When impossible to deliver by truck, we will ship by freight, prepaid. Our regular guarantee goes with every sale and you are fully protected in every way. REMEMBER this is the last week of this great sale.

A. D. McQuilken
Fort Dodge, Iowa

SPECIAL LOCALS

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

—I—

The W. F. M. S. of the Methodist church will meet this week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. F. Luick.

—I—

A free pair of pants with every order for a new suit.—Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Hotel.

—I—

A number of delegates from this city who had planned on attending the meeting of the federated clubs of the county, held at the county seat recently, were forced to stay at home on account of the roads.

—I—

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson of Huxley were recent guests at the C. B. Johnson home here.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

The Chain of Ten will meet on next week Monday at the home of Mrs. R. C. Morse.

—I—

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Will Rathburn and mother attended the Memorial exercises at Goodell on Monday.

—I—

Headquarters for Fishing Tackle and the American Kampkook Stove at Townsan Hardware.

Home made lard for sale.—Mrs. A. W. Martin.

—I—

Miss Maud Newgard, Miss Viva Rourk and Miss Ermalee Rowland were visitors at Mason City on Saturday.

—I—

Try our high test kerosene in your oil stove.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Friends here have received word of the birth of a daughter on May 24 to Dr. and Mrs. Barth at Garner. Mrs. Bath was fomerly Miss Gay Newgard of this city.

—I—

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

Four-room house for rent. One block north of oil station. Inquire of F. T. Meacham. 284c

—I—

For the Spring Frys—just arrived a new lot of panacea and louse killer at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Lost: Ford tire. Finder please leave at this office. Lost between Goodell and Belmond. 1t*

—I—

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price.—Christ Rise. 25tfc

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Harris from Rowan spent Sunday at the home of relatives and friends here, driving up in their car.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

Mrs. Renicker of Eagle Grove was a visitor with relatives and friends here on Tuesday of this week.

—I—

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, who reside on Water street, are leaving on Saturday of this week for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they will make their future home.

—I—

A nice lot of Gingham Coverall Aprons. Price $2.50, at the Woman's Exchange.—Miss Mary Gealow.

—I—

Harry Wolcott came up from Des Moines to spend Memorial Day here with his father, N. M. Wolcott, who came last week.

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

Miss Mildred Gealow, who is employed at the bank in Meservey, was the week end guest of relatives and friends here.

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

If any farmer wants a boy to plow corn, the Independent will be glad to use its best efforts to find one for him or to put him in touch with boys who desire to work on the farm. There is now a young man on the list who wishes such a job, and the Independent will be glad to put any farmer in touch with him. Call 115.

—I—

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

We now have the high test kerosene and gasoline for sale.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

NOTICE!

Parties that have been breaking into the cottage at Morse Lake, owned by Martin Hanson and Henry Anderson, are warned to stop, or these parties will be notified further.

—I—

FOR SALE CHEAP

As I am moving away, I will sell the following household goods at my house on Water street, just south of the Wolle residence, at private sale:

—I—

3-burner oil stove with over; 1 kitchen range; 1 sideboard, oak; 1 dresser, oak; 1 soft coal heater; 1 kitchen table; 1 clothes wringer; 1 iron bed; 1 sanitary cot, 2 tiling spades, some fruit jars, and several other items including about 75 chickens, old hens and spring chickens. This property must be sold before Saturday.—Mrs. J. P. Peterson.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dempsey are the happy parents of a fine baby son, of 11 1-2 pounds weight, who arrived at their home on Monday of this week.

—I—

Henry Johnson returned last week Friday from Crystal Springs, North Dakota, where he has been the past month or two at the home of his son assisting with the farm work. He reports the crops there as being fine and a good yield in sight. Mr. Johnson says that we have not had any where near the rain that they have had in Minnesota, where he reports seeing fields that were almost covered with water, water standing over the roads and tracks in places. He says that many fields will have to be replanted as the seed has been washed away by the heavy rains.

—I—

Guess! How many Red Seal Hair Nets displayed in our window? Person guessing nearest will receive a Green Gold plated mesh bag. Second nearest receives very stylish Green Gold plated Vanity Box. Guess every time you make a purchase. Contest closes June 11.

SCHULTZ DRUG CO.

—I—

V. K. Mikesell and wife have been entertaining Mr. Mikesell's father and mother from Lawrence, Kansas, the past week. The old people drove to Belmond in their car.

The D. S. S. club wishes to thank all who loaned furniture and material for the operetta, also those who took part in the same, and the American Legion boys for their assistance.

—I—

Joie Jenison, who has been visiting relatives here the past week or so, has returned to his home at Sanborn. He was accompanied home by Mrs. C. A. Schmalle who will remain there for a few days visit.

—I—

Mildred House and Esther Kiplinger were visitors the past week at the county seat and at Holms with friends.

—I—

Mrs. Herman Schultz entertained some 25 ladies recently in honor of Mrs Howard Moore, at her residence on north Filbert. A two-course delicous luncheon was served, and the guests report a very pleasant time.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Given by the Luther League of St. John's Lutheran church, on the church lawn, Saturday evening, June 4th.

Miss Marie Jenison is spending a few days at Albia, Iowa, visiting at the home of relatives and friends at that place.

—I—

The operetta given by the grades of the school last week Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Community Welfare Club, was held in the school auditorium instead of in the park, as had been originally planned. The change was made on account of the wet weather. A fair sized crowd attended, the opinions all being very favorable.

—I—

Harry Heuerman and wife came down from Fairibault, Minnesota, to spend he week end at the home of his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Heuerman, and to greet his old friends. He is looking fine and says that his business is picking up. He is employed at a railroad depot in Fairibault, and was formerly a resident of Belmond.

—I—

Fred Leinbach came up from Ames to spend the week nd at the home of his parests, Rev. and Mrs. S. U. Leinbach.

—I—

Wilma Foughty of Alexander was a recent visitor at the home of her aunt, Mrs. I. H. Benson.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voiles returned Wednesday from Des Moines, where Mrs. Voiles underwent an operation on her eye by an eye specialist at that place. She is improving nicely bu may have to return to Des Moines in a couple of weeks.

—I—

For Sale—Two sows and pigs, one sow registered Duroc. Inquire at this office. 28tfc

—I—

The Misses Virginia Hunt and Ermalee Rowland were week end visitors at Fort Dodge with friends at that place.

—I—

The Misses Jane and Marian Pech have returned from Algona, where they spent a few days visiting at the home of friends and relatives.

—I—

Mrs. Schanck and daughter Elizabeth were callers at Klemme one day recently.

—I—

T. O. Tomson has been on the sick lis the past week or two, being a sufferer from a liver complaint with which he has been bothere for some time. He is getting somewhat better however, and is able to be out and around again.

Take
Home
A Pie

We have them---good juicy, satisfying ones and cakes, cookies, bread and pastries of all kinds.

They Satisfy
Try Them

Belmond Bakery
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Special Bargains for One Week Only

49 lb. Sack Blain Certified Flour $2.75
One can each of Delmonte Apricots, Pine Apple and Plum for 1.00
3 pkg. of 10c corn flakes for 25c

Call and see our bargain counter of remnants in voiles and other goods.

Our low prices in groceries are moving them fast.

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We Deliver Phone 30
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STRENGTH SERVICE

L Liberty Bell Bank filled with change proclaims as much independence as did the ringing of its original by our forefathers. We have one for you.

Save for a Purpose

Save for a home, your insurance, a trip on your vacation, or a protection in times of sickness.

It is a common practice of many of our patrons to maintain individual accounts for such purposes---to provide sufficiently to meet payments or needs when necessary. Think it over, you need this service---everyone does. Come in and start an account today; $1.00 will do it

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
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White Shoes

The White Oxfords, Pumps and Strap Slippers are daintier and smarter than ever before.

The plain white for dress wear or the new sport models for street or semi-dress are all the rage.

These Shoes may be had in white canvas, reignskin, buck or kid. Some of them plain white, others trimmed with dull black kid or brown calf leather.

All indications point to the biggest white season in the history of the shoe business and we would suggest that you make an early selection while our stock is still complete as these models will be hard to get later on.

$3.50 to $12.50

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IN ONE PAIR OF GLASSES

Modern Bifocal Glasses show no cemented segments; the lower, reading part of the lenses, are invisible. They are especially adapted to the requirements of middle aged and elderly people.

Let us Show Them to You

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with
L. A. Cederquist, Jeweler
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H. SCHULTZ, Jewelry
June 8th, 1921

This will be my last visit until
July 6th, 1921

Dance Program
AT
Lake Cornelia

Tuesday Evening, June 7th
Friday Evening, June 10th

A Six Piece Orchestra furnishes the music for both evenings

E. G. Miller, who has been running the welding shop, has opened an auto repair shop in connection, and has secured a mechanic to take charge of the repair shop. Miller will continue to do welding.

Lyric

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
"NUMBER 17"
A Fox picture featuring
GEO. WALSH

An intense and absorbing drama of love, intrigue and mystery.

Also a two-reel LARRY SEMAN comedy.
11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
"HIS GREATEST SACRIFICE"
A Fox picture featuring
WM. FARNUM

This is an intensely interesting story of the lives of a husband and wife, one hoping to become a great writer and bring luxury to his beloved wife and child, the other sacrficing h me, husband and child, to become a prima donna. Who, do you suppose, achieves real happiness in the end?

Also a one-reel comedy.
11c and 30c

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
"THE MISFIT WIFE"
A Metro picture featuring
ALICE LAKE

A story of one of the most powerful dramatic situations ever devised. She did not belong among Refined people, They sneered and they even doubted her virtue until, in the crisis of another woman's life she proved to be a thoroughbred.

Also a two-reel Educational comedy.
11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY
PUNE 6 & 7
"HUMORESQUE"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring
ALMA RUBENS

Fannie Hurst's beutiful story of a boy's genius and a mother's love. Beginning in the clamor of New York's Ghetto, and rising to the heights. A story that cries to hide its laughter and laughs to hide its tears.

SPECIAL MUSIC
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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

NORWAY PICNIC IS GREAT SUCCESS

In spite of the rain and muddy roads nearly 400 Norway township farmers turned out to the picnic which was held at the Lucas farm one-half mile east of the Center school. This picnic had been planned for months and judging from the attendance it seems that the farmers were determined to get together for a social good time even tho the weather conditions seemed very unfavorable. This picnic was planned and put over by the program committee of which Mrs. L. E. Evans was chairman. The committee should be congratulated upon the interesting program which they arranged and above all the orderly manner in which the program went off. Everyone seemed pleased with the arrangement of events and the way in which the entire program was conducted.

The first part of the program consisted of two numbers by each of the schools in the township. A number of musical selections, recitations and dialogues were given by the pupils of the township. Short talks were given by Miss Kate Liddle, county health nurse, and by Miss Blanche Bock, county superintendent. The school program closed with the presentation of diplomas by the county superintendent.

The school program was followed by the picnic dinner which was served cafeteria style. The unusual feature of the picnic dinner was the fact that sweet milk was served free to all. We are wondering if Miss Imlay's campaign had anything to do with the serving of milk at this community gathering.

After the sumptuous picnic dinner everyone enjoyed the athletic program which consisted of boys' and girls' foot races, sack race, ladies' potatoe race, three-legged race, fat men's race and many other athletic events which furnished amusement for the picnicers.

I. W. Van Nice, assistant county agent leader, the principal speaker of the day, and County Agent Edwards, arrived just as the athletic program was completed and both looked as tho they had enjoyed a mud bath along the road somewhere, but at any rate they reached the meeting in time to fill their part of the program. The county agent gave a short talk on farm bureau work which was followed by Mr. Van Nice's most interesting address. Mr. Van Nice spent considerable time in enumerating the great problems which are confronting the farm bureau organization at the present time and urged upon the farmers the closest co-operation in their township unit so as to furnish the right kind of support to the county farm bureau and in turn to the state and national farm bureau federations.

The feature of the whole day's program was the ball game between Boone Valley and Norway township, which followed the address of Mr. Van Nice. Judging from the brand of base ball exhibited by both these teams and by the enthusiasm which was manifested at this game Wright county has plenty of base ball material and a lot of base ball fans in the northwest section of the county. Boone Valley team won the $10 prize and Norway township team the $5 prize. The final score showed 14 to 11 in favor of Boone Valley. Lake township boys say that Boone Valley will meet their Waterloo June 9 when they will cross bats with the Lake township boys.

FRIENDLY VISITS IMPOSSIBLE

Complaints have come indirectly to the office from farm bureau members, who say that the county agent has not visited their farms. It seems that these particular farmers expect the county agent to make individual calls just for a friendly chat with no particluar purpose in mind.

We must all realize that the farm bureau has grown to such a size that it is almost impossible for the agent to give individual service. The county agent does not attempt to call on each individual member because it would be useless to attempt this sort of a campaign and expect to accomplish the larger things of the farm bureau.

The farm bureau has become such a large organization that the work must be done in group meetings and the aim is not to give individual service but rather to give community service. Those who would know what the farm bureau is doing and what your neighbor is doing are urged to attend the community or township meetings.

POOL WOOL EARLY

Plans are being made by the farm bureau for pooling the wool early this year. All wool growers and shippers are being asked to sign a pooling contract beginning this year. The pooling of grain and other products has been highly recommended by those who have made a thoro study of the marketing system and the pooling of wool should give good results also.

The National Wool Warehouse and Storage Co., has experienced considerable difficulty in selling the 1920 crop and are being criticised quite severely by some of the wool growers. Those who would criticise from this standpoint must realize that there must be a demand for different products before they can be sold on the world market.

The same general plan as was followed last year in shipping the wool will be used this year in pooling the wool for shipment, except that the shipment will be made during the early summer, probably in July.

COUNTY LEADER VISITS WRIGHT

I. W. Van Nice, assistant county agent leader for Iowa, was in Clarion, Wednesday, May 25, to fill two important missions. His visit to Wright county was for the purpose of checking the financial records of our local farm bureau and to give an address at the Norway township farm bureau picnic. Mr. Van Nice found the finances of the farm bureau in good shape and succeeded in meeting his appointment at the Norway township picnic consequently he left Clarion feeling that he had filled both his missions successfully.

Geo. A. Miller, treasurer of the Wright county farm bureau, spent all day May 25 in checking over the financial records with the county agent and Mr. Van Nice. The financial records of the farm bureau were found to be in first class condition, altho a number of members dues have not been collected for 1921.

FARMER-BANKER MEET AT DES MOINES

President James R. Howard of the National Farm Bureau Federation will be the principal speaker at a farmer-banker round table at Des Moines for Tuesday, June 7th. This conference will be very similar to the one which was held at Fort Dodge last year. Those who attended the farmer-banker conference last year remember that a good deal of good came from this meeting of farmers and bankers to thresh out their problems together.

Surely if the bankers and farmers are both to succeed they must understand one anthers' problems; they must realize that one is dependent upon the other and that they will rise and fall together. They must co-operate with one another in every possible way in order that both may be carried successfully thru the 1921 season when prices seem to be so low and money seems to be in such great demand.

All farm bureau officers, co-operators and members are earnestly urged to attend this farmer-banker conference which will be held at the Berchel theatre beginning at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, June 7.

President Hunt and Secretary Cunningham of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation will also be on the program.

START CULLING EARLY

The culling of farm flock should start right after the young chicks are hatched, says H. A. Bittenbender in charge of poultry work at Iowa State College. At this time all crippled chicks, those suffering from disease and the weak ones should either be killed or separated from the rest of the flock. It is better to kill a few of the poorest chicks than to take a chance of losing all by allowing the defectives to run with the healthy ones. Weak chicks invariably contract disease and will soon spread this to healthier ones.

After the chicks reach the broiler stage, again pick out those which show signs of backwardness and fatten them at once. Also pick out those which are defective in the breed type or are small. These will bring a greater price at that time than any other since they soon reach the stage where they consume more feed than they are worth.

But this season it will start earlier due to the early laying season and the early molts. Many of them the hens will be worth more when sold at this time than later and they will lay fewer eggs during the summer than any other time. It is a good plan when hens begin to molt to pick out those which are old and have not proven that they are good layers and market them. This also gives room for the younger stock which is coming into the flock and saves on the feed bill.

HERE'S HOW TO CATCH RATS

Use the automobile to attack them is the latest manner. If you are out to catch all the rats on your farm and want a simple method, try the "gas attack" say extension experts at Iowa State College. Back the automobile up near where rat holes are found, hitch a piece of hose onto the exhaust pipe, start the engine to running and force the poisonous gas from the burned fuel into the rat burrows. This gas either kills the rats or dazes them as they try to escape so that they can be easily killed.

Strychnine sulphate or barium carbonate are good poisons to put out for rats, but this often allows the rats to die under buildings where their bodies are hard to get at. To use poison make a dough of four parts of flour or oatmeal to one part of barium carbonate and place in the rat runs where they can get it. Where strychnine is used place a few of the crystals in some meat and place where only rats can get it. Guard against other animals picking up the poisoned bait.

Ferrets and dogs are useful in campaigns since the ferrets can drive the rats out and the dogs do the killing. Cats are not considered efficient rat catchers.

After ridding a farm of rats it is a good plan to build concrete foundations so that the pests cannot get under barns. Screens over windows and around drain pipes will prevent their re-entry into buildings. Keep rats hungry by not leaving garbage cans open or leaving unburned rubbish around. Hungry rats do not stay long.

Rats multiply rapidly so that one pair will produce six or ten litters per year consisting of ten rats per litter, so that in three years one pair will produce in 18 generations about 360 millions of rats, barring death and interruptions.

Rats not only destroy grain, poultry, eat holes in buildings and household property, but they carry diseases which cause many deaths in humans. Among these are bubonic plague and trichina and they have recently been suspected of carrying infantile paralysis germs.

SLACKER HENS MUST GO

The Wright County Farm Bureau is planning to held a poultry culling demonstration in each school district or each four square miles of territory in the entire county. This will make a total of 144 demonstrations in the county which will mean that the county agent will be a very busy man during the culling season.

It will be impossible to cull every flock in the entire county but it is thought that by holding one demonstration in each school district it will be possible for every person interested in the culling work to see the work done and apply the methods to their own flock. The points in culling are simple and can be learned in 30 minutes by any interested person.

The culling will begin some time time during the middle of July and will probably continue thruout the month of August. The plan is to hold the demonstration as near the center as possible in each school district so as to give everyone who is interested an opportunity to attend and get the points in culling. The schedule for holding the culling demonstration will be printed in the July number of the exchange.

STEMMING THE TIDE

A farmer is said to have replied to the question whether he would not like to live in the city: "Yes, if they would move it out in the country." In the light of recent developements in country life, this answer is by no means absurb. The city is moving out into the country, not only in the obvious ways by which the crudity and isolation of farm life are being lessened; by improved roads, free mail deliveries, automobiles, sanitary plumbing, electric lighting, and labor saving machinery, but in less tangible ways as well. Easy transportation and increased wealth and leisure are making possible a more varied and significant social life, and in not a few neighborhoods are fostering community activities that have genuine intellectual and cultural value.

The same causes are revolutionizing rural education. The little red schoolhouse is disappearing. In the state of Iowa, before 1912 but seventeen consolidated schools had been organized. In the nine subsequent years more than four hundred such schools came into existance, two hundred of them in 1920.

Large scale methods of doing business are invading the trural districts. There are between 15,000 and 20,000 co-operative societies in the United States, organized by farmers to warehouse grain, to sell farm products, to manufacture butter and cheese, and to sell food products. The farmers own hundreds of telephone lines, elevators, packing plants and wholesale and retail stores.

The farmer is emerging in politics. His vote can no longer be captured by playing upon local and traditional prejudices. He is demanding and is beginning to receive immediate representation of his interests in the councils of the nation. Farmers are organizing in local and national group to further this end.

If "God made the country and man made the town," man is very seriously meddling with God's part of the job. What is taking place before our eyes in these and many other directions is nohing short of a revolution in the lives of the majority of our population. It does not seem impossible that a few years of further progress will automatically turn the tide of the rush to the cities which social reformers deplore. Certainly the economic and scientific forces which are working toward the improvement of the conditions of farm life are doing vastly more to stem the tide than the exhortions of the back to the farm advocates.—The Grinnell Review.

BREEDER SEE BETTER FUTURE AHEAD

The live stock industry of Iowa and of the middle west has hit the bottom and is already on he upgrade.

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This is the concensus of ideas expressed by leaders in livestock industry of the state at the livestock conference held at Iowa Sstate College last Saturday. More than 200 breeders and farmers attended and many of them took part in the discussions.

When C. F. Curtis, dean of the division of agriculture, said in the first talk of the day that the livestock situation is not as bad as many people think, he expressed the convcition that was repeated many times during the day.

"I believe that we are coming out of the present situation slowly but surely," said Dean Curtiss. "If conditions get back to normal it is my prediction that there will be a shortage of food products within the next eighteen months. Demand will more than catch up with the supply.

Dean Curtiss pointed to the probability of definite settlement with Germany and to the announcement of the federal labor board that the wages of rail workers are to be reduced, as signs of better times for the farmer and breeder. He pointed out that reductions in wages paid rail workers will undoubtedly lead to reduced rates. Reduced acreage of crops this year will go far, Dean Curtiss believes, towards reducing the present surplus of foodstuffs. The Agricultural output this year will not exceed four-fifths of the output of 1920, he said.

"There neverwas a time," asserted Curtiss, " when it was more important that good sires and good herds be maintained and improved in order that fam effeciency be raised."

"The pure bred livestock breeder has hit the ground and must start again with 'value received' as his motto," declared E. H. Cunningham, secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation. Mr. Cunningham pointed out some of the abuses of the livestock business which he believes have contributed to the present conditions. He charged that pure bred prices have in many cases gone higher than was economical in he case of of sires for grade herds. Much of the inflation in the pure bred business he believes is due to unscrupulous practices which, in few cases, have crept into the business.

L. A. Andrews, president of the Iowa Bankers' Association, urged close cooperaton between the bankers of the state and the breeders in financing the marketing of products at a legitimate profit. Iowa is already reducing its debt, declared Mr. Andrews. He asserted that it will be two or three years, however, before Iowa will be even with the world. Iowa's loans from the federal reserve system totalled, said Mr. Andrews, $98,000,000 at the point of highest debt. At present this borrowing has been reduced to $76,000,000.

Much of the material of these talks was incorporated in the report of the reccommendations committee which was unanimously adopted. These recommendations call for a more extensive developement by breeders of the local farm market for pure bred cattle. They unequivoqcally condemn "all sharp practices," and urge that breeders, auctioneers and advertisers work together "to blacklist any person who is a party to such a practice."

The grove south of town has been the Mecca of many local people the past few Sundays. The woods are unusually thick with flowers this year, due to the heavy and frequent rains and is a very pretty place.

Save Your Trees

Were *your* fruit trees hit by the frost? If so, what should you do with them? You will know if you read next week's issue of

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The frost this spring cut a wide swath clean across the country and nipped in the bud a startling proportion of our prospective fruit harvest for the year—it is estimated that as much as 30% of the apple crop is lost.

In next week's issue, Benjamin Wallace Douglas tells what he plans to do with his frozen trees. His story shows how the fore-handed farmer can prepare now to make up this year's losses with a bumper yield next year. It shows, too, how the indifferent orchardist may lose not only this season's crop, but perhaps his trees as well.

In the following issue E. V. Wilcox pictures another aspect of the situation in a snappy article, *Where the Great Freeze Hit*. And just as THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN serves the fruit grower, so it keeps every farmer in touch with all the national news of his business. For a whole year—52 issues—this service costs but $1.00.

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A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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CHAPTER I.

Which Describes the Journey of Samson Henry Traylor and His Wife and Their Two Children and Their Dog Sambo Through the Adirondack Wilderness in 1831 on Their Way to the Land of Plenty—Furthermore It Describes the Soaping of the Brimsteads.

In the early summer of 1831 Samson Traylor and his wife, Sarah, and two children left their old home near the village of Vergennes, Vermont, and began their travels toward the setting sun with four chairs, a bread board and rolling-pin, a feather bed and blankets, a small looking-glass, a skillet, an ax, a pack basket with a pad of sole leather on the same, a water pail, a box of dishes, a tub of salt pork, a rifle, a teapot, a sack of meal, sundry small provisions and a violin, in a double wagon drawn by oxen. It is a pleasure to note that they had a violin and were not disposed to part with it. The reader must not overlook its full historic significance. The stern, uncompromising spirit of the Puritan had left the house of the Yankee before a violin could enter it. Humor and the love of play had preceded and cleared a way for it. Where there was a fiddle there were cheerful hearts. A young black shepherd dog with tawny points and the name of Sambo followed the wagon.

If we had been at the Congregational church on Sunday we might have heard the minister saying to Samson, after the service, that it was hard to understand why the happiest family in the parish and the most beloved should be leaving its ancestral home to go to a far, new country of which little was known. We might also have heard Samson answer:

"It's awful easy to be happy here. We slide along in the same old groove, that our fathers traveled, from Vergennes to Paradise. We work and play and go to meetin' and put a shin plaster in the box and grow old and narrow and stingy and mean and go up to glory and are turned into saints and angels. Maybe that's the best thing that could happen to us, but Sarah and I kind o' thought we'd try a new starting place and another route to heaven."

Sarah and Sampson had been raised on adjoining farms just out of the village. He had had little schooling, but his mind was active and well inclined. Sarah had prosperous relatives in Boston and had had the advantage of a year's schooling in that city. She was a comely girl of a taste and refinement unusual in the place and time of her birth. Many well-favored youths had sought her hand, but, better than others, she liked the big, masterful, good-natured, humorous Samson, crude as he was. Naturally in her hands his timber had undergone some planing and smoothing and his thoughts had been gently led into new and pleasant ways.

Let us take a look at them as they slowly leave the village of their birth. The wagon is covered with tent cloth drawn over hickory arches. They are sitting on a seat overlooking the oxen in the wagon front. Tears are streaming down the face of the woman. The man's head is bent. His elbows are resting on his knees; the hickory handle of his ox whip lies across his lap, the lash at his feet. He seems to be looking down at his boots, into the tops of which his trousers have been folded. He is a rugged, blond, bearded man with kindly blue eyes and a rather prominent nose. There is a striking expression of power in the head and shoulders of Samson Traylor. The breadth of his back, the size of his wrists and hands, the color of his face betoken a man of great strength. This thoughtful, sorrowful attitude is the only evidence of emotion which he betrays. In a few minutes he begins to whistle a lively tune.

The boy Josiah—familiarly called Joe—sits beside his mother. He is a slender, sweet-faced lad. He is looking up wistfully at his mother. The little girl Betsey sits between him and her father.

That evening they stopped at the house of an old friend some miles up the rusty road to the north.

"Here we are—goin' west," Samson shouted to the man at the door-step.

He alighted and helped his family out of the wagon.

"You go right in—I'll take care o' the oxen," said the man.

Samson started for the house with the girl under one arm and the boy under the other. A pleasant-faced woman greeted them with a hearty welcome at the door.

"You poor man! Come right in," she said.

"Poor! I'm the richest man in the world," said he. "Look at the gold on that girl's head—curly, fine gold, too—the best there is. She's Betsey—my little toy woman—half past seven years old—blue eyes—helps her mother get tired every day. Here's my toy man Josiah—yes, brown hair and brown eyes like Sarah—heart o' gold—helps his mother, too—six times one year old."

"What pretty faces!" said the woman as she stooped and kissed them.

"Yes, ma'am. Got 'em from the fairies," Samson went on. "They have all kinds o' heads for little folks, an' I guess they color 'em up with the blood o' roses an' the gold o' buttercups an' the blue o' violets. Here's this wife o' mine. She's richer'n I am. She owns all of us. We're her slaves."

"Looks as young as she did the day she was married—nine years ago," said the woman.

"Exactly!" Samson exclaimed. "Straight as an arrow and proud! I don't blame her. She's got enough to make her proud, I say. I fall in love again every time I look into her big, brown eyes."

They had a joyous evening and a restful night with these old friends and resumed their journey soon after daylight. They ferried across the lake at Burlington and fared away over the mountains and through the deep forest on the Chateaugay trail.

Since the Pilgrims landed between the measureless waters and the pathless wilderness they and their descendants had been surrounded by the lure of mystery. The love of adventure, the desire to explore the dark, infested and beautiful forest, the dream of fruitful sunny lands cut with water courses, shored with silver and strewn with gold beyond it—these were the only heritage of their sons and daughters save the strength and courage of the pioneer. How true was this dream of theirs gathering detail and allurement as it passed from sire to son. On distant plains to the west were lands more lovely and fruitful than any of their vision; in mountains far beyond was gold enough to gild the dome of the heavens, as the sun was wont to do at eventide, and silver enough to put a fairly respectable moon in it. Yet for generations their eyes were not to see, their hands were not to touch, these things. They were only to push their frontier a little farther to the west and hold the dream and pass it on to their children.

Those early years of the Nineteenth century held the first days of fulfillment. Samson and Sarah Traylor had the old dream in their hearts when they first turned their faces to the west. For years Sarah had resisted it, thinking of the hardships and perils in the way of the mover. Samson, a man of twenty-nine when he set out from his old home, was said to be "always chasing the bird in the bush." He was never content with the thing in hand. There were certain of their friends who promised to come and join them when, at last, they should have found the land of plenty. But most of the group that bade them good-by thought it a foolish enterprise and spoke lightly of Samson when they were gone. America has undervalued the brave souls who went west in wagons, without whose sublime courage and endurance the plains would still be an unplowed wilderness. Often we hear them set down as seedy, shiftless dreamers who could not make a living at home. They were mostly the best blood of the world and the noblest of God's missionaries. Who does not honor them above the thrifty, comfort-loving men and women who preferred to stay at home, where risks were few, the supply of food sure and sufficient and the consolations of friendship and religion always at hand? Samson and Sarah preferred to enlist and take their places in the front battle line of Civilization.

They had read a little book called The Country of the Sangamon. The latter was a word of the Pottawatomies meaning land of plenty. It was the name of a river in Illinois draining "boundless, flowery meadows of unexampled beauty and fertility, belted with timber, blessed with shady groves, covered with game and mostly level, without a stick or a stone to vex the plowman." Thither they were bound, to take up a section of government land.

They stopped for a visit with Elisha Howard and his wife, old friends of theirs, who lived in the village of Malone, which was in Franklin county, New York. There they traded their oxen for a team of horses. They were large gray horses named Pete and Colonel. The latter was fat and good-natured. His chief interest in life was food. Pete was always looking for food and perils. Colonel was the near horse. Now and then Samson threw a sheepskin over his back and put the boy on it and tramped along within arm's reach of Joe's left leg. This was a great delight to the little lad.

They proceeded at a better pace to the Black River country, toward which, in the village of Canton, they tarried again for a visit with Captain Moody and Silas Wright, both of whom had taught school in the town of Vergennes.

They proceeded through DeKalb, Richville and Gouverneur and Antwerp and on to the Sand plains. They had gone far out of their way for a look at these old friends of theirs.

Samson's diary tells how, at the top of the long, steep hills he used to cut a small tree by the roadside and tie its butt to the rear axle and hang on to its branches while his wife drove the team. This held their load, making an effective brake.

Traveling through the forest, as they had been doing for weeks, while the day waned, they looked for a brookside on which they could pass the night with water handy. Samson

Tramped Along Within Arm's Reach.

tethered, fed and watered their horses and while Sarah and the children built a fire and made tea and biscuits, he was getting bait and catching fish in the stream.

"In a few minutes from the time I wet my hook a mess of trout would be dressed and sizzling, with a piece of salt pork, in the pan, or it was a bad day for fishing," he writes.

After supper the wagon was partly unloaded, the feather bed laid upon the planks under the wagon roof and spread with blankets. Then Samson sang songs and told stories or played upon the violin to amuse the family.

Often if the others were weary and depressed he would dance merrily around the fire, playing a lively tune, with Sambo glad to lend a helping foot and much noise to the program. By and by the violin was put away and all knelt by the fire while Sarah prayed aloud for protection through the night. So it will be seen that they carried with them their own little theater, church and hotel.

Soon after darkness fell, Sarah and the children lay down for the night, while Samson stretched out with his blanket by the fire in good weather, the loaded musket and the dog Sambo lying beside him. Often the howling of wolves in the distant forest kept them awake, and the dog muttering and barking for hours.

Samson woke the camp at daylight and a merry song was his reveille while he led the horses to their drink.

When they set out in the morning Samson was wont to say to the little lad, who generally sat beside him: "Well, my boy, what's the good word this morning?" Whereupon Joe would say, parrot like:

"God help us all and make His face to shine upon us."

"Well said!" his father would answer, and so the day's journey began.

Often, near its end, they came to some lonely farmhouse. Always Samson would stop and go to the door to ask about the roads, followed by little Joe and Betsey with secret hopes. One of these hopes was related to cookies and maple sugar and buttered bread and had been cherished since an hour of good fortune early in the trip and encouraged by sundry good-hearted women along the road. Another was the hope of seeing a baby—mainly, it should be said, the hope of Betsey. Joe's interest was merely an echo of hers. He regarded babies with an open mind, as it were, for the opinions of his sister still had some weight with him, she being a year and a half older than he, but babies invariably disappointed him, their capabilities being so restricted. Still, not knowing what might happen, he always took a look at every baby.

The children were lifted out of the wagon to stretch their legs at sloughs and houses. They were sure to be close behind the legs of their father when he stood at a stranger's door. Then, the night being near, they were always invited to put their horses in the barn and tarry until next morning. This was due in part to the wistful faces of the little children—a fact unsuspected by their parents. What motherly heart could resist the silent appeal of children's faces or fail to understand it? Those were memorable nights for Sarah and Joe and Betsey. In a letter to her brother the woman said:

"You don't know how good it seems to see a woman and talk to her, and we talked and talked until midnight after all the rest were asleep. She let me hold the baby in my lap until it was put to bed. How good it felt to have a little warm body in my arms again and feel it breathing! In all my life I never saw a prettier baby. It felt good to be in a real house and sleep in a soft, warm bed and to eat jelly and cookies and fresh meat and potatoes and bread and butter. Samson played for them and kept them laughing with his stories until bedtime. They wouldn't take a cent and gave us a dozen eggs in a basket and a piece of venison when we went away."

On a warm, bright day in the sand country they came to a crude, half finished, frame house at the edge of a wide clearing. The sand lay in drifts on one side of the road. It had evidently moved in the last wind. A sickly vegetation covered the field. A ragged, barefooted man and three scrawny, ill-clad children stood in the dooryard. It was noontime. A mongrel dog, with a bit of the hound in him, came bounding and barking toward the wagon and pitched upon Sambo and quickly got the worst of it. Sambo, after much experience in self-defense, had learned that the best way out of such trouble was to seize a leg and hang on. This he did. The mongrel began to yelp. Samson lifted both dogs by the backs of their necks, broke the hold of Sambo and tossed aside the mongrel, who ran away whining.

"That reminded me of a bull that tackled a man over in Vermont," he said. "The man had a club in his hand. He dodged and grabbed the bull's tail and beat him all over the lot. As the bull roared, the man hollered: 'I'd like to know who began this fuss anyway.'"

The stranger laughed.

"Is that your house?" Samson said.

The man stepped nearer and answered in a low, confidential tone:

"Say, mister, this is a combination poorhouse and idiot asylum. I am the idiot. These are the poor."

He pointed to the children.

"You don't talk like an idiot," said Samson.

The man looked around and leaned over the wheel as if about to impart a secret.

"Say, I'll tell ye," he said in a low tone. "A real, first-class idiot never does. You ought to see my actions."

"This land is an indication that you're right," Samson laughed.

"It proves it," the stranger whispered.

"Have you any water here?" Samson asked.

The stranger leaned nearer and said in his most confidential tone, "Say, mister, it's about the best in the United States. Right over yonder in the edge o' the woods—a spring—cold as ice—Simon-pure water. 'Bout the only thing this land'll raise is water."

"This land looks to me about as valuable as so much sheet lightnin' and I guess it can move just about as quick," said Samson.

The stranger answered in a low tone: "Say, I'll tell ye, it's a wild cow—don't stand still long 'nough to give ye time to git anything out of it. I've toiled and prayed, but it's hard to get much out of it."

"Praying won't do this land any good," Samson answered. "What it needs is manure and plenty of it. You can't raise anything here but fleas. It isn't decent to expect God to help run a flea farm. He knows too much for that, and if you keep it up He'll lose all respect for ye. If you were to buy another farm and bring it here and put it down on

"Elijah Brimstead Was a Friend o' My Father."

top o' this one, you could probably make a living. I wouldn't like to live where the wind could dig my potatoes."

Again the stranger leaned toward Samson and said in a half-whisper: "Say, mister, I wouldn't want you to mention it, but talkin' o' fleas, I'm like a dog with so many of 'em that he don't have time to eat. Somebody has got to soap him or he'll die. You see, I traded my farm over in Vermont for five hundred acres o' this sheet lightnin', unsighted an' unseen. We was all crazy to go west an' here we are. If it wasn't for the deer an' the fish I guess we'd 'a' starved to death long ago."

"Where did ye come from?"

"Orwell, Vermont."

"What's yer name?"

"Henry Brimstead," the stranger whispered.

"Son of Elijah Brimstead?"

"Yes, sir."

Samson took his hand and shook it warmly. "Well, I declare!" he exclaimed. "Elijah Brimstead was a friend o' my father."

"Who are you?" Brimstead asked.

"I'm one o' the Traylors o' Vergennes."

"My father used to buy cattle of Henry Traylor."

"Henry was my father. Haven't you let 'em know about your bad luck?"

The man resumed his tone of confidence. "Say, I'll tell ye," he answered. "A man that's as big a fool as I am ought not to advertise it. A brain that has treated its owner as shameful as mine has treated me should be compelled to do its own thinkin' er die. I've invented some things that may sell. I've been hopin' my luck would turn."

"It'll turn when you turn it," Samson assured him.

Brimstead leaned close to Samson's ear and said in a tone scarcely audible:

"My brother Robert has his own idiot asylum. It's a real handsome one an' he has made it pay, but I wouldn't swap with him."

Samson smiled, remembering that Robert had a liquor store. "Look here, Henry Brimstead, we're hungry," he said. "If ye furnish the water, we'll skirmish around for bread and give ye as good a dinner as ye ever had in yer life."

Henry took the horses to his barn and watered and fed them. Then he brought two pails of water from the spring. Meanwhile Samson started a fire in a grove of small poplars by the roadside and began broiling venison, and Sarah got out the bread board and the flour and the rolling-pin and the teapot. As she waited for the water she called the three strange children to her side. The oldest was a girl of ten, with a face uncommonly refined and attractive. In spite of her threadbare clothes, she had a neat and cleanly look and gentle manners. The youngest was a boy of four. They were a pathetic trio.

"Where's your mother?" Sarah asked of the ten-year-old girl.

"Dead. Died when my little brother was born."

"Who takes care of you?"

"Father and—God. Father says God does most of it."

"Oh dear!" Sarah exclaimed, with a look of pity.

They had a good dinner of fresh biscuits and honey and venison and eggs and tea. While they were eating Samson told Brimstead of the land of plenty.

After dinner, while Brimstead was bringing the team, one of his children, the blonde, pale, tattered little girl of six, climbed into the wagon seat and sat holding a small rag doll, which Sarah had given her. When they were ready to go she stubbornly refused to get down.

"I'm goin' away," she said. "I'm goin' aw-a-ay off to find my mother. I don't like this place. There ain't no Santa Claus here. I'm goin' away."

She clung to the wagon seat and cried loudly when her father took her down.

"Ain't that enough to break a man's heart?" he said with a sorrowful look.

Then Samson turned to Brimstead and asked:

"Look here, Henry Brimstead, are you a drinking man? Honor bright now."

"Never drink a thing but water and tea."

"Do you know anybody who'll give ye anything for what you own here?"

"There's a man in the next town who offered me three hundred and fifty dollars for my interest."

"Come along with us and get the money if you can. I'll help ye fit up and go where ye can earn a living."

"I'd like to, but my horse is lame and I can't leave the children."

"Put 'em right in this wagon and come on. If there's a livery in the place, I'll send ye home."

So the children rode in the wagon and Samson and Brimstead walked, while Sarah drove the team to the next village. There the good woman bought new clothes for the whole Brimstead family and Brimstead sold his interest in the sand plains and bought a good pair of horses, with harness and some cloth for a wagon cover, and had fifty dollars in his pocket and a new look in his face. He put his children on the backs of the horses and led them to his old home, with a sack of provisions on his shoulder. He was to take the track of the Traylors next day and begin his journey to the shores of the Sangamon.

They got into a bad swale that afternoon and Samson had to cut some corduroy to make a footing for team and wagon and do much prying with the end of a heavy pole under the front axle. By and by the horses pulled them out.

"When ol' Colonel bends his neck things have to move, even if he is up to his belly in the mud," said Samson.

As the day waned they came to a river in the deep woods. It was an exquisite bit of forest with the bells of a hermit thrush ringing in one of its towers. Their call and the low song of the river were the only sounds in the silence. The glow of the setting sun which lighted the western windows of the forest had a color like that of the music—golden. Long shafts of it fell through the tree columns upon the road here and there. Our weary travelers stopped on the rude plank bridge that crossed the river. Odors of balsam and pine and tamarack came in a light, cool breeze up the river valley.

"I guess we'll stop at this tavern till tomorrow," said Samson.

Joe was asleep and they laid him on the blankets until supper was ready.

Soon after supper Samson shot a deer which had waded into the rapids. Fortunately, it made the opposite shore before it fell. All hands spent that evening dressing the deer and jerking the best of the meat. This they did by cutting the meat into strips about the size of a man's hand and salting and laying it on a rack, some two feet above a slow fire, and coveling it with green boughs. The heat and smoke dried the meat in the course of two or three hours and gave it a fine flavor. Delicious beyond any kind of meat is venison treated in this manner. If kept dry, it will retain its flavor and its sweetness for a month or more.

They set out rather late next morning. As usual, Joe stood by the head of Colonel while the latter lapped brown sugar from the timid palm of the boy. Then the horse was wont to touch the face of Joe with his big hairy lips as a tribute to his generosity. Colonel had seemed to acquire a singular attachment for the boy and the dog, while Pete distrusted both of them. He had never a moment's leisure, anyhow, being always busy with his work or the flies. A few breaks in the pack basket had been repaired with green withes. It creaked with its load of jerked venison when put aboard.

Farther on the boy got a sore throat. Sarah bound a slice of pork around it and Samson built a camp by the roadside, in which, after a good fire was started, they gave him a hemlock sweat. This they did by steeping hemlock in pails of hot water and, while the patient sat in a chair by the fireside, a blanket was spread about him and pinned close to his neck. Under the blanket they put the pails of steaming hemlock tea. After his sweat and a day and night in bed, with a warm fire burning in front of the shanty, Joe was able to resume his seat in the wagon. They spoke of the Brimsteads and thought it strange that they had not come along.

On the twenty-ninth day after their journey began they came in sight of the beautiful green valley of the Mohawk. As they looked from the hills they saw the roof of the forest dipping down to the river shores and stretching far to the east and west and broken, here and there, by small clearings. Soon they could see the smoke and spires of the thriving village of Utica.

CHAPTER II.

Wherein Is a Brief Account of Sundry Curious Characters Met on the Road.

At Utica they bought provisions and a tin trumpet for Joe, and a doll with a real porcelain face for Betsey, and turned into the great main thoroughfare of the North leading eastward to Boston and westward to a shore of the midland seas. This road was once the great trail of the Iroquois, by them called the Long House, because it had reached from the Hudson to Lake Erie, and in their day had been well roofed with foliage.

Soon they came in view of the famous Erie canal, hard by the road. Through it the grain of the Far West had just begun moving eastward in a tide that was flowing from April to December. Big barges, drawn by mules and horses on its shore, were cutting the still waters of the canal. They stopped and looked at the barges and the long tow ropes and the tugging animals.

"There is a real artificial river, hundreds o' miles long, hand made of the best material, water tight, no snags or rocks or other imperfections, durability guaranteed," said Samson. "It has made the name of DeWitt Clinton known everywhere."

"I wonder what next!" Sarah exclaimed.

They met many teams and passed other movers going west, and some prosperous farms on a road wider and smoother than any they had traveled. They camped that night, close by the river, with a Connecticut family on its way to Ohio with a great load of household furniture on one wagon and seven children in another.

So they fared along through Canandaigua and across the Genesee to the village of Rochester and on through Lewiston and up the Niagara river to the falls, and camped where they could see the great water flood and hear its muffled thunder. When nearing the latter they overtook a family of poor Irish emigrants, of the name of Flanagan, who shared their camp site at the falls. The Flanagans were on their way to Michigan and had come from the old country three years before and settled in Broome county, New York. They, too, were on their way to a land of better promise. Among them was a rugged, freckled, red-headed lad, well along in his teens, of the name of Dennis, who wore a tall beaver hat, tilted saucily on one side of his head, and a ragged blue coat with brass buttons, as he walked beside the oxen, whip in hand, with trousers tucked in the tops of his big cowhide boots. There was also a handsome young man in this party of the name of John McNeil, who wore a ruffled shirt and swallow-tail coat, now much soiled by the journey. He listened to Samson's account of the Sangamon country and said that he thought he would go there

(Continued next week)

DISTRICT LIBRARIANS HOLD MEETING AT CLARION

Monitor: There was a good attendance at the district meeting of librarians held in Clarion last Wednesday and Thursday. The conference was in charge of Miss Julia Robinson, executice secretary and director of state library extension. Considerable local interest was shown in attendance at the sessions and entertainment of delegates. The visitors were pleased with their reception, and seemed agreeably impressed with our city and its people. They commented favorably on the appearance of the library building, both as to exterior and interior, also the planting of vines and shrubbery on the grounds. They reported this one of the best meetings of the season, and remarked upon the fine spirit of co-operation which exhists between our library officials and the public. All of which the reporter mentions as a bolster to our municipal pride.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting was given over to reception of visitors and a round-table discussion of such topics as defacement and fumigation, fines, reserve shelf, circulation outside the district, the disposition of out of date reading material, book prices, binding and binders, propoganda publications and the merits of many new books.

Miss Robinson distributed suggestive lists of late output of the publishers and Miss Hopper of Fort Dodge read an interesting paper on this subject. Anent the reserve shelf discussion, most librarians compromise on that method of supplying books on demand which are not permitted to associate with the best society of the book shelves.

A fine dinner was served at six o'clock in the Presbyterian basement by the church ladies. The delegates, local library officials and citizens attended to the number of fifty. H. L. Scott presided at the short program which followed. Miss Mae Morton welcomed the visitors and Miss Callie Welder of Marshalltown responded. Miss Robinson in a brief address brot out some interesting facts about library work over the state. There are 139 public libraries in Iowa, of these 100 are Carnegie libraries. Most libraries are supported by a tax, but two in the state being endowed, Webster City and Whiting. Under present arrangements districts outside the radius of these 139 institutions must be served by them or not at all. About thirty cities in the state are granting rural extension from their libraries to surrounding townships, towns, consolidated schools, etc. Clarinda and Onawa are doing the best work in this line.

The circulation of the public libraries is augmented by 50,000 volumes of the state traveling library associaton, which are loaned to the various book centers. However, there are yet one and one-half million people still unserved, and a movement is now on foot to cover each county by levying a tax and serving small towns and outlying districts from book centers or traveling wagons if necessary, with preferably one central source of supply in the county. The state law permits a levy of one mill for this purpose at the discretion of the county board of supervisors. Miss Robinson mentioned the three methods by which public libraries are supported by subscription, endowment and tax. The first method is precarious, and uncertain, the second rare, the third the most common and should be adequate. The law allows a five mill tax, which is generally sufficient in the smaller places.

Library effeciency is measured by its per capita circulation. Factors contributing to effeciency are a suitable building, good book collection systematic routine in the management. Personality, effeciency and zeal of the librarian are also important. Financial support is a necessary factor and is much too low in many places.

An adjournment was taken to the library and the topics "Americanization" and "Maintence" were discussed. In connectio with the first Miss Barret, chief librarian in Mason City described the fine work accomplished by the library workers there in behalf of the mothers of foreign families.

The Thursday morning session was taken up largely with a discussion of junior work. Miss Bowman, the children's librarian in Mason City, had charge of this topic and made the session very interesting and helpful. The children's library in Mason City, is by the way, one of the finest in the state.

Among the librarians in attendance at this meeting was the librarian from Belmond, Mrs. Annie B. Case.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Farmers Live Stock Marketing Committee of 15 of the American Farm Bureau federation, which has been working on a plan for the co-operative marketing of live stock, will meet again at Chicago on May 25 for the purpose of hearing reports of its various subcommittees and discussing plans for further procedure.

The personnel of this committee consists principally of representatives of live stock producers, co-operative live stock shipping associations and co-operative live stock marketing organizations. Producers have been forced to take matters pertaining to the marketing of their products into their own hands, says one member of the committee, and are determined now to build their own marketing machinery in order to eliminate the waste and graft of old time marketing methods on the principal live stock markets.

KLEMME'S SEWER SYSTEM IS NOW COMPLETED

Klemme Times: The sewer gang completed their last stretch of digging Saturday afternoon and laid the last sewer tile.

The fore part of this week they spent in repairing crossings and doing other clean-up work along the ditches.

Tom McElligott, boss on the job, informed us Monday that he would have the job all finished at the end of the week and they would then be ready to ship out to the next job.

The entire gang are a fine bunch of fellows and as far as we know, they have lived up to their contract in every way and even seem to step over the ropes in trying to please all and treat everyone alike. We have heard no complaint from anyone in regard to the work this company are doing here.

Tom was not sure just where they will go from here as they have a couple of jobs to be finished this year. One is at Quimby, Iowa, and the other is in Illinois some place, but they will probably go to Quimby first. We certainly wish them luck wherever they may go.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FIGHTS FOR EXISTENCE

That farmers of Illinois, whose representatives in the state legislature are determined to regulate the Chicago Board of Trade, is shown by the big fight now in progress at Springfield over the Lantz bills. It is virtually a fight between the people of Chicago and those of the rest of Illinois outside of Chicago.

The Lantz grain exchange bills are not designed to put the Board of Trade out of business as Board of Trade representatives and Chicago newspapers indicate, nor will they do away with hedging, but they will admit farmers' co-operative companies to the place where the farmer's grain is sold and its price determined. They will place a representative of the state of Illinois on the exchange floor to see that the business is conducted fairly. They will eliminate market manipulation, excessive price fluctuation and widespread public gambling. "If these things will put the Board of Trade out of business, it must be a good deal worse than we have ever imagined," says the Prairie Farmer. "The wild fluctuations in price caused by its manipulation places a heavy load on the shoulders of every farmer, and it is high time to eliminate it."

CONGRESSMAN GOOD HAS REVENUE RAISING PLAN

Chairman of Appropriations Committee Says Make Medicinal Liquor Help Pay Bills.

Proposals for easing the burden on the taxpayers are urged by Congressman J. W. Good, of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on appropriations. They evidence the determination of the republican majority to get at the problem at the earliest moment. He says:

"If we accept $4,000,000,000 as the amount required for the next fiscal year, from what source can we collect the amount of revenue with the least disturbance to business, and at a minimum of hardship upn the taxpayers? Broadly speaking, our tariff duties should be increased, the excess profits tax and the ax on transportation should be repealed, and the supertax on individuals modified. The revenue derived from the excess profis tax is no longer necessary; the loss in revenue through the repeal of the transportation tax can be supplied without hardship by an additional tax upon luxuries, such as an additional tax upon tobaccos, cigars, and cigarettes. A tax levied upon these commodities equal to the tax levied by Great Britain on like articles would yield over $200,000,000 additional revenue, providing there should be no substantial reduction in consumption. Last year there was withdrawn from bonded warehouses almost 40,000,000 gallons of spirits for medicinal purposes, but which were used for beverage purposes. The restoration of the tax of $6.40 a gallon on spirits in lieu of the tax of $2.20 per gallon under existing laws should yield at least $100,000,000 A wheel tax on the 9,000,000 passenger-carrying automobiles now in use, and for the convenience of which we are spending out of the treasury approximately $100,000,000 in federal aid to good roads, would produce without hardship $150,000,000 A light tax on the net earnings of corporations could be resorted to with a minimum of hardship to the public.

It will be observed that this plan does not take into consideration anticipated receipts on government loans to European powers, aggregating $10,000,000,000. Inasmuch as we are not at present collecting interest on these loans, and it is problematical when the countries indebted to us will be able to pay either interest or principal, it would be unwise to rely upon substantial payments in the near future.

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ROWAN NEWS

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well attended. Aplatform and seats had been arranged in the shady street north of Main street, The people assembled in the M. E. church at 1:30 o'clock. The Legion and Boy Scouts and ex-service men formed in front of the Legion hall and marched to the M. E: church in a body. The firing squad escorted the colors and led the procession from the church to the place which had been arranged for the program to be held. Just as they arrived there a heavy shower came up causing them to repair to the Cong church where the services were held. The speaker for the day was Rev. Walker of Clarion. He gave a very good lecture on "The Day of Memory." Miss LaVonne Ballou sang a solo entitled "The Deathless Army." After the services at the church the people went to the cemetery where the Legion, Boy Scouts and school children decorated the graves of the heroes. Miss Frances Farren gave Lincoln's Gettysburg address. After the firing squad had fired a salute to the unknown dead the people went to the river where a wreath was cast on the water in honor of the sailors. There were about 24 Legion members and 12 Boy Scouts present at the service. The color guards were Duncan Farren, Frank Retliff, Harry Cain and J. F. Howell. The firing squad were Guy Toyne, Eddie Underdahl, Joe Hansen, Albert Moellering, Alfred Fletcher, Tommy Kew, George Carnon and [illegible] Braden, post commander, [illegible] remonies and the [illegible]

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Belmond Cleans West Bend Friday by 12 to 0

West Bend All Salaried Team Comes Sixty Miles To Get Awful Trimming From "Scrub" Outfit.

LUVERNE UMP WINS SUNDAY

In one of the finest exhibitions of the national sport ever witnessed in Belmond, the local base ball team took the salaried bunch from West Bend into camp last Friday by the lopsided score of 12 to 0, applying a beautiful coat of whitewash to that aggregation in an exciting game.

It was a game that was hard to describe. Despite the one-sided score it was the most interesting game the Belmond folks have ever had the opportunity of enjoying on the local diamond. Belmond started on the war path in the first inning, when they bunched hits and forced six runs over the plate. A series of well timed and well placed bunts completely disorganezid the West Bend outfit in that inning.

In the second inning the boys put another run across, and in the third two more. They rested up a bit in the fourth, but started again in the fifth and secured two more, added another in the sixth, and when the end came they counted up 12 nice large runs, while West Bend had a large round goose egg.

West Bend secured just one little scratch hit in the whole game, a line drive down the third base line. Except for that they never came within a mile of securing a clean hit off Pillmer's offerings. In the entire game not a West Bend runner got any further than second base, and not very many of them traveled that far. Pillmer had his curves working like a top, and had the Benders swinging at the atmosphere in a hopeless endeavor to connect for something worth while. It wouldn't have done them any good if they had connected, for Belmond was taking everything that came out in field, stopping the hot ones and ruining the hopes of the Benders every time they tried to get on base.

Pillmer pitched a magnificent and unbeatable game. He held the heavy hitters on the West Bend team to grounders and two or three outfield flies, while some eight or nine of the enemy fanned the breeze for nothing.

Belmond secured thirteen hits in the game for a total of 16 bases, Jones, Packard and Pillmer securing a two-base drive each. And on the home side there was but one error chalked up. In hitting they put it over West Bend 13 to 1, in bases secured 16 to 1, and in runs 12 to 0.

Playing as they did Friday, there is no amateur or semi-pro organization in the state that could have beaten them. The West Bend team is one of the best in this part of the state, with seven salaried players, and have been cleaning up the country this season. Belmond's team contains only one salaried man, the pitcher, the rest being home boys, and the fact that they cleaned up on West Bend as they did speaks volumes for the class of ball they are putting up this year.

The line-up was as follows:

	AB	H	S	R
Dillon, cf	5	3	0	3
Henisch, 3b	5	1		1
Jones, 2b	5	4	0	2
Fulton c	5	0	2	1
Parsons, rf	5	1	1	2
Baldridge, ss	5	1	0	0
Packard, 1b	4	1	0	1
Nelson, lf	4	0	0	0
Pillmer, p	4	2	1	2

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Runs
W. B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bel.	6	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	x	12

LUVERNE UMP WINS SUNDAY

Sunday the Belmond team lost to the LuVerne umpire by a score of 5 to 4. LuVerne, after suffering a defeat at the hands of the Belmond team once this spring, loaded up for the game Sunday by securing five salaried men, the second baseman, third baseman, left fielder, short stop and pitcher. They started out bravely and put three runs over in the first inning. Belmond scored one run in the second, and there the game hung until the seventh, when Otis Nelson put the ball over the the left field fence for three bases, scoring two runs and tying the score, and later coming in on a passed ball, making the score then four to three in favor of Belmond.

Then is when the LuVerne ump won the game. A LuVerne runner on first was put out twice, but the ump couldn't see it that way no matter how much he tried, which wasn't very much, and a lucky home run put two more runs over for LuVerne and gave them the game five to four.

The LuVerne team in its strengthened players put up a good stiff game, but in spite of that the game should have been Belmond's.

A very large crowd of local fans drove over to see the game, estimated at around one hundred and fifty. Desipte the unfairness of the umpire, which reminded Belmond of the way LuVerne won the game there last year, the game was a good one and worth while. Pillmer was not in his usual form and was hit pretty freely at the beginning of the game, tightening up as the fray progressed, however, and doing good work.

CLASS OF '16 HOLD PICNIC REUNION

Ten Of Graduates Of 1916 Meet At Morse Lake Last Friday For Good Time.

The Class of '16, of the Belmond High, held a very enjoyable reunion on Friday evening of last week at Morse Lake, some ten of the old class being present to renew their high school days. With them were two of the faculty of '16, Amy Peterson and Ialeen Flynn. Those who were present were:

Mrs. Bessie Thompson
Mrs. Orpha Anderson
Mrs. Mona Hanson.
Mrs. Clarence Scott
Miss Marjory Flynn
Miss Sadie Frohling
Miss Agnes Rikensrud
Miss Gladys Jenison
Miss Oralee Brooks

The husbands of two of the class, Orpha Anderson and Clarence Scott, were also e.teprns hrdlushrdlhrhmm were also present.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mrs. John Arends and son Leonard were callers in Hampton Monday.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and family visited with relatives at Iowa Falls last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohlen and children autoed to Hayfield, Minnesota to last Saturday where they will visit a few days at the Rev. Sherman Arends' home.

Miss Alice Peters was a Hampton caller last Saturday.

Miss Nettie Benson of Belmond who had been staying at the Foughty home, spent the last of the week at Belmond.

Fred Madsen of Latimer was a business caller here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Frederick visited with relatives at Belmond, Sunday.

The Ladies Ad society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs A. L. Nelson next Wednesday afternoon, June 15. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons, Edwin and John, of Hampton, spent the past week with relatives at this place.

Dr. Steele of Belmond was a professional caller at Alexander several days last week.

Bernard McCallum was a business caller at the county seat last Wednesday.

William Christensen of Iowa Falls was calling on old friends in town the last of the week.

A fine baby boy came to make its home with the Clark Lindsey family last Sunday, May 29.

Miss Ella Blau was shopping at Hampton between trains last Saturday.

Old Soldier and Pioneer Settler Dies

Frank Christie Dies At Home Of His Daughter, Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, Last Week.

WAS SOLDIER OF CIVIL WAR

Frank Christie was born in Franklin county, Mass., Nov. 24, 1837, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. C. Tyrrell, Jr, June 2nd., 1921, aged 83 years, 6 months and nine days.

Mr. Christie was reared on a farm and received his education in the public school. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Company A., First Conn, Cavalry. His regiment took part in about 90 engagements. He was for a time on guard at the White House until he was honorably discharged as sergeant in the fall of 1865. The same year he came to Wright county with S. N. Hinman, who was a comrade in war and afterwards a brother-in-law. They bought the farm on which Ira Christie now lives, and there Mr. Christie lived until he moved to Belmond in 1889

He was married to Miss Carrie M. Cheney of Worcester county, Mass. on July 12, 1866. To this union three children were born, Marvin F., Edwin S., who died Nov. 28, 1905, and Mrs. Wm. C. Tyrrell, Jr.

When Mr. Chrisite came to this community the nearest railroad was at Cedar Falls. He was active in the work of the township and the community and had the privilege of having part in its developement from prairie to one of the most prosperous farming communities of the state While not a member he was interested in and gave his hearty support to the Congregational church.

Mr. Christie was a member of the Wm. Whited Post of the G. A R. always holding an office and was seldom absent from its meetings. He was never known to be absent from the services on Decoration Day until one year ago when the condition of his health would not permit him to be present. About two weeks ago he was stricken with heart trouble which, on account of his age and physical condition, he was not strong enough to overcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie have lived together in this community for nearly fifty-five years. Their lives have beautifully blended together and they have been one in their work They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 12, 1916.

Mr Christie leaves besides his wife and two children, 15 grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren, one sister, Mrs Nancy A. Davenport, and many other relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tyrrell, Rev. Leinbach officiating. The members of the G. A R acted as honorary pallbearers. Interment was in Franklin Grove cemetery.

The members of the Old Guard are rapidly answering the last call. The Whited Post a few years ago had a membership of 87 now there are but eight left, four having passed away during the past few months.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and for their kindness and help during the death of our beloved husband and father, the G. A. R for their services, and all those who sent the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Frank Christie and Family.

Last Friday afternoon, before the town team played their game with West Bend, the Alumni and high school teams battled the annual affair to a finish, the finish finding the Alumni victors by the score of 9 to 1.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION HELD AT ROWAN

The 7th Annual W. C. T. U. Convention convened at Rowan Thursday and Friday, June 2nd and 3rd. These meetings were very helpful and interesting. There was a short session Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Wrght, of Eagle Grove had charge of the devotional exercises. Rev. Harold Tomkinson gave the address of welcome. Mrs. Kabele, of Goldfield responded. A telegram from Mrs. M. Snyder, a member of this Union but now sick at Clarion was read in which she sent greetings to the Convention. Anna and Nina Retz gave a vocal duet entitled "Rose, Rose, Rose" at this session. Plans were talked over for organizing certain Sunday school classes into Temperance classes as a substitute for the L. T. L. where it was impossible to have the separate society. Mrs. Harold Tompkinson, of Rowan gave a very good address on "Launching Little Ships" in which she gave very helpful suggestions on raising children.

Thursday evening they were disappointed in their speaker as she did not arrive. She was to drive from Webster City and owing to the bad roads was unable to get here. However they had a good musical evening. The Congregational choir furnished a song service, also special music. A violin solo by Fred Moellering was very much enjoyed. Mrs. ert Pelly sang a solo entitled "O Heart of Mine" which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. L. Libridge, of Eagle Grove, filled in the evening with talks of the work and a reading

Friday afternoon Mrs. Simpson, of Galt, led the Devotional Rev. Nye of the Rowan Congregational church gave an address on "What is the church and what is the saloon. Miss LaVonneBallou sang a very beautiful solo at this session. Dr. Baldwin and Dr. Stecher of Iowa City were the leading features of the afternoon program. Dr. Baldwin gave a short talk on the work at the research station at Iowa City University and what they hoped to do. Dr. Stecher then showed the method of giving mental tests to normal children by means of puzzles, games and also by the Binet method of asking questions. Little Bernice and Mildred Williams sang a duet, "Apple Blossoms" at this session.

In the evening Dr. Baldwin gave a very interesting lecture, using the lantern slides. He showed the difference in children of the same age and also showed the methods of measuring children. He invited anyone to bring their children to Iowa City who wished to do so and have them examined. Dr. Baldwin is considered the best physiologist in the United States, so the W. C. T. U. were very fortunate in securing him for this convention. If a county fair or an organization would secure enough children to be examined Dr. Stecher would send some one to examine them.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. Lilibridge, Eagle Grove.

Vice President—Mrs. Simpson, of Galt.

Secretary—Mrs. Willard McCallum, Rowan.

Treasurer—Mrs. Alta Power, Clarion.

Department Superintendents

Americanization—Mrs. Wright, of Eagle Grove.

Benidict Home—Mrs. Triggs, of Clarion

Child Welfare—Mrs. D. W. Whitten, Rowan.

Flower Department—Mrs. Roseland, Eagle Grove.

Medal Contest—Mrs. Anna Thorpe, Eagle Grove.

Open Air Meetings and Fairs—Mrs. Kabele, Goldfield.

Proportionate and Sytematic Giving—Miss Jennie Kieth, Eagle Grove.

Sabbath School Work—Mrs. Mary Swatzendrover, Clarion.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Miss Lucy Umbrieght, Clarion.

Press and Publicity—Mrs. State, Galt.

Young Peoples Department—Mrs. Fred Brooks, Rowan.

The delegates attending this convention are as follows:

Eagle Grove—Mesdames Wright, Roseland, Lilibridge, Smith and Miss Jennie Kieth.

Goldfield—Mesdames Kabele and French and D. H. Kieth.

Clarion—Mesdames Hamilton and Power.

Galt—Mrs. Cora State.

Holmes—Mrs. D. McBride.

DELEGATION FROM TEN TOWNS TO BE HERE THEN

Sixteenth Annual Rebekah Convention Of District Ninety-Nine Feature Of Month.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Delegates From Dows, Galt, Clarion, Woolstock, Eagle Grove, Goldfield, Humboldt, And Renwick.

The program for the day as at present planned will be as follows:

Afternoon Session

Called to Order at 1:30 p. m.
Opening of Lodge.
Address of Welcome—Mrs. McBurney, Belmond.
Response—Mrs. N. L. Vanderlip, of Dows.
Reading of Minutes of Last Convention.
Reading of Communications.
Instrumental Music—Goldfield.
Reports of Payment of Convention Tax and Presentation of Vice President's Bills—Vice President.
Paper—Mrs. Fobes, Dows.
Choosing Place for Next Convention.
Election of Officers.
Bills.
Treasurer's Report.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.
Reading—Woolstock.
Draping of Charter—Goldfield.

Evening Session

Called to Order at 8:00 p. m.
Song—Convention.
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Reading—Edith Melnes, Clarion.
Degree Work—Eagle Grove
Music—Renwick.
Question Box.
Remarks—Assembly President.

MISS PIERCE IS PRESENTED IN RECITAL

Miss Alberta Pierce, of Belmond was presented in a dramatic recital at Mount St. Clare academy auditorium last evening at 7:45 o'clock. The senior music students assisted Miss Pierce and a delightfully versatile program was given.

Miss Pierce held her audience with her pleasing personality, thoroughness of understanding, and carried her audience from the depths of the dramatic to the lighter vein of humor. She has been a student under the supervisions of the Sisters of St. Frances.

The opening number was the overture "Mignon." Ambrose Thomas, a piano duet by Miss Grace Tobin and Lelia Jorgensen. The program follows:

The Wooing of Berenice—Miss Pierce.

Valse Caprice (Josef Hofman)—Miss Maxine McGrath.

(a) "Connor," (b) Bon Juor Ma Belle"—Miss Pierce.

Hager.

Forest Spirits from Suite Op. 42 No. 4 (Mac Dowell)—Miss L. Jorgensen, G. Tobin.

Mice at Play—Miss Pierce.

Prelude in C Sharp Minor (Rachmaninoff)—Miss Jorgensen.

(a) "In the Vanguard", (b) "Who who-oo"—Miss Pierce.

—The Advertiser, Clainton, Iowa, May 31, 1921.

FIRST BAND CONCERT ATTRACTS BIG CROWD

The first band concert of the season was held Saturday night, as announced in the Independent last week, and drew a large crowd, many people coming from the towns around The boys performed in a very creditable manner, and many compliments were paid them on their playing The new director appears to be delivering the goods, and the band is an organization of which the town may be proud.

FREE AIR!

Well, here's the Air again. Some folks thought it had been scared out or blow away by the hot air breezes lately, but such, alas, is not the case. Simply lack of time last week.

It has been quite warm the past couple weeks, hasn't it? At least, several people have said it was; we hadn't been het up any to speak of tho. Summer is coming and the hot winds do blow, don't you know. Which sounds like poetry but is merely fact.

Or maybe nothing but the truth. Graduation exercises are now over and the flowery orations of the high school graduates have gone thundering down the aisles. We almost said ages, but as we don't want to say anything but the truth, we'll make it aisles.

But did you ever stop to think that there might be a whole lot of truth and wisdom in the said graduation orations? There is, and ideas of which some of the grown-ups might be proud to possess.

You hear a lot of fellows with many years, few hairs and much wisdom spouting forth upon the hot air much that cannot compare with what may be found in the oration of a high school graduate. Men who have directed the affairs of a state, a county, or just a community might learn much.

One thing about a high school oration that we have always liked: They are always constructive, never destructive, or at least we never happened to hear a destructive one. The youths can see nothing but good in the future And don't you know that is a fine thing to see: to look to the betterman instead of the downfall of mankind.

Because, as the old saying puts it, "every knock is a boost." And to make the thing operate constructively you have to knock the things that are wrong and boost 'em out.

Which may seem dense at first, but think it over.

We have heard of hogs for punishment, but the West Bend base ball team take Barban's bakery for the prize winners. They came 60 miles to get walked on by a bunch of small town ball tossers who pay their way thru life by the salary they earn outside of ball playing.

Somebody must have prevaricated to that outfit instead of speaking only the truth, and told them Belmond lost everything it tackled in the country.

12 to 0 must have been interesting news to our friends 15 miles northwest. Whassamatter? Not a cheep has come down the breeze this year from that direction. Can it be that somebody has frappe in the pedals?

What do you think about the Air, anyway? Is it worth the price? How do you like the name? Any changes to suggest? During the summer it might be changed to Hot Air, but maybe that would be infringing on the rights of somebody else who has acquired previous right to that title. Might try the title of the Senior play this year, "Nothing But the Truth," but that's too long. And we mght not live up to it.

And we believe in living up to the things we say and believe. None of this saying one thing and doing another for us.

So we guess this column will remain Free Air. No charge. If you don't like it you won't have to peruse it; plenty of other stuff in the paper to read

ERSLAND GETS 25 YEARS

Tom Ersland, who created such a furor by his attack on Sheriff Lang recently when he broke jail at Clarion, was given 25 years in the penitentiary at hard labor by Judge Thompson last week. Ersland plead guilty to the charge of incest as charged. This was the limit that the law allowed on this charge. Should he come out at the end of the 25 years, there are other charges such as breaking jail and attacking an officer which can be brought at that time.

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CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH ------- ------ --

Sunday School at 10:00 a m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League Devotional Meeting at 7:00 p. m.

On Friday evening of this week the Rev. J. B. Walker, of Clarion will give an illustrated lecture in the church at 8:00 o'clock. There will be no admission charge and no collection. Everybody invited.

Next Sunday at the morning preaching service the pastor will conduct a questionairre. The pastor will appreciate it if those submitting questions will hand them in before Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Our record for the last two Sundays has been excellent altho we had no other services a week ago.

We hope to make a new record next Sunday for attendance and offering. It will be Children's Day and the offering will go to the Board of Sabbath School Missions to establish new schools n our own country. We hope to have an attendance of at least 150 and an offering of over $25. That would be sufficient to start a new school and furnish it with supplies for one year.

Sabbath school at the regular hour of 10:00 a. m. Children's Day exercises at 11:00 and the evening worship at 8:00.

Let every member be present and bring some one who does not attend church elsewhere.

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HARD TIMES?

Is it hard times? That they are far different than they were last year or for the several years past, goes without saying, but the question arises: Is it hard times?

There has been a saying going the rounds: "It's Not the Hard Times Coming, It's Just the Soft Times Going." There is a lot of truth in that, but nevertheless, a lot of people are convinced that there are some hard times present.

Granted that there are, to more or less of an extent, the "hard times" we are now experiencing are not hard times at all in the real sense of the word. This country has had times that were so much harder it makes the present seem soft. There are people in Belmond who can remember when the hard times were really hard, when money could not be secured at any price, and when food was scare and almost unobtainable. The present is more of a let down from the abnormal prosperity and ready money of war times, an attempt at getting back to something near normal. There are, true, many thousands out of work; money is more or less tight, and business not what it should be, but the times are not hard in the real sense of the word.

One great obstacle that lies in the way of a return to "normalcy" is the price of the farm products. The prosperity of America rests upon its greatest and most important business, Agriculture. Unless the farmer is prosperous, other lines of business cannot prosper. The finished product cannot be turned over at a profit unless the raw material is given a square deal. And the farmer right now, and for the past year has not had a square deal on his products. Until he does other lines of business are pretty apt to be more or less slow.

But while this does not make the present times "hard," it does make them a little tough, and all lines of commercial life are feeling it to a greater or lesser degree. The turning point to normal times has been reached and passed, in the belief of men who should know, and the business of the country is now on the upward climb. It has depended and will depend more or less in the future, upon the conditions overseas. America with full granaries and overflowing storage houses, must have an outlet for its surplus goods, and until Europe can get settled down and establish a credit—for they are not in a position to pay cash—then business is going to be more or less bum, and "hard times" the rule.

There is a great deal of business that is not being done, which can be done by any firm that has the ambition and the spirit to go and get. People must live, they must eat and dress and shelter themselves, and the firm which goes after the business is the one that is going to secure the biggest share of it. Sitting back in the darkest corner of their establishment and moaning about the hard times and rotten business, will never bring in the customers or turn over the stock. "1921 Will Reward the Fighters" in more ways than one, for the business acquired now is not apt to go somewhere else after the "hard times" go.

Mr. and Mrs Joe Bohning and Miss Leona Jacobs expect to leave for South Dakota by auto this week. They expect to visit relatives at Huron, Miller and other points in that state.

CLIPPINGS

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WHICH WAY, DAD?
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Good-Bye, Dad

I left my dad, his farm, his plow,
Because my calf became his cow;
I left my dad—'twas wrong of course
Because my colt became his horse.
I left my dad to sow and reap
Because my lamb became his sheep;
I dropped my hoe and stuck my fork
Becausse my pig became his pork.
The garden truck I made to grow
Was his to sell and mine to hoe.

Dad and Son, Inc.

With dad and me it's half and half—
The cow I own was once his calf;
No town for mine; I will not bolt,
Because my horse was once his colt;
I'm going to stick right where I am
Because my sheep was once his lamb.
I'll stay with dad—he gets my vote,
Because my hog was once his shote;
Its "fifty-fifty" with dad and me—
A profit sharing company.

Wallace Ramsay, of Belmond visited his Garner relatives Friday afternoon. Wallace and his twin brother, the Secretary of State, have many old friends in Garner who are always glad to welcome them.—Signal.

Mrs. Sam Kirkwood came up from Belmond Decoration Day to spend the day visiting with Klemme relatives and friends.—Times.

Wm. Nelson, of Belmond, was transacting business and greeting friends here Tuesday.——Reporter.

"The Japanese Girl," an operatta by Belmond girls will be given at the Star theatre, Thursday, June 9th for the benefit of the Kanawha American Legion.—Reporter.

Belmond news dispatches to the daily papers a couple of weeks ago told of a cow on a farm near there giving birth to four calves. That beats any story we have to offer, but a cow owned by John Schawg, gave birth to triplets one day last week. The cow is a grade shorthorn. The calves all lived and were good strong calves.—Garner Leader.

A traveling show passed up Belmond this year and advertised it was because the city license had been boosted unreasonably, just because last year they refused to give city officials free tickets to the show. We doubt if many people getting free tickets to such shows ever value them THAT HIGH.—Clarion News.

State Treasurer W. J. Burbank is sending out little bookets explaining the workings of the new cigarette law. He states, in the explanation, that the law is also only a revenue producer, but it is also one that will prohibit the sale of cigarettes more effectively than the present law—provided the people see to it that it has been enforced. The present law has been a joke, cigarettes being sold openly in practically every town in the state, no revenue accruing to town or state. The tax for privilege of selling cigarettes hereafter will be $75 per year in cities of the second class and $50 per year in small places and outside cities. A bond in the sum of not less than $1,000 shall be required by every license holder, to be forfeited to the city or county should the law be violated. The law is actually more strict than the one now on on the books, or at least it will be much easier to enforce it.—News.

L. R. Melcher informs us that his sister, Mrs. W. H Galliger of Belmond is in a serious condition and not expected to live from day to day. Lou sent for his brother and stepmother yesterday.—Garner Leader.

Mrs. E. R. Lockwood attended a stockholder's meeting of the State Bank of Belmond, Monday, representing the shares owned by her late father, G. L. Cutler.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baldridge autoed to Belmond, Tuesday, where they were joined by Mr. Baldridge's mother and sister, Mrs. Schaffer and the party made a trip to Story county for a visit of a few days with George's grandmother and other relatives residing in and near Colo.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mail carrier Clark was caught out in last Thursday's storm and had quite a narrow escape from being hurt or perhaps killed. Mr. Clark was in his covered mail wagon when the storm struck and blew the wagon over. His team, being gentle, did not run and Mr. Clark was soon able to get out of his wagon, right it and continue on his route.—Reporter.

EAGLE GROVE ERECTS MEMORIAL TO SOLDIERS

Eagle Grove is the first town in this section of the state to have its plan for some memorial to their soldier dead assume material form. Last week in the little railroad park of the town facing the north, where it may easily be seen, was erected a $4,000 granite memorial to all the boys of the community—seventeen in number—who lost their lives in the world war.

This memorial has assumed the proportions of a nine by four panel, with a depth of 16 inches, which sits upon a base eleven feet long. At one side of the panel rises to half its height a pedestal holding an urn for flowers; upon the other side to an artistic height, is a drinking fountain also upon a solitary pedestal. The entire monument, which is in five or six pieces, is of gray granite from the Barre, Vermont, quarries and was cut there.

The tall panel in the center contains in bas-relief the figure of an American private, advancing with drawn rifle, his helmet drawn low over his forehead. This was made from a drawing submitted by Warren B. Dodge. Just above this and overhanging, slightly, is an American eagle with outstretched wings. Below the chiseled figure of the warrior will probaly be cut these words: "To the Memory of the Fallen Soldiers of the World War."

Upon the base of the urn will be cut the names of the soldiers who gave their lives, either on the field of battle or in hospitals in France. By the name Paul Hyman will be cut a Distinguished Service Cross, which decoration came to the relatives of the young soldier.

Upon the base of the monument will appear also the names of the organizations which raised the funds for this memorial, The Women's Relief Corps, and the Gold Star Mothers of Eagle Grove.—News

CLARION'S BAND PLEASES IN OPENING CONCERT

The opening concert by the Clarion Municipal band was held Tuesday evening and a large crowd was up town to hear the program. The band shows splendid results for the past everal months' training it has received under the direction of Dr. St. Clair, and is an organization in which Clarion people may take considerable pride.

The only unfavorable criticism the News has to make is regarding the conduct of the children in the courtyard. They did not seem to know that the concert was for the benefit of those who enjoyed music, rather than for those few who thought it was a good time to romp around and rowdy wit one another. Some of the boys and girls were really obnoxious, filling up paper sacks with water and throwing them at each other. Next concert night it is to be hoped that the youngsters who wish to play will go down to the city park for their fun and not annoy others as they did Tuesday night. —News.

WIND STORM NEARLY KILLS CLARION GIRL

The little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwell of Clarion came very near being killed in Thursday's storm when a stove board was blow from a chicken coop and thrown against the child's head with considerable force. The little girl was knocked senseless and it was some time before she recovered consciousness. At first the doctors thot she had been killed.

Mrs. Atwell noticed the storm approaching and was in the yard. The little girl toddled off and she had just ran over to her and picked her up when the board was thrown against the child's head. She was knocked out of her mother's arms and Mrs. Atwell first thought the child had been killed.

The next day, however, the child was feeling pretty good and no serious results will follow the accident.

Trees in that part of town were pretty well torn by the wind. Several large branches were torn off and scattered around the yards.

Mrs. G. M. Chamberlain was a passenger to Mason City on the Motor Wednesday morning where she will spend a few days visiting at the home of friends and relatives at that place. Mr. Chamberlain is employed at the sugar plant.

W. W. Goetz was a passenger to St. Paul on Tuesday of this week, where he expects to remain for several days on a buying trip for his store.

Miss Thorman, music teacher of this city, went to Meservey on this week Tuesday where she will teach for a couple of days.

To the Housewives:

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

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Mrs. Fred Williams took their young son, "Buddy" to Belmond Tuesday. Dr. Steele took the stitches out of his arm. It is doing nicely but will be several weeks before it is completely healed.

A. J. Azeltine was a Belmond and Thornton caller, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohnett, of Clarion, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willams on Monday of last week.

S. A. Ferguson was a Clarion business caller, Tuesday.

Miss Frieda Whitten and Mrs. Will Rietz were Dows callers between trains, Thursday.

Mrs. Casper Reasoner, of Congor, Minnesota, came Tuesday evening to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey. Her sister, Bernice, who has been at her home for some time returned with her and will help her mother in the hotel. Mrs. Reasoner returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. Etta Carr returned Wednesday from Alexander and Latimer where she had been spending Memorial Day.

F. M. Myers returned from Des Moines Wednesday morning. While he was gone he also visited at the home of his son, Lester, and wife. Lester is employed in a drug store at Indianola, Iowa. Mr. Myers reports heavy rains in that "neck of the woods" while he was there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson and Mrs. Blanche Jennings enjoyed the dance at Cornelia Monday night of last week.

Miss Susan Duffy visited friends at Coulter last week.

Mrs. Clifford Snow spent several days at Traer this week.

R. H. Keith, D. W. Whitten and F. B. Sheldon motored to Clarion on Monday.

Miss Wilda Whitten was a Clarion Shopper Thursday

Mrs. Ormal Gates went to Clarion Thursday to shop.

Wes Azeltine was a Fort Dodge caller Thursday.

Frank Snyder went to Clarion on Wednesday to see his mother, Mrs. M. Snyder, who is ill.

D. E. Harris was a business caller at Clarion, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ferguson were Clarion business callers Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval went to Webster City, Thursday, where she was called by the serious illness of her cousin, Mrs Wright Letts.

J. L. Sinclar of Clarion was a Rowan caller on Thursday. He was entertained atthe C. W. Fowler home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and daughter Billie were Belmond shoppers Friday.

Ed. Drury of Highmore, S D. came the first of the week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Herb Hadley and his son, Frank, of ths place. Mrs. Drury and granddaughter Bernice came a couple of weeks ago and have been visiting at these homes and also at Popejoy and Eagle Grove.

Mrs. Henry Azeltine and mother, Mrs. A. E. Johnson returned Tuesday from Keota, where they had been visiting relatives for a week. Mrs. Johnson will stay with her daughter this summer.

Mesdames Ed. Miller, Blanche Jennings, Ben Hackley and G. R Stumph motored to Dows, Saturday

Eph McKinley arrived Friday from Lake Park and will visit relatives and friends for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hiams and family were Clarion callers Monday.

L. W. Stevenson has purchased a new Ford car.

Miss Wilda Whitten went to Cedar Rapids Saturday to visit for the week end. She goes to a house party the first of the week, which is held at a summer resort between Mount Vernon and Cedar Rapids, and is called the "Palisades." The latter part of the week she will visit a college friend, Mrs. Roy Whiting at Cedar Rapids.

The following contestants went to LuVerne Friday for a tennis match: Donald Farren and Harold Tomkinson, Duncap Farren and Guy Sheldon, Dale Farren and Clessant Azeltine. They run up against some champions among the LuVerne players and LuVerne won thirty per cent more points than Rowan.

Fred Brooks started running the township road grader Saturday. They are working north of town by the Dewitt Munson farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. St. Clair, of Clarion were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, Mrs. Clint Kercheval and son, Charles, and Mrs. J. F. Howell and children were Clarion visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz, of Clarion were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher.

Fred Clark, who came from California to visit his niece, Mrs. Dan Fletcher went to Marble Rock Tuesday. He returned to the home of his niece this week Monday and will visit for a while.

Lewie Winkleman, of Wall Lake, was a passenger to Rowan Saturday, going from here to Dows where he was called by the illness of his son, Lucian, who is spending his vacation at the home of his grandmother. Mr. Winkleman returned Monday morning, reporting his son much better.

W. W. Bailey was a Belmond caller Tuesday.

Charley Ball visited his daughter at Clarion Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson was a Dows caller between trains Monday.

Miss Fannie Reed, Thelma, Marjorie and George Brooks and Kenneth Kieth visited in Clarion Monday at the Fred Smith home. Miss Reed stayed to assist Mrs. Smith in the care of her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder who does not improve in health as her friends would like to have her.

The ladies of the Congregational church hired the basement of the church cleaned this week. It looks very nice.

Mrs. Casper Reasoner and baby went to Dows Thursday to visit at the James Reasoner home.

Mrs. Seeny, of Sheffield has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Esther Andrews the past week. She returned to her home Wednesday. Mrs. Andrews went with her to visit for a short time.

Fred Hackley was at Waterloo this week attending a druggists' convention.

O. A. Ohlerking and son, of Hampton, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bailey, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conn were Sunday guests at the parental Fletcher home.

Miss Lottie Williams and Cecil Harris returned Monday evening from Blythedale, Missouri, where they have been visiting. Henry Williams remained down there as he secured a job as a traveling salesman for a lightning rod company.

Mrs. James Reasoner and children, of Dows visited at the hotel Friday.

Guy Stumph, who had blood poisoning in his finger is reported as getting along nicely.

William Schreck, who visited here the first of the week went to Blythe dale, Missouri, Tuesday to visit relatives for a short time.

Miss Blanche Box returned Saturday night from Rochester, Minnesota where she had been visiting George Aldrch, who is in the St. aMry's hospital at that place. She reports him as doing well but not able to set up

Mrs. Roy Alberts, of Belmond, visited over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. They are moving to Greenville, Iowa.

Jim Ward started to work for Will Ferguson on his farm last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Haupt, of Coulter, were calling on old friends in town Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hills and baby, of Clarion, visited at the Will Ferguson home Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Drury and granddaughter motored to Popejoy Sunday to visit at the Bert Trousdale home. Mr. and Mrs. Drury expect to go to their home in Highmore, South Dakota the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson and family visited at Allison and Bristow Sunday and Monday of last week, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Underdahl were over Sunday visitors at Rake.

Several of the Rowan people enjoyed the dance at Cornelia Friday night.

Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mrs. Bert Pelley were Clarion visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Voss, of Cherokee, came last Wednesday to visit her brother, Tice Streveler, and family returning to her home Friday.

The Congregational Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. H. J. C. Box Tuesday afternoon and worked on the quilts. Only a few were present but a nice lot was accomplished. The day of meeting was changed this week on account of the W. C. T. U. Convention which was held Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kieth and family, of Goldfield, visited at the R. H. Kieth home over Sunday.

On Monday a sister of Mrs. R. H. Kieth, Mrs. Andrew McCutcheon and daughter, Grace, of Goldfield visited there. They were on their way home from Traer, where they had been attending the Commencement Exercises. Miss Edna McCutcheon, another daughter and one of the Rowan school faculty for the coming year graduated at this time.

Community Club Meeting

The Central Division of the Iowa

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Harry Nordschow and children went to Perry, Sunday of this week, for a few days visit at the home of her sister there. They accompanied Hedli Enger, who drove down in his car.

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Mrs. Will Ferguson and son Don arrived in town from Fairbanks on Monday of this week. Mrs. Ferguson will assist her mother, Mrs. Foster, with the duties at the hotel for a time, as her mother has been quite ill for the past week or two.

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Mrs. B. A. Anfinson and little daughter went to Mason City on this week Tuesday where they will be guests at the homes of relatives for a couple of weeks.

—I—

Mrs D. E. Packard went to Mason City on Tuesday to visit at the home of her son Francis for a few days this coming week.

—I—

Mrs. L. Collins went to Mason City on Tuesday for a days pleasure and business trip, returnng on the evening Motor.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, who have been residing on Water street, left last week Saturday for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they expect to make their future home.

Township Farm Bureau Community Club will hold a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley, June 17th. A program will be given. Everyone invited.

Congregational Church Notes

Regular Services next Sunday.
Morning Service—11:00 a. m.
Sunday School—12:00 m.
Young Peoples' Society—7:00 p. m.
Evening Service—8:00 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday night—8:00 p. m.

You are all invited to attend these services. Let Sunday see everyone in the house of God.

The Sunday morning service at the Congregational church was well attended when the pastor spoke from the subject, "The Beauty of the Sanctuary." At the evening service he spoke on "Love." They were two strong sermons and Rev. Nye presented many truths which his congregations will not soon forget. The choir furnished special music at both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kerchival and sons visited at the E. Bingham home Sunday.

The American Legion held their regular meeting Monday night. Jim Rowen was elected as new manager of the ball team for the remainder of the season.

SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF IOWA,
Wright County ss.
To P. J. Lieuwen, W. L. Kent and J. Lieuwen:

You are hereby notified that by virtue of a general execution, to me directed, and issued out of the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, within and for Wright County, upon a judgement rendered in said Court in favor of First National Bank, Belmond, Iowa, and against P. J. Lieuwen, W. L. Kent, J. Lieuwen, for the sum of Sixteen Hundred Eight & 98|100 ($1608.98) Dollars debt, and Sixty-Two & 25|100 ($62.25) dollars costs, and attorney's fees, I have levied upon the following Real Estate, to-wit: The Northeast Quarter (1-4) of Section Thirty One (31) Township Ninety-Two (92), Range Twenty-Three (23), and the Forty Eight acres (48), in Southeast of Southeast of Section Thirty (30), Township Ninety Two (92), Range Twenty Three (23) West of the 5th P. M. Wright County, Iowa.

And that on the 14th day of June, 1921 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Court House, in Clarion, Iowa, I will proceed to sell the same in satisfaction of said execution, together with all legal costs accruing.

Dated at the Sheriff's office in Clarion, on this 13th day of May,1921.

HENRY LANG
Sheriff Wright County, Iowa.
J. M. Jensen, Attorney. 2t

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL

To Whom It May Concern:

In the Estate of Andrew O. Stockseth, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of May, 1921, there was filed with and opened by the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, a Written instrument purporting to be the

Last Will and Testament

of Andrew O. Stockseth, late of said County, deceased.

And you are further notified that the 5th day of July, 1921, at 1:30 p. m. has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will at my office in the Court House at Clarion, Iowa, at which time any person interested can appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Clarion in said County, this 6th day of June, A. D., 1921.

R. V. GOSLIN,
29-3t Clerk District Court

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OLAF NEWS

Miss Gail Thompson, of Palsville is spending the week at the George Baxter home. Mr. Baxter is her uncle.

Mrs. S. O. Windecker made a business trip to Belmond Saturday.

Henry Linn and wife drove to Huxley Saturday to visit her father, Mr. Toresdahl, who is not very well.

Arthur and Alma Ericson went to Des Moines, Monday, where Arthur will be examined by government physicians.

Mrs. Henry Anderson visited at the E. N. Ericson home last Thursday.

Mrs. Clarence Scott and Mrs. Orpha Anderson attended the Alumni picnic in Belmond last Thursday

Olaf school closed Friday, the chidren enjoying the ice cream treat.

Miss Florence Simerson is attending commmencement exercises at Northwood, St. Olaf College.

Several have been shelling corn during the past week.

Elliott Collison and wife, the blind piano tuner, was here last week tuning pianos. This is his fourth year that he has done work in our community.

Take a Box of Candy Home With You. If You are Satisfied Tell Your Friends.

The Coolest Place in Town

We serve you with iced drinks of all kinds, Sundaes, Sodas, Phosphates, Ice Cream and Sandwiches.

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Belmond Candy Kitchen

Prftakes Bros. & Company

Steve Antonio, Mgr.

Meet me at the Belmond Candy Kitchen and let them Serve You with Their Confections.

Belmond Local News

John Welch and Joe Englet of Kanawha were in town one day last week looking after some business matters and greeting friends.

—I—

Ed Carlston of Kanawha was in the city the first of this week on business affairs.

—I—

The Misses Ermalee Rowland and Virginia Hunt left last week for their homes in Missouri, and it is reported that they do not expect to return to Belmond to teach next year.

—I—

Mrs. H. C. Claussen and Mrs. A. E. Chamberlin are entertaining their grandmother, Mrs. C. Barrett of Neola, and a cousin, Miss Jennie Cook of Gilette, Wyoming.

—I—

Miss Gladys Hauge is visiting at the home of relatives in Des Moines for a couple of weeks.

—I—

Miss Laura Brooks of Klemme visited at the home of friends and relatives here last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baker and son of Kanawha were recent guests at the home of Mrs Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lieuwen.

—I—

Mrs. Ed. Sands, a former resident of this place, was a recent visitor at the home of relatives and friends here.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fyler and his brother drove to Manson, Iowa, last week to visit at the home of Mr. Fyler's mother.

—I—

J. D. Baker and family drove to Mason City one day last week to spend the day.

—I—

Rev Bureff of Klemme filled the pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday of this week, Rev. Edge going to Klemme in exchange. Very good opisions were expressed on the sermons of Rev. Bureff.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay of Garner were guests last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay.

Mrs. Baker returned last Wednesday from her visit with relatives in Neraska.

—I—

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter Ruth left Tuesday for Des Moines for a few days vivsit with relatives at that place.

—I—

E. F. Bailey and daughter Doris were visitors at Clarion the first of the week.

—I—

Mrs. Rose Thorman of Clarion was a guest of friends here the first of the week.

—I—

Rev. and Mrs. Edge and Rev. Bureff drove to Clarion on Monday of this week to attend a ministerial meeting held at that place.

—I—

Rev. Walker of Clarion will give an illustrated lecture in the Methodist church on Friday of this week. No admission will be charged and no collection taken. All are invited.

—I—

Mrs Galbraith and Miss LaVonne of Meservey were shoppers here on Tuesday of this week.

—I—

We use only especially prepared, high test odorless gasolene, in our dry cleaning your suits and dresses. —Belmond Tailor Shop, F J. Tuffree, Prop. South of Hotel.

ROBINSON'S

Sugar	$8.50
Rolled Oats, bulk, 6 pounds for	25c
Fancy Prunes, per lb.	10c
Extra Fancy Prunes	12½ c
Peas, corn, tomatoes per can	10c
Pears, No. 2½ can	20c
Apricots, No. 2½	20c
Oranges, per doz.	25c

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

James Wagoner, of Clear Lake came Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends here.

Knute Fosen and Happy Hall were Ft. Dodge callers the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Petheram and family left Wednesday for California, where they expect to spend the summer months.

Severt Heggen, of Belmond was greeting friends here Wednesday.

Miss Edna Johnson, who has been clerking is Minneapolis for some time came Tuesday for a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Johnson.

Howard Welch, of Dows, came Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

William Johnson, who has been attending school at Des Moines returned home Thursday and will assist with the work at the Johnson drug store here during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rankins left Thursday for California, making the by auto.

Henry Anderson and daughter, Miss Frances were callers in our little city Friday.

Mr. Wickman, of Garner was a s caller here Friday of this week.

Oscar Johnson was a Fort Dodge caller, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stotts and son, of Albert Lea, were greeting friends here Sunday.

Wm. Nleson, of Belmond, was a business caller here Tuesday.

J. W. Bailey and son, Wallace returned home Tuesday from a visit with reatives and friends at Omaha.

Miss Ruth Ostwald, who has been assisting with the work at the Dr. Judd home, left Saturday for a short visit with friends at Belmond, before returning to her home at Whitemore.

Si Petersson, of Corwith was greeting frends here Wednesday.

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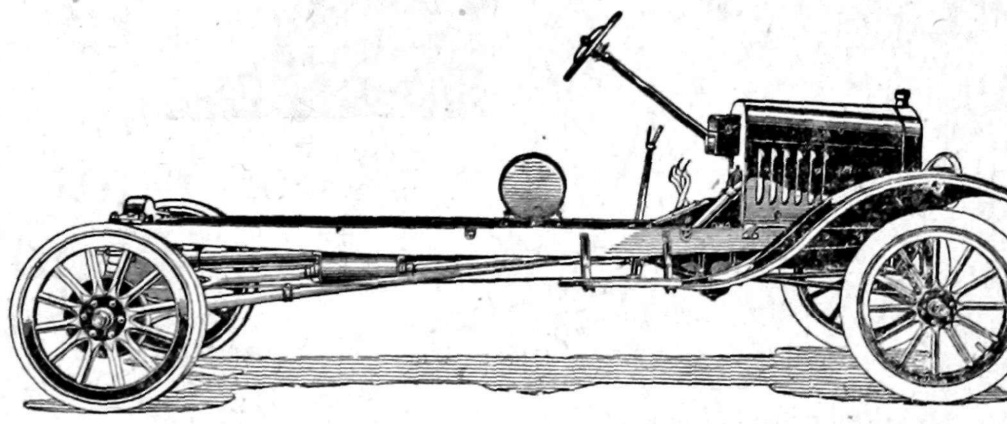

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SPECIAL LOCALS

The Chapman bunch of ball tossers met the team from the county seat town last week, and put up such a stiff battle that the Clarion aggregation only beat them by one run, the score being six to seven.

—I—

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

—I—

Mrs. Clyde Jennings expects to leave this week for different points in South Dakota, where she will spend a few weeks visiting at the home of relatives.

—I—

A free pair of pants with every order for a new suit.—Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Hotel.

—I—

Rev. Leinbach and Sam Lieuwen were greeting old acquaintances at the West Bend ball game last week Friday, both gentlemen having resided at West Bend for several years prior to moving here.

—I—

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 210. 23tfc

—I—

The fishing parties at the lakes adjacent to Belmond have been many and large the past week or two and reports of the catches appear to be getting better. Morse Lake seems to draw the most people from here and the fishing there is reported as being very good for bull heads. And a bull head cooked right is worth the trip to catch him.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

The Belmond Candy Kitchen opened for business last week with Steve Antonio in charge as manager, and has been doing a very nice business. Mr. Antonio is a pleasant and most agreeable young man, and has made many friends in Belmond in his few weeks spent in the town so far.

—I—

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Mr. Dorr has been doing a land office business with his pop corn outfit at the ball games lately. Last Friday at the West Bend game he could hardly wait on his customers fast enough.

—I—

Headquarters for Fishing Tackle and the American Kampkook Stove at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and family from Rowan were in town last week Saturday attending the first band concert and doing some shopping here.

—I—

Home made lard for sale.—Mrs. A. W. Martin.

—I—

S. D. Martin returned the first of the week from Elgin, Illinois, where he had been the past week or two visiting at the home of his brother there.

—I—

Try our high test kerosene in your oil stove.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Rev. Leinbach went to Fonda, the first of this week, where on Monday he officiated at the funeral of an old friend of his.

—I—

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

Eight room house for rent, one block north of Spruce street. Inquire at Community Filling Station.

—I—

For the Spring Frys—just arrived a new lot of panacea and louse killer at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Hector Nelson came up from Fort Dodge last Saturday to spend the week end with friends and relatives in Belmond.

—I—

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price.—Christ Rise. 25tfc

—I—

The friends of Mrs. Pernell will be glad to learn that she has been granted the penssion she has sought for so long, and will receive back pay on her late husband's pension for several years, giving her a nice tidy sum of money.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

The LuVerne bills of the ball game with Belmond caused much amusement among the fans here by their remarks about the "all-salaried Belmond team."

—I—

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

—I—

Bertus Standtlander of Meservey was a caller here one day last week attending to some business matters.

—I—

Mrs. McCauley and baby of Des Moines have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Groh.

—I—

A nice lot of Gingham Coverall Aprons. Price $2.50, at the Woman's Exchange.—Miss Mary Gealow.

—I—

A. A. Arnold of Hampton was a caller here on Friday of last week, attending to some business matters at this place.

—I—

Wm. Nuehring hauls gravel. For orders phone 2213. Those who owe for gravel pay at Belmond Lumber Co. 16tf

—I—

Virgil Casper and wife of Algona were callers here one day last week.

—I—

Miss Edna Johnson of Kanawha, who is employed in Mineapolis and who has been visiting her parents at Kanawha the past few days, was in Belmond last Saturday enroute to Minneapolis to resume her work. From there she goes to Glacier Park, Montana, for the summer months where she will be employed, combing a needed vacation with business. She was accompanied by her brother Paul and her uncle, Russell Garton, who were going to visit with relatives at Browndale, Minnesota, for a few days.

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

S. T. Kruse of Ackley was a business visitor here one day last week.

—I—

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

Wayne Pond, who has been working at Hampton for the past few months with a road gang, came over last week to attend the reunion of his graduating class, the class of 1916, which was held at Morse Lake on Friday evening.

—I—

We now have the high test kerosene and gasoline for sale.—Townsan Hardware.

A. D. White and daughter, Mrs. Hughes of Goodell were in this city Saturday to attend the funeral of Frank Christie.

—I—

Mrs. Ted Towsan and little daughter were recent guests at the home of relatives in Eagle Grove.

—I—

Mrs. Frank McGuire of Dubuque has been visiting at the home of her relatives here the past week.

—I—

The American Legion base ball team had a game scheduled with the Legion team at Eagle Grove for last week Monday, but were forced to cancel it on account of the rain. It is understood that they will meet the Legion team of that place in the near future.

—I—

If you want all the news all the time, read the Independent.

Miss Hilda Madsen, who has been teaching in Arizona the past winter, returned home last week. On Sunday she visited with the Geo. Peterson family at Ames, and from that place she went to Cedar Rapids where she will attend summer school for the next month or two.

—I—

N. B. Olson and George Whitten of Rowan were business callers here on Monday afternoon of this week.

—I—

P. L. Bowles of Oskaloosa was a visitor here on Friday of last week looking after some affairs of business.

—I—

A. L. Ramstad of Albert Lea, Minnesota, was a visitor with his friends in this place on Thursday of last week.

—I—

W. A. Hackett, whose home is at Iowa Falls, was a caller here on some business matters last week Friday.

—I—

W. O. Butterfield of this city was a caller at Goodell on Saturday, attending to some business affairs and greeting old friends at that place.

—I—

Gordon C. Dana of Perry, Iowa, is the new employee at the Auto Repair Shop conducted by E. G. Miller.

—I—

M. C. Barry and wife, Miss Mary Barry and the Rev. Father Eardley attended an initiation of the K. C's. held at Webster City last week, and while there visited at the home of Father Barry. They report a very enjoyable time.

—I—

Martin Cosgriff of Britt was a caller here on Wednesday of last week, looking after some matters of business.

—I—

Miss Helen Haven, who has been attending school at Grand Junction, Iowa, the past winter, came last week to be at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miller.

—I—

The many friends in Belmond of Mrs. W. H. Galliger will be glad to learn that she is improving in health. She has been very dangerously ill for some time and last week was not expected to live, but she has taken a change for the better and is reported as improving daily.

—I—

C. B. Mason of Mason City was a business visitor here on Wednesday of last week.

—I—

Ray Crabtree was a visitor in this city one day recently. His home is at Clarion.

—I—

T. K. Anderson who resides at Charles City was a business caller here on Friday.

—I—

The Royal Neighbor ladies have been holding their regular monthly meetings at the homes of the members, and some very enjoyable times have been reported. The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. Collins, refreshments being served after the business meeting.

—I—

Charles Papousek was a business caller at Klemme last week.

R. H. Klemme was a business visitor at Mason City one day last week.

—I—

Among the people from Rowan who came up Saturday to attended the first band concert and to do some shopping here, was R. E. Lee Aldrich and wife.

—I—

H. J. C. Box and daughter from Rowan were in attendance at the first band concert last Saturday evening.

—I—

Miss Lucretia Morse left last week for Minnesota, where she will spend a week or two visiting at the home of relatives.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs H. C. Thompson of Fort Dodge came up last week for a day or two with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. C. J. Boughton, who has been ill for some months from the effects of blood poisoning in one foot, is reported as improving slowly. As Mrs. Boughton is past eighty years of age her recovery from such an illness and the effects of the amputation of her foot, is most remarkable. Her many friends will hope for her complete and speedy recovery.

—I—

Homer Templeton of Ames was a visitor here on Wedsesday of last week.

—I—

Walter Peterson of Hampton was a visitor Sunday of this week at the home of his grandmother, Mrs P. J. Peterson.

—I—

Mrs. S. R. Huntington and children who have been visiting relatives here for the past week returned to their home at Dinsdale, Iowa, on Monday of this week. Mrs. Huntigton, mother of Mr. Huntington, accompanied them home for a few days visit.

—I—

C. M. . Morse and Clarence Obrecht drove to Des Moines on Monday evening of this week, to be present at a bankers' convention being held at that place this week.

—I—

W. C. Pech came home last Saturday to spend the week end with his family. He is now working at Wesyley on the water system of the town.

—I—

Maurice Mulnix of Rochester, Minnesota was a caller here on Saturday of last week.

—I—

S. D. Martin and C. A. Church left last week for Waterloo, where they will attend the state encampment of the G. A. R.

—I—

A. J Dorr has been installing the side walks along the Welding company's grounds this week.

—I—

The corn crop certainly looks in the best of condition where it has been plowed, but owing to the rainy ther there are a number of the fields where the farmers have not been able to get in, and they are in pretty weedy shape. The color of the corn is good and the growth as good as this time last year. Small grain is booming, and the prospects are for a big crop.

—I—

If any subscriber of the Independent has a copy of the May 4th issue they can dispose of it for 25 cents by bringing to this office.

—I—

Belmond folks are beginning to plan where they will spend the glorious Fourth this year, and have the choice of Ackley, Hampton, Clear Lake and Clarion. The majority of them appear to be planning on going to the county seat to spend the day. The county seat town has a very good program arranged, and it is probable that most Belmond people will go there.

—I—

Miss Ialeen Flynn arrived home last week from Glendale, Arizona, where she has been the past year teaching in the schools at that place.

—I—

Attorney W. E. Bullard was a caller on legal business at the county seat the first of the week.

—I—

C. H. Pullin drove down from Minnesota last week for a short visit with his family here.

—I—

Mr and Mrs. P. Barban are the happy parents of a fine baby boy who came to their home on Tuesday night of this week. The youngster weighed nine pounds.

—I—

Miss Kate Liddle, the county Red Cross nurse, was in town on business Tuesday afternoon of this week.

M. J. Thoe is installing cement walks along the front of the Independent office, the Nordschow Motor company office, and the photo gallery, Arne Skaar doing the work.

—I—

Mrs. Galliger of Louisville, Kentucky, came last week, called here by the serious illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Galliger.

—I—

Summer is here. The fact is proven by the street sprinkler, which started on its daily rounds the first of the week.

—I—

Henry Crist has returned from his trip to Illinois, where he had been the last couple of weeks visting at the home of friends.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohning spent Sunday at Olaf at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

—I—

Alec. McGregor of Des Moines was in town on Monday of this week, on business matters and meeting old friends. He recently returned from his trip to California, where he and his family spent most of the winter.

—I—

Mrs. Thomas B. McCauley and two cildren of Des oinMes came on Friday of last week to spend a few weeks visiting here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Groh.

—I—

Miss Agnes Clark returned last week from Clinton, Iowa, where she has been attending school the past year.

—I—

Miss Dolly Wilson, editor of the Register at Meservey, was in town on Monday of this week enroute to her duties at Meservey after a two weeks' vacation spent at her home at Moulton, Iowa. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Hazel, who will remain at Meservey for a week or two.

—I—

Henry Slinging was a business visitor at the county seat the first of the week, and also visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Doctor of that place.

—I—

Henry Schultz was among those who attended the ball game at LuVerne, Sunday.

—I—

Miss Nell Sullivan has been visiting at the home of her aunt in Dows the past few days.

—I—

J. M. Jensen was a legal caller at the county seat town on Tuesday afternoon.

—I—

Found—Hand bag. Owner can secure same by proving property and paying advertising costs. Call at the Independent.

—I—

Will Parker was one of the ball fans who drove to LuVerne on Sunday.

—I—

The ladies of St. John's Lutheran church held an ice cream social on the lawn of the church grounds last Saturday evening, serving ice cream and cake. They cleared around $25 in the evening.

—I—

Mr and Mrs. V. K. Mikesell were at LuVerne, Sunday, to see the ball game there between that place and Belmond.

—I—

C. T. Craven of Mason City was among the business callers here last week.

—I—

Mrs. Gus Okrueg and Mrs Geo. Ruka of Goodell were shoppers in Belmond on Thursday. They also attended the graduation exercises at the school here, when Mrs. Okreug's daughter Dortha graduated from the Belmond high school.

—I—

The local students who are attending Morningside College at Sioux City are commencing to return home for the summer, school being out at the college last week.

—I—

Miss Gilda Nelson, who has been quite ill the past week or two with an attack of pneumonia, is reported as recovering nicely.

—I—

Geo. Hake has been awarded the contract for draining the east and west road from Clarion.

—I—

Clarence Obrecht drove down from Thornton on Monday of this week, and from here he drove to Des Moines to attend a bankers' convention.

—I—

Miss Blanche Box of Rowan was a visitor and shopper in Belmond on Saturday evening of last week.

—I—

Miss Rose Wallace, who has been teaching the past year at Manchester, Iowa, arrived home last week for a visit with the home folks. She expects to go to Minneapolis soon to visit her sister, Mae.

Next Week's Dance Program AT Lake Cornelia

Tuesday & Friday June 14 and June 17

Our dances are going good now, since the weather has settled a little. Large and enthusiastic crowds are coming out, from the towns all over the county. Everyone is having a good time dancing in this modern dance pavilion, where good order is maintained and the best people are congregating, attracted by the splendid music of one of Iowa's good dance orchestras and the popular prices.

If you haven't visited our pavilion, by all means arrange to attend one of these dances. Your pleasure and comfort is assured.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9
"BEWARE OF THE BRIDE"
A Fox picture featuring
ILEEN PERCY
Also a two-reel Sunshine comedy.
11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JUNE 10
"SKIRTS"
A 5-reel Sunshine comedy featuring the
SINGER MIDGETS
11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
"THE FIGHTING CHANCE"
A Paramount-Artcraft picture.
The sins of his fathers were on him. Around him, the downward drag of his loose-lived wasting set. Yet he took a chance for the girl of his dreams and fought!
Also a two-reel Educational comedy.
11c and 25c

MONDAY, JUNE 13
"THE SCOFFER"
An Allan Dwan picture. A powerful drama. Scenes of strife, of romance, of vivid action. Men who are real men; men who are beasts. Women wonderful in their love; women pitiable in their frailty.
11c and 25c

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
"RESPECTABLE BY PROXY"
A Pathe picture featuring
SYLVIA BREMER
and
ROBERT GORDON
He was a gay young blade who married a chorus girl. When he was reported dead, another chorus jane posed as his wife to get his money; then he came home; climax! Then came the barricade between their rooms.
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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

BOONE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PICNIC

About 300 Boone township farmers, thier wives and children, turned out to the annual township picnic which was held at Smith's park northeast of Renwick, Thursday, June 2.

The regular program did not begin until afternoon on account of a shower during the night. Most of the picnicers arrived in time to enjoy the picnic which was spread on the picnic table which was provided for that purpose.

The picnic dinner was followed by the school program which consisted of several recitations, dialogues and several musical selections, after which the eighth grade diplomas were presented by Miss Blanche Bcok, county superintendent. The school program was followed by a short talk by county agent Edwards, who talked on educational problems. The program was followed by several athletic stunts including 100 yard dash, three legged race, sack race and many other exciting stunts. The interesting part of the program in athletics was the base ball game between Renwick and Boone Valley teams.

PLEASANT FARM BUREAU MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Farmers of Pleasant township enjoyed a most interesting social evening at the home of J. F. Henn, Friday evening, June 3. About 250 people were in attendance at this community gathering.

Thru the kind efforts of Mr. Henn seats were provided on the lawn for those who found it possible to attend. Lanterns were hung at various points on the home porch which made the surroundings seem more home like.

A. L. Middletown of Eagle Grove (Troy township) gave the principal address of the evening. J. H. Abernathy of Boone township was to have appeared but he was unable to fill this appointment and Mr. Middleton was substituted in his stead. Mr. Middleton started his most interesting talk by giving a brief survey of the farm bureau work and urging upon the farmers to be loyal to the farm bureau organization and reminded them of the great responsibilities which rests upon this organization at the present time. Mr. Middleton talked for an hour or more on the committee of seventeen and the plans which were drafted and put in force by this committee. It will be remembered that Mr. Middleton was appointed a committee member of the National Grain Marketing committee of seventeen. With his past experience as a member of the committee of seventeen and as a member of the executive committee for the Third district of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation and with his problems as a practical farmer Mr. Middleton held the interest of his listeners for over an hour.

Mr. Middleton's talk was followed by refreshments served by the ladies of Pleasant township. Ice cream and cake was served to all members of the jolly crowd and the party broke up at about 11:00 o'clock. Pleasant township farmers realize the benefit from meeting with one another and talking over one another's problems.

TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual Troy township picnic was held at the Troy Center grove Friday, June 3, and was attended by nearly 300 people of the community. The Tri-Star quintette of Dows furnished music for the occasion.

The first part of the program was given by representatives of the various schools in the township. Musical selections, readings and drills were given by the school pupils. Eighteen pupils received diplomas for the completion of the eighth grade work.

Rev. W. G. Muhlman of the Eagle Grove Methodist church gave the principal address of the occasion Mr. Muhlman's talk was most interesting instructive and inspiring. He reminded his young friends of the great responsibilities of life which are yet ahead of them.

Rev. Muhlman's address was followed by the sumptuous dinner which was spread upon the picnic tables and everyone seemed to enjoy the open air banquet.

The afternoon program was opened by a short address by Miss Kate Liddle, county health nurse, who urged upon the parents and children a closer attention to the health of the growing boys and girls. Miss Liddle was followed by the county agent, who gave a short talk on education and then spoke briefly of the farm bureau work. This part of the program was followed by the school exhibit. Each school in the township was represented in this exhibit and the final placings showed district No. 1 first, and No. 2 second in the exhibit.

The feature of the whole day's entertainment was the base ball game between Troy and Woolstock townships, both teams were in good condition and exhibited a good brand of baseball during the forepart of the game. Troy township won the game with a final score of 13 to 7.

CHEESE DEMONSTRATION A SUCCESS

Thirty-three ladies of Grant, Lake and neighboring townships enjoyed a most interesting demonstration of cheese making at the home of Mrs. J. Bell, four miles north of Clarion, on Tuesday, May 31. Prof. Rudnick, of the dairy department, Iowa State College, gave a demonstration of the methods of making commercial cheese.

Those who attended this demonstration are to be congratulated upon the extreme interest shown as well as the splendid attendance because Mr. Rudnick made the statement that in all his demonstrations thruout the state he had never held one where there was more interest shown in the demonstration

GRANT GIRLS MEET

Fourteen of the Grant township girls met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Velda Hill for the purpose of organizing a girls garment club. A good many of the mothers were present and all were very much interested. The meeting was called to order with Miss Hazel Spencer the leader acting as chairman and Miss Violet Lukens as secretary. The club pledges were then signed and the business of electing officers came next. The following were elected: Miss Lillian Sebert, president, Lila Hardy, vice president, Blanche Sibert, secretary, Pearl Woodley, treasurer, Dorothea Lukens, club reporter. These officers took their respective positions as soon as elected and carried on the meeting in a manner that did them credit.

Three committees were appointed during the afternoon; one to make and draw up the bylaws and constitution for the club. The second committee is to look up suitable name and slogan for the club. A program committee was also appointed to plan the meeting places etc. for the coming year. These committees are to report at the next meeting.

The girls are to spend a given time each meeting in games and out door sports. This division of the club is to be in charge of Miss Lukens.

Miss Bock attended the meeting and gave many helpful suggestions.

Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess late in the afternoon The girls departed eager for the next meeting which is to be held at the home of Maxine Morford, with Pearl Woodley as assistant hostess. This meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15, at 2:30 p m. It is one of the club's strong points to always start on time.

MUST KEEP OUTLET CLEAN IN FARM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

A clear outlet is one of the essential features of a successful tile drainage system.

It is good practice to inspect the outlet at least twice a year and clear away all rubbish and dirt that may have collected in front of it.

When dirt and trash is allowed to collect so as to hold water back in the tile serious trouble is very apt to result. All tile lines carry more ro less sediment and if the speed of the water is checked at the outlet some of this sediment will be dropped in the tile.

If the tile are laid on a comparatively flat grade, as is usually necessary, this dirt will be deposited for a considerable distance back of the line and the capacity is reduced accordingly. Reducing the capacity reduces the worth of the system and is a waste of money.

SPRAYED GARDEN TRUCK WILL NOT POISON ONE

The belief that garden truck which has been sprayed cannot be used

Garden foods, such as cabbage, lettuce, spinach, gooseberries and currants, when sprayed with arsenicals, are looked upon with doubt by many housewives. To remove this doubt the results of an experiment conducted in Colorado some years ago will undoubtedly suffice. Cabbages were sprayed with lead arsenate at the ordinary strength. These cabbages were treated to remove all of the arsenic, which was actually weighed. From these experiments it was fuond that the average person would have to consume 28 heads of sprayed cabbage at one meal to even cause the first symptoms of sickness due to arsenical poisoning.

Altho this experiment proves that sprayed garden crops are not dangerous, some care should be exercises in their use. Such sprayed crops as cabbage or lettuce should be well washed before going to the table. The same applies to gooseberries and currants.

BOY CHAMPION PRODUCED 113 BUSHELS CORN ON ACRE

Harry Christenson, a fourteen year old corn club member residing in Brookings, has successfully demonstrated that South Dakota must be reckoned with as a corn producing state.

Harry is the champion state corn grower in boys' and girls' club work, having raised 113 3-4 bushels on his acre last year. He took the sweepstakes on yield in the state. His yield surpassed all others ever reported in the state. Harry also took prizes at the county and state fairs, at the Sinai corn show and at the Corn and Grain Growers' show. These prizes attest that besides raising quantity, Harry also watched carefully the quality of his crop.

The corn club work, according to the state club leaders at State college, includes a greater number of competitors this year than in 1920. At present there are 448 enrolled in corn project work. Each of these receives instructions and suggestions as to the best method of corn culture. Each is also taught to use the junior account book.

All are forming habits and assimilating knowledge that will remain with them for the remainder of their lives. They will be better men and women as a result of their youthful traising in corn growing.

NO DIFFERENCE IN CANE AND BEET SUGAR

Every once in a while something occurs in this mundane paradise of professional propagandists to give us the gladsome assurance that the cold truth is still able to hold its own against hot air.

A few years ago when the question as to the relative merits of beet and cane sugar became of really paramount concern in California owing to the rapid increase of the state's fruit growing and canning industries, the state authorities adopted the very sensible plan of creating a commission to conduct an investigation that would determine once and for all whether either kind of sugar had any advantage over the other in preserving fruits.

This commission was composed mainly of disinterested technical experts, who spent a year and a half in making exhaustive analytical comparisons and tests. The results of their labors are set forth in a state document. The conclusion unanimously reached by the commission was that there was no distinguishable difference between the two kinds of sugar and that they are equally valuabe for canning purposes.

Among the many illuminating statements contained in the commission's report is one to the effect that beet and cane sugar were used in an equal number of cans of the same kind of fruit, and that these cans were kept the same length of time and then opened; whereupon it was found that one more can had spoiled where cane sugar was used than where beet sugar was used. However, this proved nothing against cane sugar, as in every case of a spoiled can the trouble was traced to the improper sealing of the can.

It thus appears that in this most trustworthy series of tests the domestic beet sugar fully held its own with cane sugar—that it proved itself in every instance the equal in chemical purity and utility of its imported competitor. Similar authoritative tests have been conducted in Europe—where the people use beet sugar almost exclusively and where the popular prejudice against cane sugar is even stronger than is the prejudice here against beet sugar—and always with the same fifty-fifty result.

These repeated demonstrations of the groundlessness of the artfully inculcated belief that one kind of sugar has "got it all over" the other kind for fruit preserving purposes calls irresistibly to mind the story of the famous Chicago judge who was once saluted on the street by a confidence man, who said: "I believe that you are Mr. Charles Johnson of Denver." The judge simply answered: "If you believe that you will believe anything." Hereafter whenever you hear anyone asserting his or her belief that beet sugar is inferior to cane sugar, just put it down that such a person is capable of believing any thing. ***

HAMPTON POST OFFICE ROBBED

Chronicle: Two full sacks of mail were stolen from the Hampton post office early Saturday morning by whom the city officials believe to be local robbers. Nothing else in the post office gave any evidence that the yeggs had tampered with the safe or stamp drawers. The pouches taken were selected from 14 mail sacks which were in the office at the time. The stolen sacks were those of incoming mail from the west on the Chicago Great Western and from the south on the M. & St. L. railways. Entrance was made thru the rear door of the postoffice, a pane of glass having been carefully removed and set to one side so that the door knob of the Yale lock could be turned by nserting the hand thru the opening. No substantial clue to the identity of the robbers has been found, but several persons are held under suspicion. Mail inspectors are expected to arrive this week to make investigations.

Lumbago

This is a rheumatism of the muscles of the back. It comes on suddenly and is quite painful. Every movement aggravates the disease. Go to bed, keep quiet and have Chamberlain's Liniment applied and a quick recovery may be expected. Mrs. F. J. Dann, Brockport, N. Y., writes: "I can honestly say that Chamberlain's Liniment cured me of lumbago a year ago last summer. When I began using it, I was flat on my back in bed and could not turn to the left or right. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment in the house and this was applied to my back. It promptly drove away the pains and aches.—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.

BODIES OF HAMPTON SOLDIERS RETURNED

Recorder: The body of George Arthur Aldinger, the first Franklin county boy to enlist in the United States army and the first Franklin county boy to lose his life in France, will arrive in New York on June 2, according to word received here by his father, William Aldinger. Geo. Aldinger was a member of the famous Rainbow division and prior to his enlistment in the regular army served with the National Guard of Iowa along the Mexican border. The American Legion post in Hampton is named in memory of him, as are many of the posts of the United States named after their first soldier resident to lose his life in France.

R. W. Kugler of this city received word Tuesday morning from the war department at Washington that the body of his nephew, Lieut. Emil Messelheiser, who died of bronchial-pneumonia Dec. 10, 1918, in France, would arrive in New York June 2.

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, coedine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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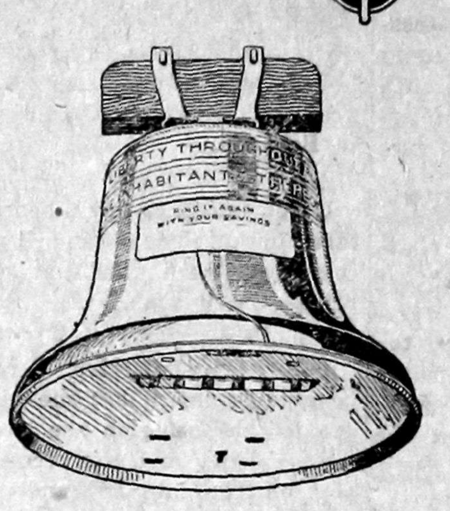

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A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

Sarah gave the Irish family a good supply of cookies and jerked venison before she bade them good-by.

When our travelers left, next morning, they stopped for a last look at the great falls.

"Children," said Samson, "I want you to take a good look at that. It's the most wonderful thing in the world and maybe you'll never see it again."

"The Indians used to think that the Great Spirit was in this river," said Sarah.

"Kind o' seems to me they were right," Samson remarked thoughtfully. "Kind o' seems as if the great spirit

"Kind o' Seems As If the Great Spirit of America Was in That Water."

of America was in that water. It moves on in the way it wills and nothing can stop it. Everything in its current goes along with it."

"And only the strong can stand the journey," said Sarah.

These words were no doubt inspired by an ache in her bones. A hard seat and the ceaseless jolting of the wagon through long, hot, dusty days had wearied them. Even their hearts were getting sore as they thought of the endless reaches of the roads ahead. Samson stuffed a sack with straw and put it under her and the children on the seat. At a word of complaint he was wont to say:

"I know it's awful tiresome, but we got to have patience. We're goin' to get used to it and have a wonderful lot of fun. The time'll pass quick—you see." Then he would sing and get them all laughing with some curious bit of drollery. They spent the night of July third at a tavern in Buffalo, then a busy, crude and rapid growing center for the shipping east and west.

There were emigrants on their way to the Far West in the crowd—men, women and children and babies in arms—Irish, English, Germans and Yankees. There were also well-dressed, handsome young men from the colleges of New England going out to be missionaries "between the desert and the sown."

Buffalo, on the edge of the midland seas, had the flavor of the rank, new soil in it those days—and especially that day, when it was thronged with rough coated and rougher tongued, swearing men on a holiday, stevedores and boatmen off the lakes and rivers of the middle border—some of whom had had their training on the Ohio and Mississippi. There was much drunkenness and fighting in the crowded streets. Some of the carriers

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Indiana. In one of the former a wagon wheel broke down, and that day Sarah began to shake with ague and burn with fever. Samson built a rude camp by the roadside, put Sarah into bed under its cover and started for the nearest village on Colonel's back.

"I shall never forget that day spent in a lonely part of the woods," the good woman wrote to her brother. "It endeared the children to me more than any day I can remember. They brought water from the creek, a great quantity, and told me stories and cheered me in every way they could. My faith in God's protection was perfect and in spite of my misery the children were a great comfort. In the middle of the afternoon Samson returned with a doctor and some tools and a stick of seasoned timber. How good he looked when he came and knelt by my bed and kissed me! This is a hard journey, but a woman can bear anything with such a man. The doctor said I would be all right in three days, and I was.

"Late that afternoon it began to rain. Samson was singing as he worked on his wheel. A traveler came along on horseback and saw our plight. He was a young missionary going west. Samson began to joke with him.

"'You're a happy man for one in so much trouble,' said the stranger.

"Then I heard Samson say: 'Well, sir, I'm in a fix where happiness is absolutely necessary. It's like grease on the wagon wheels—we couldn't go on without it. When we need anything we make it if we can. My wife is sick and the wagon is broke and it's raining and night is near in a lonesome country, and it ain't a real good time for me to be down in the mouth—is it, now? We haven't broke any bones or had an earthquake or been scalped by Indians, so there's some *room for happiness.*'

"'Look here, stranger—I like you,' said the man. 'If there's anything I can do to help ye, I'll stop a while.'"

He spent the night with them and helped mend the felly and set the tire.

The fever and ague passed from one to another and all were sick before the journey ended, although Samson kept the reins in hand through his misery. There were many breaks to mend, but Samson's ingenuity was always equal to the task.

One day, near nightfall, they were overtaken by a tall, handsome Yankee lad riding a pony. His pony stopped beside the wagon and looked toward the travelers as if appealing for help. The boy was pointing toward the horizon and muttering. Sarah saw at once that his mind was wandering in the delirium of fever. She got out of the wagon and took his hand. The moment she did so he began crying like a child.

"This boy is sick," she said to Samson, who came and helped him off his horse. They camped for the night and put the boy to bed and gave him medicine and tender care. He was *too sick to travel* next day. The Traylors stayed with him and nursed the lad until he was able to go on. He was from Niagara county, New York, and his name was Harry Needles. His mother had died when he was ten and his father had married again. He had not been happy in his home after that and his father had given him a pony and a hundred dollars and sent him away to seek his own fortune. Homesick and lonely and ill, and just going west with a sublime faith that the West would somehow provide for him, he might even have perished on the way if he had not fallen in with friendly people. His story had touched the heart of Sarah and Samson. He was a big, green, gentle-hearted country boy who had set out filled with hope and the love of adventure. Sarah found pleasure in mothering the poor lad, and so it happened that he became one of their little party. He was helpful and good-natured and had sundry arts that pleased the children. The man and the woman liked the big, honest lad.

One day he said to Samson: "I hope you won't mind if I go along with you, sir."

"Glad to have you with us," said Samson. "We've talked it over. If you want to, you can come along with us and our home shall be yours and I'll do what's right by you."

They fared along through Indiana and over the wide savannas of Illinois, and on the ninety-seventh day of their journey they drove through rolling, grassy, flowering prairies and up a long, hard hill to the small log cabin settlement of New Salem, Illinois, on the shore of the Sangamon. They halted about noon in the middle of this little prairie village, opposite a small clapboard house. A sign hung over its door which bore the rudely lettered words: "Rutledge's Tavern."

A long, slim, stoop-shouldered young man sat in the shade of an oak tree that stood near a corner of the tavern, with a number of children playing around him. He sat leaning against the tree trunk reading a book. He had risen as they came near and stood looking at them, with the book under his arm. Samson says in his diary that he looked like "an untrimmed yearling colt about sixteen hands high. He got up slow and kept rising till his bush of black tousled hair was six feet four above the ground. Then he put on an old straw hat without any band on it. He reminded me of Philemon Baker's fish rod, he was that narrer. For humliness I'd match him against the world. His hide was kind o' yaller and leathery. I could see he was still in the gristle—a little over twenty—but his face was marked up by worry and weather like a man's. I never saw anybody so long between joints. Don't hardly see how he could tell when his feet got cold."

He wore a hickory shirt without a collar or coat or jacket. One suspender held up his coarse, linsey trousers, the legs of which fitted closely and came only to a blue yarn zone above his heavy cowhide shoes. Samson writes that he "fetched a sneeze and wiped his big nose with a red handkerchief" as he stood surveying them in silence, while Dr. John Allen, who had sat on the door-step reading a paper—a kindly faced man of middle age with a short white beard under his chin—greeted them cheerfully.

"Where do you hail from?" the Doctor asked.

"Vermont," said Samson.

"All the way in that wagon?"

"Yes, sir."

"I guess you're made o' the right stuff," said the Doctor. "Where ye bound?"

"Don't know exactly. Going to take a claim somewhere."

"There's no better country than right here. This is the Canaan of America. We need people like you. Unhitch your team and have some dinner and we'll *talk things over* after you're rested. I'm the doctor here and I ride all over this part o' the country. I reckon I know it pretty well."

A woman in a neat calico dress came out of the door—a strong-built and rather well-flavored woman with blonde hair and dark eyes.

"Mrs. Rutledge, these are travelers from the East," said the Doctor. "Give 'em some dinner, and if they can't pay for it. I can. They've came all the way from Vermont."

"Good land! Come right in an' rest yerselves. Abe, you show the gentleman where to put his horses an' lend him a hand."

Abe extended his long arm toward Samson and said "Howdy" as they shook hands.

"When his big hand got hold of mine, I kind of felt his timber," Samson writes. "I says to myself, 'There's a man it would be hard to tip over in a rassle.'"

"What's yer name? How long ye been travelin'? My conscience! Ain't ye wore out?" the hospitable Mrs. Rutledge was asking as she went into the house with Sarah and the children. "You go and mix up with the little ones and let yer mother rest while I git dinner," she said to Joe and Betsey, and added as she took Sarah's shawl and bonnet: "You lop down an' rest yerself while I'm flyin' around the fire."

"Come all the way from Vermont?"

"Come All the Way From Vermont?" Abe Asked.

Abe asked as he and Samson were unhitching.

"Yes, sir."

"By jing!" the slim giant exclaimed. "I reckon you feel like throwin' off yer harness an' takin' a roll in the grass."

CHAPTER III.

Wherein the Reader Is Introduced to Offut's Store and His Clerk Abe, and the Scholar Jack Kelso and His Cabin and His Daughter Bim, and Gets a First Look at Lincoln.

They had a dinner of prairie chickens and roast venison, flavored with wild grape jelly, and creamed potatoes and cookies and doughnuts and raisin pie. It was a well-cooked dinner, served on white linen, in a clean room, and while they were eating, the sympathetic landlady stood by the table, eager to learn of their travels and to make them feel at home. The good food and their kindly welcome and the beauty of the rolling, wooded prairies softened the regret which had been growing in their hearts, and which only the children had dared to express.

"Perhaps we haven't made a mistake, after all," Sarah whispered when the dinner was over. "I like these people and the prairies are beautiful."

"It is the land of plenty at last," said Samson, as they came out of doors. "It is even better than I thought."

"As Douglas Jerrold said of Australia: 'Tickle it with a hoe and it laughs with a harvest,'" said Dr. Allen, who still sat in the shaded *dooryard, smoking his pipe.* "I have an extra horse and saddle. Suppose you leave the family with Mrs. Rutledge and ride around with me a little this afternoon. I can show you how the land lies off to the west of us, and tomorrow we'll look at the other side."

"Thank you—I want to look around here a little," said Samson. "What's the name of this place?"

"New Salem. We call it a village. It has a mill, a carding machine, a tavern, a schoolhouse, five stores, fourteen houses, two or three men of genius, and a noisy dam. It's a crude but growing place and soon it will have all the embellishments of civilized life."

That evening many of the inhabitants of the little village came to the tavern to see the travelers and were introduced by Dr. Allen. Most of them had come from Kentucky, although there were two Yankee families who had moved on from Ohio.

"These are good folks," said the Doctor. "There are others who are not so good. I could show you some pretty rough customers at Clary's Grove, not far from here. We have to take things as they are and do our best to make 'em better."

"Any Indians?" Sarah asked.

"You see one now and then, but they're peaceable. *Most of 'em* have gone with the buffaloes—farther west. Now and then a circuit rider gets here and preaches to us. You'll hear the Reverend Stephen Nuckles if you settle in these parts. He can holler louder than any man in the state."

The tavern was the only house in New Salem with stairs in it—stairs so steep, as Samson writes, that "they were first cousins to the ladder." There were four small rooms above them. Two of these were separated by a partition of cloth hanging from the rafters. In each was a bed and bedstead and smaller beds on the *floor.* In case there were a number of adult guests the bedstead was screened with sheets hung upon strings. In one of these rooms the travelers had a night of refreshing sleep.

After riding two days with the Doctor, Samson bought the claim of one Isaac Gollaher to a half section of land a little more than a mile from the western end of the village. He chose a site for his house on the edge of an open prairie.

"Now we'll go over and see Abe," said Dr. Allen, after the deal was made. "He's the best man with an ax and a saw in this part of the country. He clerks for Mr. Offut. Abe Lincoln is one of the best fellows *that ever lived*—a rough diamond just out of the great mine of the West, that only needs to be cut and polished."

Denton Offut's store was a small log structure about twenty by twenty which stood near the brow of the hill east of Rutledge's tavern. When they entered it Abe lay at full length on the counter, his head resting on a bolt of blue denim as he studied a book in his hand. He wore the same shirt and one suspender and linsey trousers which he had worn in the dooryard of the tavern, but his feet were covered only by his blue yarn socks.

It was a general store full of exotic flavors, chiefly those of tea, coffee, tobacco, muscovado sugar and molasses. *There was a counter* on each side. Bolts of cloth, mostly calico, were piled on the far end of the right counter as one entered and the near end held a showcase containing a display of cutlery, pewter spoons, jewelry and fishing tackle. There were double windows on either side of the rough board door with its wooden latch. The left counter held a case filled with threads, buttons, combs, colored ribbons, and belts and jew's-harps. A balance stood in the middle of this counter. A chest of tea, a big brown jug, a box of candles, a keg and a large wooden pail occupied its farther end. The shelving on its side walls was filled by straw hats, plug tobacco, bolts of cloth, pills and patent medicines and paste-board boxes containing shirts, handkerchiefs and underwear. At the rear end of the store was a large fireplace. There were two chairs near the fireplace, both of which were occupied by a man who sat in one while his feet lay on the other. He wore a calico shirt with a fanciful design of morning-glories on it printed *in appropriate colors,* a collar of the same material and a red necktie.

Abe laid aside his book and rose to a sitting posture.

"Pardon me—you see the firm is busy," said Abe. "You know Eb Zane used to say that he was never so busy in his life as when he lay on his back with a broken leg. He said he had to work twenty-four hours a day doin' nothin' an' could never git an hour off. But a broken leg is not so bad as a lame intellect. That lays you out with the fever an' ague of ignorance. Jack Kelso recommended Kirkham's pills and poultices of poetry. I'm trying both and slowly getting the better of it. I've learned three conjugations, between customers, this afternoon."

The sleeper, whose name was William Berry, rose and stretched himself and was introduced to the newcomer. He was a short, genial man, of some thirty years, with blonde, curly hair and mustache. His fat cheeks had a color as definite as that of the blossoms on his shirt, now rather soiled. His prominent nose shared their glow of ruddy opulence. His gray eyes wore a look of apology.

"Mr. Traylor, this is Mr. William Berry," said Dr. Allen. "Mr. Traylor has just acquired an interest in all our institutions. He has bought the Gollaher tract and is going to build a house and some fences. Abe, couldn't you help get the timber out in a hurry so we can have a raising within a week? You know the arts of the ax better than any of us."

Abe looked at Samson.

"I reckon he and I would make a good team with the ax," he said. "He looks as if he could push a house down with one hand and build it up with the other. You can bet I'll be glad to help in any way I can."

"We'll all turn in and help. I should think Bill or Jack Kelso could look after the store for a few days," said the Doctor. "I promised to take Mr. Traylor over to Jack Kelso's tonight. Couldn't you come along?"

"Good! We'll have a story-tellin' and get Jack to unlimber his guns," said Abe.

Jack Kelso's cabin, one of two which stood close together at the western end of the village, was lighted by the cheery blaze of dry logs in its fireplace. There were guns on a rack over the fireplace under a buck's head, a powder horn hanging near them on its string looped over a nail. There were wolf and deer and bear pelts on the floor. The skins of foxes, raccoons and wildcats adorned the log walls. Jack Kelso was a blond, smooth-faced, good-looking, merry-hearted Scot, about forty years old, of a rather slight build, some five feet, eight inches tall. That is all that any one knew of him save that he spent most of his time hunting and fishing and seemed to have all the best things, which great men had said or written, on the tip of his tongue.

"Welcome! and here's the best seat at the fireside," he said to Samson. "My wife and daughter are away for a visit and for two days I've had the cabin to myself. Look, ye worshipers of fire, and see how fine it is now! The homely cabin is a place of beauty. What a heaven it is when the flames are leaping! Here is Hogarth's line of beauty; nothing perpendicular or horizontal."

He took Abe's hand and went on: "Here, ye lovers of romance, is one of the story-tellers of Ispahan who has in him the wisdom of the wandering *tribes.* He can tell you a tale that will draw children from their play and old men from the chimney corner. My boy, take a chair next to Mr. Traylor. Mr. Traylor, you stand up as proud and firm as a big pine. I believe you're a Yankee."

"So do I," said Samson. "*If you* took all the Yankee out o' me I'd have an empty skin."

Then Abe began to show the stranger his peculiar art in these words:

"Stephen Nuckles used to say: 'God's grace embraces the isles o' the sea an' the uttermost parts o' the earth. It takes in the Esquimaux an' the Hottentots. Some go so fur to say that it takes in the Yankees but I don't go so fur.'"

Samson joined in the good-natured laughter that followed.

"If you deal with some Yankees you take your life in your hands," he said. "They can serve God or Mammon and I guess they have given the devil some of his best ideas. He *seems to be getting a lot of Yankee* notions lately."

"There was a powerful prejudice in Kentucky against the Yankees," Abe went on. "Down there they used to tell about a Yankee who sold his hogs and was driving them to town. On the way he decided that he had sold them too cheap. He left them with his drover in the road and went on to town and told the buyer that he would need help to bring 'em in.

"'How's that?' *the buyer* asked.

"Why they git away an' go to runnin' through the woods an' fields an' we can't keep up with 'em.'

"'I don't think I want 'em,' says the buyer. 'A speedy hog hasn't much pork to carry. I'll give ye twenty bits to let me off.'"

"I guess that Yankee had one more hog than he'd counted," said Samson.

"Whatever prejudice you may find here will soon vanish," said Kelso, *turning to the newcomer.* "I have great respect for the sturdy sons of New England. I believe it was Theodore Parker who said that the pine was the symbol of their character. He was right. Its roots are deep in the soil; it towers above the forest; it has the strength of tall masts and the substance of the builder in its body, music in its waving branches and turpentine in its veins. I thought of this when I saw Webster and heard *him speak at Plymouth.*"

"What kind of a looking man is he?" Abe asked.

"A big erect, splendid figure of a man. He walked like a ram at the head of his flock."

Abe who since his story had sat with a sad face looking into the fire now leaned forward, his elbows on his knees, and shook his head with interest while his gray eyes took on a look of animation. The diary speaks *often of the "veil of sadness"* on his face.

"He is a very great man," Abe exclaimed.

"Have you learned that last noble flight o' his in the reply to Haynes, as you promised?" Kelso asked.

"I have," said Abe "and the other day when I was tramping back from Bowlin' Green's I came across a drove of cattle and stopped and gave it to them. They all let go of the grass and stood looking."

"Good! Now stand up and let us see how you imitate the great chief of the Whig clan," said Kelso.

The lank and awkward youth rose and began to speak the lines in a high-pitched voice that trembled with excitement. It lowered and steadied and rang out like noble music on a well-played trumpet as the channel of his spirit filled with the mighty current of the orator's passion. Then, indeed, the words fell from his lips "like the winter snows."

"They shook our hearts as the wind shakes the branches of a tree," Samson writes in his diary. "The lean, bony body of the boy was transfigured and as I looked at his face in the firelight I thought it was handsome.

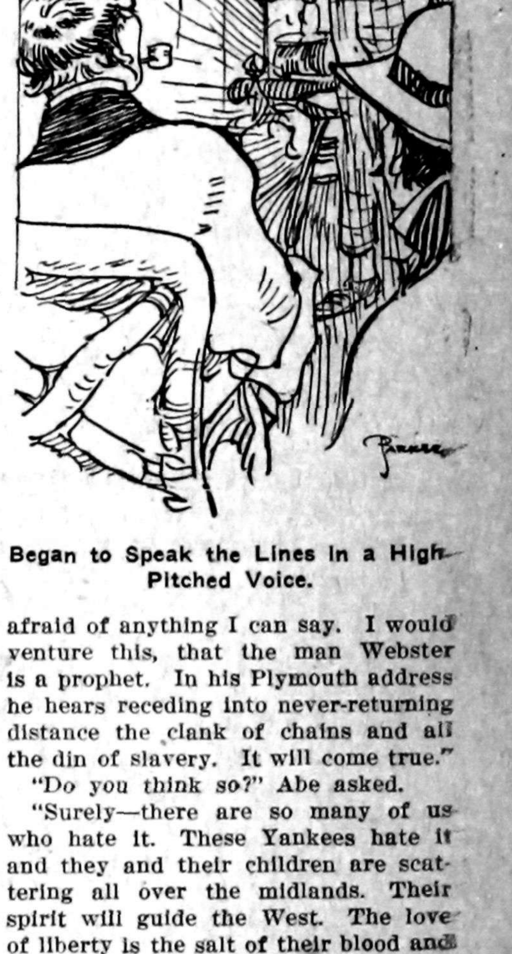
"Not a word was spoken for a minute after he sat down. I had got my first look at Lincoln. I had seen his soul. I think it was then I began to realize that a man was being made among us 'more precious than fine gold; even a man more precious than the golden wedge of Ophir.'"

The Doctor gazed in silence at the boy. Kelso sat with both hands in his pockets and his chin upon his breast looking solemnly into the fire.

"Thank you, Abe," he said in a low voice. "Something unusual has happened and I'm just a little scared."

"Why?" Abe asked.

"For fear somebody will spoil it with another hog story. I'm a little



Began to Speak the Lines in a High-Pitched Voice.

afraid of anything I can say. I would venture this, that the man Webster is a prophet. In his Plymouth address he hears receding into never-returning distance the clank of chains and all the din of slavery. It will come true."

"Do you think so?" Abe asked.

"Surely—there are so many of us who hate it. These Yankees hate it and they and their children are scattering all over the midlands. Their spirit will guide the West. The love of liberty is the salt of their blood and the marrow of their bones. Liberty means freedom for all. Wait until these babies, coming out here by the wagonload, have grown to manhood. Slavery will have to reckon with them."

"I hate it, too," said Abe. "If I live I'm going to hit that thing on the head some day."

"Do you still want to be a lawyer?" Kelso asked.

"Yes, but sometimes I think I'd make a better blacksmith," said Abe. "I'm trying to make up my mind what's best for me."

"No, you're trying to decide what is best for your friends and your country and for the reign of law and justice and liberty."

"But I think every man acts from selfish motives," Abe insisted.

Doctor Allen demurred as follows:

"The other night you happened to remember that you had overcharged Mrs. Peters for a jug of molasses and after you had closed the store you walked three miles to return the money which belonged to her. Why did you do it?"

"For a selfish *motive,*" said Abe. "I believe honesty is the best policy."

"Then you took that long walk just to advertise your honesty—to induce people to call you 'Honest Abe' as they have begun to do?"

"I wouldn't want to put it that way," said *Abe.*

(Continued next week)

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Annual Community Club Picnic Held On June 24th

Last School Notes Of The Present Year

School Term Has Closed With The Many Graduation Exercises A Memory of the Past.

EIGHTH GRADE DIPLOMAS NOW

The high school commencement for the year 1921 was held in the high school auditorium, Thursday evening, June 2. The address of the evening by Dr. Lauer of the State University was informal, well adapted to the interests of the class, and the audience and very much appreciated.

The class was presented by Supt. Fyler and the diplomas given by Mr. H. F. Luick.

Eighth grade commencement on Wednesday, June 1, was well attended. The class presented their play very creditably and Kathleen Barry and Marian McNulty displayed remarkable talent in their solo work.

On Thursday afternoon the Junior class with their class teacher, Mrs. Amy Peterson, enjoyed a picnic in the grove.

On Friday morning the Sophomore class entertained the faculty at a breakfast, also in the grove.

A splendid exhibit of the vocational work, sewing and manual training has been on display Wednesday and Thursday. Much credit is due the instructors and the pupils for this tangible demonstration of the value of high school training.

Eighth grade diplomas have been signed by Miss Bock and may be had Friday morning from 9 to 12 at the schoolhouse in Miss Jenison's room.

CLARION WANTS STATE PARK

News: The Clarion Commercial club should go after the state park proposition which has been proposed for our lakes. A state park would attract thousands of visitors annually and with a few thousands spent on adding to the attractiveness of the two lakes there is no reason to doubt but that it would return handsome dividends to the people.

Already the lakes are bringing hundreds of visitors during the week, and many more on Sundays, despite the fact that the accomodations for the entertainment of these visitors are very inadequate as compared to older resorts.

It has been estimated that every visitor to a town is worth a certain sum of money from a business standpoint and if Clarion would profit from having the lakes right at her doors, the citizens must take advantage of the stuation. One thing that should be done now is to provide a real auto camp ground out there. By outlining some plan now nstead of afterwhile, we would be just that much ahead. More shade is needed and needed bad, and some organization, preferably the Commercial club, should see to it that we begin to plan for the future.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

In compliance with the law the 1920 election ballots were destroyed by a committee consisting of a republican and a democrat. Messrs. Callender and Linebarger feed several thousand such ballots to the furnace flames in the court house basement yesterday

Clerk Goslin has been devoting his spare moments to his domestic interests and when friend wife returns from her vacation visit she will find new linoleum on the kitchen floor, the bath room wood work newly painted and various other rooms likewise treated.

Mrs. W. K. Blackwell, who is living at Mason City, has caused an attachment to be issued against her husband, W. K. Blackwell, of Goldfield. It covers his financial interests and real estate holdings in Goldfield, as well as some real estate in

BELMOND WINS ANOTHER— BEAT ALGONA 2 TO 1

In a sensational nineth inning rally the home team won another victory Sunday by taking the salaried bunch frm Algona into camp by 2 to 1.

The Algona team are said to be a college team from Dubuque, and are a classy bunch of players, but a fierce lot of "beefers." The combination of an error, a stolen base and a hit in the sixth inning gave them one run. Up to that time the result on both sides had been nil. One to nothing was the way the game hung until the last half of the nineth inning. Up to that time the Belmond team had had a number of chances to score, with men on the bases and only one or no men out, but the necessary hit was not forthcoming. In the nineth, however, the crowd started to holler and the Algona pitcher's knees began to wobble and he walked the first man up with four straight balls. A bunt was fielded too slow and left two on the bases. Then Heinie came up and secured a nice little hit in left field, which brought home the bacon with all the rind on it.

It was a good game all thru except for the frequent chewing matches, which Algona started and Belmond could not help. A large crowd was present, and a number of fans came down from Algona to see their team get trimmed by a bunch of home boys.

Next Sunday the biggest game of the season takes place: Belmond is to meet the famed Kanawha bunch at the Lake. This ought to be worth going to see.

Cerro Gordo county. The amount of the claim is $125.000. The Blackwells separated some time ago.

Wm. Knuth also entered a plea of guilty to the charge of having stolen an auto truck at Eagle Grove a few weeks ago. The judge sent him along with Ersland for a five year period. Another five years for the part he had in helping Ersland to escape would not seem too severe. Dan Leonard and Fred Borel safely landed the two prisoners at Fort Madison yesterday.

Pauline Knuth, who accompanied her husband at the time the truck was stolen, has changed her mind after having signed a confession and will stand trial She asked the court for counsel to defend her and Judge Thompson appointed a young Belmond attorney, J. M. Jensen, to take charge of the defense. She may change her mind again for it was this same prisoner whom Mrs. Lang lambasted with an umbrella while attempting to escape the same night that Ersland made his get away.

Thos. Ersland of Belmond, who plead guilty to the charge of incest on an information drawn up by County Attorney Rogers was sentenced Monday to twenty-five years at hard labor at the Fort Madison penitentiary by Judge Thompson. When he has served the time above mentioned he should be given another twenty-five year sentence for attempting to kill Sheriff Lang with an iron bar.

On Monday the board of supervisors let the grading and draining of primary road project No. 19. The grading was awarded to Wisley & Son of Forest City, who it is expected will begin work within a few days. The labor on the tile work was awarded to E. S. Camden of Armstrong, while a gentleman from the same place is to furnish the tile, As soon as these contracts are completed, probably this fall, the work of graveling will be commenced. The western end of the above project starts at Goldfield and ends at the Humboldt county line. The eastern starting point is the Solberg corner and thence east thru Rowan to the Franklin county line Near the Iowa river, where the road turns north to cross Duffy's bridge, the highway is to be straightened, running in a straight line from Seller's corner to the Great Western overhead bridge on the hill. This will necessitate a new bridge and considerable fill across the river bottom. When completed a fine gravel road will reach from the east to the west county line.

Morse Lake Becoming Very Popular Resort

Many Cottages To Be Erected At Lake In Near Future According To The Reports.

WHY NOT HAVE STATE PARK?

Morse Lake is becoming one of the most popular places in this part of the county and bids fair to become one of the most attractive and popuar summer resorts in this part of the state.

Three cottages have been erected at the lake so far, those of Martin Hanson-John Anderson, Gfeller and A. L. Luick. There is prospect of several more to be erected at the lake in the near future, some half a dozen being reported to the Independent.

There are a dozen or more boats on the lake, with a sail boat and a a motor launch reported on the way in the near future. Fishing has been good, the lake is full of fish of all kinds, bass, pickeral, croppics and bull heads, and many thousands of fish have been caught at the lake this summer.

There is a plot of ground on the north side of the lake, directly off the main road, that is an ideal place for picnic parties, and with the addition of a few shade trees on the north would be a very pretty little park.

The lake is easily reached from the town, easily gotten to, and has every facility for an ideal resort of a small kind. A number of people from Clear Lake have come down here to fish this spring, so that that part of the lake's resources speaks for itself.

The Clarion News last week in an item on the front page brings up the question of the state park, which has been agitated between the two towns iver Cornelia Lake and Morse Lake, and urges the Clarion Commercial Club to start a campaign for securing the park at Cornelia. It would seem that Belmond might get busy and use what means it has to have Morse Lake considered as a state reserve.

BELMOND PLAYS HAMPTON HERE TODAY

The team from the Franklin county county-seat town meets the sluggers from Belmond today, Thursday, on the Belmond diamond at 3:30. The Hampton team was just organized a short time ago, and this is one of their first games. It's too bad to start 'em off with a defeat the first thing, but—. The Hampton team is composed of all home men except the battery, which is salaried, so the batte between the two home-town teams ought to prove interesting.

Next Sunday at the lake the chance to which all fans have longingly looked this year comes, when Belmond meets the Kanawha outfit for the first game of the season between the two. A large delegation of Belmond fans are reported as going to take in the battle.

REBEKAH LODGE ORGANIZED AT KLEMME

Times: A Rebekah lodge was organized at Klemme last Thursday evening, it being a branch of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Several carloads of men and women drove over from Britt to help put the work on here. They were also assisted by an officer from Marshalltown and Cherokee.

Twenty two Klemme ladies and men took the work and thus became charter members of the new fraternal organization here.

After the degree work a lunch was served and a general good time enjoyed by all. Klemme has a good live Odd Fellows lodge and no doubt the ladies new organization will also be marked with success.

Attend the Legion dance on Friday June 17.

ROWAN GIRL WRITES OF FLOOD AT PUEBLO

Eye Witness Of Terrible Calamity Describes It In Letter To Mother—Water Mile Wide.

A letter received by Mrs. N. B. Olson of Rowan from her daughter, Mary, who is at Pueblo, Colorado, where they had the recent disasterous flood, describes the scene in part as follows:

Pueblo, Colo, June 7, 1921.

Dear Mother:

I supose you have read in the papers all about the flood. It sure was terrible. We are thankful that we lived up on the hill. You know the river runs thru the business part of the town. When it overflowed the water came up this way as far as the depot and on the other side as far as Eighth street. It was almost a mile wide all together. It damaged all the business houses and washed away some of them altogether. A large number of residences were washed away entirely so you can't even tell where they have been. The report was that 2,000 people lost their lives but I don't think it was quite that many.

Last Thursday the day before the flood, we had the worst kind of a hail storm that I ever saw. It was much worse than the one we had about a month ago. There was a cloud burst at Cason City about 30 miles from here, Friday afternoon.

Friday night about 7:00 the river started to raise. They blew the fire whistle continually for two hours to warn the people but they stayed in their homes anyway and waited until the water came and then it was too late. About 8,000 people live in the district that was washed away. They have found dead bodies 11 miles down the river and I suppose some of them went on farther.

The water was 15 feet deep in the depot. The box cars and passenger coaches were turned upside down.

About 80 passengers that came in on the 8:00 o'clock train were drowned.

We have had neither gas nor lights since the flood and the first couple of days didn't have any water. We had to have a permit to buy food but the trains are in from Denver now so I guess there will be plenty. They are taking care of the homeless people in the churches and school houses.

After the flood all the Mexicans rushed down town and started to steal everyting they could lay their hands on. The citizens formed a guard and went down to guard the places. Cliff guarded a mail car one night. The state troops came so they are guarding now. Nobody is allowed on the streets after seven o'clock and there is a guard stationed at every corner. After the water went down there was a foot or two of mud on all the streets and in the stores. There are boards, trees, furniture, stoves and a little bit of everything lying all over. The people are all busy now trying to clean up but I think it will be some time before things will be like they were before. A lot of the people who lived down in the holow say they will never go back to live there again, so lots of the place will never be fixed up again.

POST OFFICE EXAMINATION POSTPONED TO JULY 2

Post Office Not To Be Open On Sundays After The First Of Next Month.

Because of the failure of a sufficient number of applications therefor, it has been found necessary to postpone the examination for postal clerk at the Belmond office from June 18 to July 2. A letter from the postal authorities at Washington states that in view of the apparant scarcity of applications, at the office here, they will accept applications from any male who will become 18 years of age within thirty days after the examination date now fixed.

After the first of July the office here becomes second class and no mail windows will be open on Sunday. The mail will be distributed and those who have boxes may get their mail from the box, but the window will not be open.

GOOD TIME TO BE HELD IN PARK

Annual Affair Of Town's Greatest Civic Society To Be Feature Of Next Week's Activities.

CLUB HAS ABOUT 200 MEMBERS

Splendid Program By Local Talent To Be Given—All Members And Families Are Invited.

The annual picnic of the Community Welfare Club will be held on next week Friday evening, June 24, at the city park.

All the members of the club and their families are cordially invited to attend. Supper will be served at 7:00 o'clock.

Members who attend are requested to bring with them a plate, fork, spoon, cups, and sauce dish. Each member is asked to bring sandwiches enough for their own family, and any of the following articles of food that they wish:

Meat, Salad, Baked Beans, Pickles, cake and cookies.

Ice cream will be served to those who wish it, a nominal charge being made. A very interesting program for the occasion is being arranged, in which some of the best local talent will take part. The program has not been entirely completed at this date, but we understand that one of the numbers is to be several readings by Miss Alberta Pierce, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pierce of this place who has been under training in elecution at a school in Clinton for the past year and who recently appeared in a recital at that place where she made a decided "hit" with her selections.

It is also understood that efforts are to be made to secure the band for a concert in the park that evening.

There are around two hundred members of the Community Club, and if they all attend with their families it will be an enjoyable picnic and social time.

HAMPTON MAIL SACK FOUND IN CREEK

One of the mail pouches stolen from the Hampton postoffice was found in Penny creek, a half mile east of the Walter T. Robinson farm home, north of Hampton. William Rozevink, son of Jake Rozevink, when driving the cattle home from the pasture last Tuesday evening he noticed the pouch lodged against a tree in the creek, and at first did not pay much attention to it, but later he decided that it was not an ordinary attraction, so he returned on his horse and made another investigation, and discovered that it was one of the missing mail pouches stolen from the local postoffice. Investigation made yesterday by local officials failed to find any trace of the other missing pouch. Pieces of mail from this pouch were found lodged along the bank of the creek a quater of a mile west from where the pouch was found, idicating that the pouch may have been thrown into the creek from the bridge on the road running east and west between the W. T. Robinson and W. H. Rhutasel farms. It probably floated down stream when the water was higher than at present. Many letters were found in the pouch, but all the valuables had been carried away.

REV. VAN METRE NAMED AS CHAPLAIN

Word has been received here of the appointment of Rev. C. H. Van Metre, a former Methodist minister of this place, as chaplain of the One Hundred Thirty-fourth infantry, national guard of Iowa. He spent twelve months overseas during the recent war, and seven months of that time he was a chaplain in hospitals in France. Later he was with the 25th infantry 1st Division, in Germany.

FREE AIR!

Nothing much to write about this week; everthing seems to be as dead as Wilson's Leg of Mutton.

Haven't had any city court news for ages; no guys luggin' shot guns chasing 'round the country; no fights, no nothin'. How are we going to run a newspaper without having some sort of news?

Maybe its news that Matt has started a class in swimming out at Morse Lake. At any rate, we suppose he has, he was teaching a bunch of little kids to wade out there the other evening.

Ya oughta see Hizzoner in a bathing suit; he makes us think of the Greek stuff we used to read, about them there ancient guys who had a stand in with the gods, you know, Apollo, for instance, or mebbe Diogenes. Maybe we're getting a trifle mixed, tho; Diogenes was the long whiskered fellow with a lantern or something, wasn't he? That couldn't compare with Hizzoner very well, could it?

It must have been Apollo, he was some sort of insider in the ancient days that had something, we've forgotten what.

And do you know, the kids seemed to have all kinds of confidence in him! Not a one turned down his offer to show 'em the briny deep.

We've had something funny to tell you about for the past three or four weeks, but so far we haven't been able to get our nerve high enough to do it.

Which is one of the worst things about running a newspaper: You can't always tell the news that everybody else is talking about.

When Greek meets Greek next Sunday at the Twin Lakes, we prophosy that there is going to be something doing. Maybe we'll have to get out another extra about it, giving a list of the casualities and the scene of battle pictured in diagrams and line drawings.

Come pretty near having a little excitement at the game Sunday. The visiting bunch were the biggest bunch of beefers that ever came to the yards. Don't know how they get that way unless they've been fed on bull.

Last week a fellow asks our foreman, says he: "what did the boss mean by that piece he had?"

The foreman read it, scratched his head, and said he'd be durned if he knew. They argued it pro and con without getting the con in the piece, and then the foreman asks us.

How'd he suppose we knew? To make things clear to everybody is something we can't attempt to do; becauce sometimes we aren't exactly clear about it ourself.

And last week there was a line in the Rebekah program which ran something like this, and was in as a part of the doings:

shrdul !*(_ shthrifwd !*!|"*"!!"**

If the program is anything like it was printed, it's going to be a hot one. That was what we call a "pie line."

DELEGATES FROM HERE AT ROYAL NEIGHBOR MEET

Local Lodge Sends Delegates To 10th Annual Convention Held At Fort Dodge.

The 10th Annual Convention of the Royal Neighbors of America was held at Fort Dodge last week Tuesday, June 7th. A number of the members of the local camp were in attendance at the convention. Those from here who attended were Mrs. Lillian Dibble Mrs. Mame Dillon, Mrs. Fannie Lathrop, who was a delegate from the Belmond camp, and Miss Virgie Jenison, who gave a reading which was very highly appreciated and complimented.

There were about 200 members of the district in attendance and the state deputy, Mrs. Irene Bently, gave some very good talks. The Clarion team put on a fancy drill which was pronounced by the deputy as the best she had ever seen, and showed that the Clarion team had been doing some hard work.

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AUTO TO FEED ITSELF

A prediction that automobiles within a few years would carry in dividual stills to produce fuel for their operation was made by Thomas A. Edison, Jr.

Discussing carburetion at the graduation exercises of the Knights of Columbus automobile school, the son of the inventor said he had himself been seeking a substitute for gasolene for ten years. The problem would be solved, he said, by the manufacture of individual distilleries to be attached to the cars, the stills to be operated by the heat and motion of the motor, and to produce from petroleum and other ingredients a combustible mixture supplied as constantly as current is generated by electric cars while in motion.

A car of average power, in his opinion, could be equipped to produce sufficient fuel to run itself and enough by products to pay for its maintenance.

CLARION TO LICENSE SALE OF CIGARETTES

News: Clarion's city officials will bow to the state law and license the sale of cigarettes. Already applications are being filed, together with the $75 per year license fee.

With application, bonds must be filed and when any one figures that the bond is a matter of form, he will have another guess coming, for it is about the safest provision for law observance that was ever enacted. We may expect no sales to minors, and the boys will hereafter have to smoke on the sly or at home, for the new law makes it a misdomeanor to give boys cigarettes.

Lumbago

This is a rheumatism of the muscles of the back. It comes on suddenly and is quite painful. Every movement aggravates the disease. Go to bed, keep quiet and have Chamberlain's Liniment applied and a quick recovery may be expected. Mrs. F. J. Dann, Brockport, N. Y., writes: "I can honestly say that Chamberlain's Liniment cured me of lumbago a year ago last summer. When I began using it, I was flat on my back in bed and could not turn to the left or right. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment in the house and this was applied to my back. It promptly drove away the pains and aches.—For sale at Adams Pharmacy.

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

There have been held at some of the neighboring towns during the past week or two, several meetings of the business men of the cities referred to, for the purpose of getting together and discussing one another's problems and the welfare and betterment of their city.

Notably among these recent meetings was the one at Hampton, when some fifty or more of the busines men of the city got together and had a good social time and general talk on busines conditions.

Why not have a similar affair in Belmond? They result not only in a closer co-operation and bettr understanding among the business men of the town, but they help one another to solve the problems of business life, and any business man knows that there are plenty of problems to solve.

The Chamber of Commerce in this city hasn't done anything that is very generally known about, for a long time. Why not have a meeting of the charactr suggested and get together? Why not now? There is no evident reason for just letting it drift; Let's get together.

A STATE CHILDREN'S HOME

Some time when the state legislature down at Des Moines is killing time and drawing salary, let some one of them suggest to the rest that some provision be made for those children in the state who by the fortunes of fate are left without any one to care for them.

In other words, a state home for homeless children. So far as this paper has been able to determine, there is no such an institution now in existance. We have our penitentiaries, our reform schools, our inebriate and insane asylums; we have our institutions of learning and we have provided for the children who are physically disabled, but the home less children of the state we leave to the good heartedness of the neighbors and socities.

There are various institutions of a religious character, and those that are nondenominational that endeavor to take care of the homeless children, and they are doing a great and noble work, but there is a class, and there are circumstances where these institutions, good as they and with their facilities, do not fill the need. And why should the state of Iowa depend upon private support for the care of its children? Is the state not large enough and wealthy enough to care for its own?

ROBBERS GET $3,500 FROM WILLIAMS BANK

Experts blew the safe at the First National bank at Williams at 2:00 o'clock in the morning last Tuesday and got away with $3,500 in coin and currency.

The missed a sum of equal amount that was in the safe. No attempt was made to blow the vault open.

The explosion was heard by one of the citizens who lives next door to the bank and he gave the alarm. The robbers fled, the citizen stating that he saw three of them, and it is supposed there was another of the gang who was waiting with the automobile, altho the car was not seen.

The thieves gained an entrance to the bank thru a back window, which they pried open. While waiting for the explosion they broke open the front door and escaped that way.

The robbers made sure to cut all the telephone and telegraph wires to the town before they blew the safe. The loss was fully covered by insurance carried by the bank.

CLIPPINGS

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The city council decided by a vote of 5 to 1 that the ordinance prohibiting Sunday baseball should be repealed at their meeting Monday night. A committee of business men and others interested visited the council chambers and asked that the ban on Sunday baseball be removed. It was objected to by one member of the council, that they did not see their way clear to lock up a public park on Sunday and charge admission. Those backing the Sunday baseball idea proposed to construct new gates for those wanting to attend the ball game and allow free access to other portions of the park for picnic parties and other forms of recreation. —Eagle Grove Eagle.

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Miss Viva Rourk spent the latter part of last week here with home folks. Monday, in company with six young ladies from Belmond, she went to Cedar Falls where they will attend summer school. Miss Viva has been rehired to teach at Belmond next year.—Kanawha Reporter.

L. A. Champlin has accepted a position as cook at the Commercial cafe at Belle Plaine, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Champlin expect to soon leave for that place.—Dows Advocate.

Some of the more experienced players praise the Clairmond course. To play over it sequires real skill. And some mighty fine scores are being made. Dr. Steele of Belmond made it in 52. So did Dr. Thornley of Clarion. But Wm. Tyrrell who at one time was amateur champion of Texas, has the best score, having made it in 51. Some of the others expect to do as well before many weeks.—Clarion News.

Mrs. Harry Forristal from Belmond was a Klemme caller Tuesday.—Times.

Mrs. George Coburn of Cornelia was a Klemme visitor Tuesday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiegand from Belmond were visitors here yesterday.—Times.

Cosmos Preftakes was a Belmond visitor Tuesday. He reports a splendid opening business at the new Preftakes candy kitchen at Belmond. "Steve" is the manager of the Belmond place.—Monitor.

Mrs. Henry Thomas went to Belmond last Thursday to attend the high school commencement exercises, a cousin, Agnes Dillon, being a member of the class.—News.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atherton from Belmond were Klemme callers on Monday.—Times.

Mrs. Saatoff from Belmond was a caller in this city Monday.—Times.

Mr. Purdy of Belmond was a business caller here last Thursday.—Times.

MAIL ROBBERY AT C. G. W. DEPOT

Mail Pouch Stolen Wednesday Morning—No Clue Found

The mail box at the south end of the Great Western depot was broken open Wednesday morning and a mail pouch stolen. The pouch was placed in this box by Night Operator Harry Parsons. It came in on No. 12 at 12:39. It was billed for Eagle Grove and it is presumed contained local mail and valuable packages. About 2:15 when Parsons went to the box to place additional mail there off the 2:15 passenger he discovered the staple on the lock had been drawn and the pouch was missing. He immediately notified Marshal Kelling, who was in the waiting room at the time. The train was held several minutes while the train crew searched the blind baggage deck and other places for the robbers but no suspicious characters were found. The railroad officials and special agents were immediately notified and the train proceeded on its way.

On placing the pouch in this box the operator was performing his regular duty. About six o'clock in the morning, Bert Clarke takes the mail to the postoffice.

Whatever loss is sustained will have to be paid by the railroad company as they are responsible for the mail until it is delivered into the hands of some government employee. —Klemme Times.

Evils of Constipation

Perhaps the most serious of the diseases caused by constipation is appendicitis. If you would avoid this dangerous disease, keep your bowels regular. For this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent, easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Tablets 's so mild and gentle that you can hardly realize that it has been produced by a medicine.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL

To Whom It May Concern:

In the Estate of Andrew O. Stockseth, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of May, 1921, there was filed with and opened by the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, a Written instrument purporting to be the

Last Will and Testament

of Andrew O. Stockseth, late of said County, deceased.

And you are further notified that the 5th day of July, 1921, at 1:30 p. m. has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will at my office in the Court House at Clarion, Iowa, at which time any person interested can appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Clarion in said County, this 6th day of June, A. D., 1921.

R. V. GOSLIN,
29-3t Clerk District Court

To the Housewives:

Who like to serve good meals and who like to eat good meals but do not have the time for baking, let me do your baking for you.

Every kind of Home Made Bake Stuffs made in my kitchen and sent direct to you warm from the oven. Phone in orders at any time and in any quantity.

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Picturing the Farmer

What does the farmer look like? Not like the typical stage "hick" who blows out the gas, by heck, when he first visits the city. Not like the movie hero who studies his agriculture in a Los Angeles studio. Not a bit like 'em, says Freeman Tilden in

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What, then, does he look like? Cartoonists and artists want to know—they are drawing him every day and they want to draw him right—so that he will be instantly recognized, so that no one will be offended.

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Frank Snyder was a Clarion visitor Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, He went to see his mother, Mrs. M. Snyder.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph and children visited at the R. L. Robinson home at ows Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shaner and son came Tuesday to visit old friends in Rowan. They have sold their business at Laurens and are taking a summer vacation. They were entertained at the C. W. Fowler home. They left Thursday for Iowa Falls.

C. I. McCallum returned Tuesday to the home of his son, L. A. McCallum, after an extended visit at La-Monte and Edgewood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box asd daughter Blanche visited at the home of Arthur and family at Clarion, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, Mrs. O. E. Ballou and Mrs. J. H. Dix of Hampton visited at the Clint Kercheval home Wednesday.

Frank Snyder is driving a new Ford runabout these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and family motored to Hampton Monday of last week. Their son Raymond had some dental work done.

Last Tuesday morning a delegation of nine ladies from Dows transferred enroute to Fort Dodge to attend a Royal Neighbor convention. Seven were from the Maple Leaf Camp No. 1201 of Dows and two were from Humboldt.

Miss Miriam Wiley of Eagle Grove visited her friend Lillian Azeltne over the week end and attended the Christian Endeavor convention Tuesday.

Miss Laura McCallum spent the week in Clarion at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glen Jennings.

Earl Jacobs of Goodell who got his foot quite badly injured by a horse stepping on it, is reported as much better so he is able to attend to his farm.

Mrs. J. H. Dix of Hampton and Mrs. Grover Moore and daughter of Ida Grove visited with friends in Rowan Tuesday and Wednesday. They returned to Hampton Wednesday.

Miss LaVonne Ballou entertained on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Grove Moore of Ida Grove. The afternoon was spent in talking over old times and was much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. Tom Ross and daughter, Marlidene, Mrs. Howard Box and Mrs. J. F. Howell and daughter, Clara Jane.

Mrs. John Richards has been suffering the past week from a gathering in her ear.

Little Marlidene Ross fell from the auto last week and hurt her face quite badly. Luckily no bones were broken any where.

Arne Skaar and family of Belmond were Rowan shoppers Tuesday.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

On Sunday morning, June 19, the Rev. W. H. Nye will speak on the subject "Life." In the evening he will speak on "The Ladder." Come with your family and invite your friends to spend the day with us.

The Rowan Cong. Sunday school has a Sunday school class for every child and adult in the home. We invite you with your family to attend our church and Sunday school, Sunday mornings and the evening service.

The pep meeting of the Christian Endevors will meet every Sunday evening at 7 p. m. Mid week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00 The Rowan Cong. church will make you feel at home. Come, bring your friends. "Let's go."

The Communion Services will be administered at the First Sunday morning service in the month of July.

The Ladies Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Elsie Allen on Thursday of this week. June 16. A 25 cent supper will be served. Every body invited.

The Junior Endeavors will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The Sunday school class which Mrs. Fred Brooks teaches has changed its name from "Class in the Corner" to the "Frances Williard Class." The Sunday school can look for big things from this little class as they are lively young people and three of the members are owners of medals, two having both silver and gold and one just the silver. On Sunday evening, June 26 this class will give a program at the time of the regular evening service. It will be as follows:

Instrumental—Ruth Emerson.
Prayer—Rev. Nye.
Reading—Laura McCallum.
Duet—Marjorie Brooks, Frances Farren.
Reading—Frances Virden.
Quintette—Clarence Whitten, Marjorie Brooks, Frances Farren, James Kercheval, and Russel Bailey.
Reading—Althea Gunderson.
Quartette—Frances Farren, Marjorie Brooks, Alethea Gunderson and Laura McCallum.
Duet—Stella Emerson, Ruth Emerson.
Reading—Frances Farren.
Collection.
Benediction—Rev. Nye.

Announcement

We have opened a hotel in Rowan and will serve meals, also short orders at all hours and furnish beds. Also have home baking for sale. Prices reasonable.

Rowan Hotel

MR. AND MRS. CHESTER BAILEY

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and children Duane and Loretta Maude spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCallum at Thornton.

Mrs. M. Francomb and daughter, Ione, spent Sunday at the home of her daughter, Flossie, near Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris were Belmond visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and and daufghter and Mrs. Fred Weber and daughter Ruth were Hampton callers Wednesday.

Fred Baltes of Dubuque came Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. L. A. McCallum for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoke came home from Forest City on Saturday to stay. Mr. Hoke has been working on a dredge ditch and Mrs. Hoke has been cooking for the men.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith and family and Lucile Nye were Dows callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Kjar and family and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knuths and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Eson, Sunday of last week.

Big Horseshoe Game

The Horseshoe team of Rowan played the Thompson team Friday, defeating the to the tune of 7-4. Thompson claims the championship of Winnebago county. The ones who played were D. W. Whitten, G. Gunderson, Ed. Azeltine, Ed. Miller, Fred Hackley and John Riker. The others who went to witness the game were A. E. Emerson, F. M. Myers and Charley Ball. The score board showed as follows:

Town	Games Won	Scores	Riners
Rowen	----7	220	17
Thomp.	--4	162	10

The Misses Marjorie and Thelma Brooks and Mrs. Blanche Jennings were Dows callers Monday.

Miss Sunshine Gelvin was in town Friday trying to sell a Redpath chautauqua for this year. The Chautauqua company of Rowan had signed up for a Midland chautauqua to be put on August 1-2-3.

H. H. Barker was a Clarion visitor Sunday.

Ezra Ingraham returned to his home at Swaledale, Sunday after a visit with his son Ollie and family and his sister, Mrs. Mary Braden.

Fred Brooks purchased two new thorobred cows from the Sunnyside Dairy farm at Jackson county, Mo. to add to his herd of dairy cows. They are of fine stock.

Mrs. J. S. Farren and daughter and son spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval.

Pearl Gideon came Tuesday from the country to visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George Liming.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conn and family and Mrs. Kate Conn went to Parkersburg, Sunday, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Conn.

Mrs. Fred Brooks visited her mother at the home of her sister, Ms. Fred Smith in Clarion, Saturday. In the afternoon Mrs. Brooks and son Floyd Hackley and E. McKiney drove over and she returned home with them.

Mrs. Lizzie Brooks visited Saturday at the home of Mrs. Roy Fitz at Clarion.

Kenneth Ballou was a passenger to Clarion, Saturday. He went from Clarion to Dows remaining there until Sunday.

Tennis Match

Thursday afternoon the following people went to Clarion to witness and play a tennis match. Rev. Tomkinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and family, William Rietz, Donald and Duncan Farren. Guy Sheldon and Donald Farren were playing against Dr. St. Clair and his brother when the rain came on and stoped the game. They had played only three games of the set, each man winning his own serve. Clarion had two serves and Rowan one.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCallum and Fred Baltes of Dubuque visited in Clarion, Friday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings. Miss Laura McCallum returned home with them.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church had a business meeting Monday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum. About 16 were present. They elected the following officers for the coming six months.

Pres.—A. O. Pelly.
1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. Willard McCallum,
2nd V. P.—Kathern Harson
3rd V. P.—Mrs. Clarence Lindsey.
4th V. P.—Miss Esther Fowler.
Sec.—Williard McCallum.
Treas.—Mrs. A. O. Pelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Williard McCallum Edgar Mantle and Marjorie Brooks attended the show "A Child for Sale" at Dows, Friday night.

Mrs. Nancy Logan of Des Moines has been visiting at the F. M. Myers home the past two weeks. She will remain for some time longer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Zeiger of Clarion transferred in Rowan, Friday enroute for Garner.

O. F. Braden has been doing mason work at the Joe Simons farm this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett received word from their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Pollard of Twin Falls, Idaho, that she had had ptomaine poisoning from eating an ice cream cone. It was thought for a while she would have inflamatory rheumatism caused from the poison in her system. The last report from her stated that she was getting better but is still quite sick.

The Farmers Union held a meeting in their building Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow went to Traer, Tuesday to stay a week. They expect to leave for their new home in Pomeroy about the 15th of this month. Mr. Snow has bought a barber shop at that place. Rowan will be sorry to lose Mrs. Snow as they have enjoyed having her here the past year but wish her much happiness in her new home.

Miss Dolly Riley returned Tuesday from a 12 weeks normal course at Ellsworth College. She reports a very enjoyable and profitable 12 weeks of training.

Mrs. Tom Ross was a Dows caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval returned on Monday of last week from Webster City where she had been helping care for a cousin Mrs. Wright Letts who was ill.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson and Miss Haven of Dows were Rowan callers between trains Thursday. They were accompanied by a niece Miss Alma Schnore, of Wis. who had been attending school at Dows the past year and was transferring here on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten motored to Des Moines, Tuesday, to attend the Iowa State Bankers association. They came back Wednesday reporting a fine time. Tuesday the ladies were entertained at a garden party, which was given in compliment to the wives of the visiting bankers, at the Clyde Herring home and Wednesday they were entertained at a uncheon at the Harris- Emery tea room.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith and family motored to Goldfield, Wednesday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCutcheon and daughter, Grace, who have been visiting at the Keith home for several days, and returned to their home in Goldfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Turner went to Ft. Dodge, Saturday, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Woodman. They returned home Monday accompanied by their two grandsons.

William and Clara Chase of Belmont were passengers on the C. G. W. Saturday to Grand Junction to visit an aunt.

Mrs. Wm. [illegible] Mrs. Anderson and daughter LaVonne of Thompson visited at [illegible] Clarion, Saturday.

The R[illegible] Harness Shop, owned by J. A. Whitten has a new sign, "Standard Oil of Indiana Service Station" in front of the shop.

The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church held a business meeing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsey, Monday evening, The following officers were eected:

Pres. —Mrs. Hannah Whitten.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Ida Ryder.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Wm. Bingham.
Corres. Sec.—Mrs. Eva Lindsey.
Treas.—Mrs. Etta Carr.

There were 12 present at the meeting. Plans were made for their missionary picnic which will be held June 22 at the old mill dam site.

Mrs. Peterson Hansen went to Iowa Falls Saturday to spend over Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hyde moved Saturday into the Peter Schreck house in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and family were guests at the Ben Hadley home Sunday.

Gen Liming was a Corwith visitor the past few weeks.

Edgar Mantle was a Mason City caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Temple of Burt visited over Sunday at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. D. A. French They were enroute to Des Moines to attend the Shriners session.

The Epworth League had a picnic at the home of Mr. asd Mrs. Toyne on Friday afternoon. Nearly 100 people enjoyed this social time. They met at the M. E. church and went out in cars. Each one furnished sandwiches and one other thing and a fine supper is reported. Quite a number stayed until dark playing volley ball. They gave Mr. and Mrs. Toyne a vote of thanks for a very pleasant afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon Harild and Frances Virden, Mrs. Geo. Pritchett and Ruth Emerson motored to Hampton to meet Miss May Virden and Mildred Azeltine, who were returning from Mt. Vernon where they have been attending college.

Clarence Whitten and Wilbur Utz motored to Hampton, Wednesday to meet Ralph Whitten who was returning from his year's work at Cornell college.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Emerson and family were Sunday guests at the Charles Emerson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son of Thornton spent Sunday at the parental Stevenson home.

J. S. Farren and sons went to Pringhar, Tuesday to visit at the home of Mr. Farren's parents.

Ray Azeltine went to Colorado on Thursday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher visited Sunday in Clarion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hackley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton and family were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Martin

Geo. Aldrich returned from the St. Marys hospital at Rochester Saturday. He had been there for several weeks, having had an operation. He is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peddle of Coulter visited at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitten, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitten and daughter Gladys went to Eldora, Sunday to be at a family picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill and Miss Pearl Mickelson of Clarion and Mrs. Clint Kercheval called at the Fred Kercheval home Sunday evening.

The 14th District Iowa Christian Endeavor Union was held in the Cong. church at Rowan Tuesday, June 7, beginning at 9 a. m. and closing at 8:30 p. m. The young people were very earnest and showed a great deal of interest in the work. This was the best district convention the 14th district has had for several years. There were six towns represented with 28 out of town delegates. The weather was ideal and a great many came in cars. At the morning session Miss Carrie Reynolds of Iowa Falls spoke on "Helps derived by keeping the Christian Endeavor pledge." There were also short talks by the Endeavors on "Things necessary in order to have good prayer meetings" and some of the things suggested were co-operation, prayer to God, not to man, debates on Missionary subjects, making every one, old and young, feel at home the quiet hour of prayer in the home, and variety in the meetings.

The definition given for "Pep" was P for preparation, e for enthusiasm, and p for prayer.

A paper was given by Harold Maffit of Webster City on "Why and how should officers prepare for their work' He took as examples Washington, Lincoln and Dewey and how they prepared for their work. Miss Stella Emerson of Rowan gave a paper on Why and how should committees prepare for work." The delegates were entertained at the homes for dinner and assembled again at 2:00 p. m. at the

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ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

Herman Modderman is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals were Belmand visitors Saturday.

A fine children's day program was rendered at the Methodist church on last Sunday.

The Congregational church will observe children's day next Sunday morning beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling of Belmond were visitors at the Fred Greenfield home last Monday.

Dr. Martin of Latimer was a professional caller here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green were visitors at Hampton last Sunday.

George Latch of LuVerne autoed here last Sunday and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Miss Wilma Foughty spent the week end at the Benson home at Belmond.

Alfred Anderson was a caller at Meservey last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Green and children of Dows visited at the Wm. Siberts home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Douglass of Hampton spent several days last week at the Otto Kieslich home.

Jack Kew of Dows was a visitor in town Friday evening.

Mrs. Kate Starkey was a Latimer visitor a few days last week.

Mrs. L. S. Reed and daughter visited relatives at Belmond last week.

The members of the Reformed church will observe their annual mission feast next Wednesday. All are cordially isvited to attend.

M. D. Latham and Miss Ruth Peters returned home Friday from Chicago where they spent a few days.

Several of the girl friends of Miss Sylvia Arends met at her home last Tuesday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing games after which dainty refreshments were served. All went home reporting a jolly good time.

A. E. Yaw of Iowa Falls was transacting business here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aldinger and children, Miss Wilma Foughty and Miss Marie Blau were callers at Dows Tuesday evening.

Louie Peters and daughter Alice were Hampton visitors last Wednesday

George Pals and daughter Miss Jennie of near Belmond were visitors here last Thursday.

Miss Addie Larsen visited with relatives at Hampton the last of the week.

Geo. S. Yaw of Iowa Falls was a visitor in town last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Class Symens and family were Meservey callers last Monday.

Miss Mae and Alma Greenfield of Willmsburg spent the past week with relatives at this place,

H. C. Yaw of Iowa Falls visited at this place with relatives several days the past week.

Will Siberts was a business caller at the county seat last Friday.

Little Orval Arends the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends had the misfortune of falling while riding a pony last Tuesday and the pony stepped on him, breaking his arm above the elbow. He suffered severe pain for a while, but is getting along nicely now.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Farm Bureau Lawn Party held at the J. F. Henn home last Friday evening was well attended and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The Immanuel church will hold their Annual Mission Feast Wednesday, June 22.

R. E. Armstrong, of Clear Lake has been tuning pianos in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barkema and family were visitors at the C. K. Pals home Sunday last.

Mrs. Emma Standtlander is having some painting done on her farm now occupied by Henry Osten.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brater and family of Meservey were Sunday visitors at the O. D. Jenison home

Mr. and Mrs. Sigard Anderson and family drove to Dows, Saturday, to visit over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frislie.

Mss Vida Jenison left Tuesday for Fort Dodge to be present at the graduation of her cousin, Leona Stark.

Miss Edna Guest and Miss Virgie Jenison are visiting friends at Cambridge, Iowa, this week.

Henry Mennenga, Lambert Pals and Rankie Meinders returned last week from their school duties at Meekin, Illinois.

A Pleasant township farm bureau meeting was held at the Center school house last Friday evening.

Duane Jenison is spending the week with his friend, Bernard Brater, at Meservey.

Mrs. Harold Jenison was called to Humboldt last week to attend the funeral of a cousin who was killed by lightning.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was a visitor here Wednesday.

Robert Haveland of Lake Mills came Friday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Myrtle Scott, who has been a guest at the Wm. Gunsell home the past week, returned to her home at Clarion Saturday.

E. E. Varo, who has been receiving treatments at Olson's hospital at Minneapolis returned home Thursday.

Messrs. Bush, Knudsen and Thompson were busines callers at Garner Thursday.

Miss Lena Kirkberg of Minneapolis came this week for a visit with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Olson and family of Britt were greeting relatives and friends here Sunday.

O. A. Satter returned home Wednesday from a business trip to Ellsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Deibler and daughter Audrey spent Tuesday with relatives and friends at Dows.

Neil Hanson, F. L. Bush and F. N. Knudsen returned home the latter part of this week from Des Moines where they went to attend the bankers convention.

Mr. and Mrs. James Yeakel and children left the latter part of the week for Ames where they will be joined by the Jefferson Yeakel family and they will auto thru to Illinois for a short visit with relatives.

NORWAY TOWNSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kalvig and family visited at his aparental home in Belmond, Sunday.

James Mehl and T. A. Asbe shelled their corn Monday.

Miss Mable Olson, who has been quite ill lately is now improving at this writing.

Iver Iverson was shopping at the county seat Wednesday.

Hans Asbe came up from Eagle Grove, the forepart of the week to look after farm interests.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Else Evens Wednesday afternoon.

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

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church. The meeting opened by a song service and scripture and prayer by Mrs. Ellet of Dows. Miss McPherrin, the state secretary, took quite a time telling of the 34th annual convention at Ottumwa June 17-18-19 and also the 6th world's convention which will be held in New York City July 6-11. She urged anyone who could attend these meetings to do so. In New York a grand parade has been planned in which each state will be in a body in a special uniform.

There were short talks in the afternoon on various subjects. Mr. Hardcaste gave a talk and raised $50 that was needed in the work.

A picnic supper was served in the basement of the church which was greatly enjoyed, the different societies giving their yells and making a regular "pep" meeting.

At the evening session the Rowan choir furnished special music. Rev. Hardcastle led the scripture and prayer. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Cushman of the Cong. church at Iowa Falls. The motto given at this meeting was "The close of this convention should be but the beginning of the effort for bigger and better work and service."

The district officers elected for the coming year are as follows:
Preg.—Raymond Poole, Eagle Grove.
Vice Pres.—O. C. Knoll, Webster City.
Sec.—Maulyn Allshouse, Eagle Grove.
Treas.—Geo. Thompson, Webster City.
Junior Supt.—Mildred Hardcastle, Iowa Falls.
Missionary Supt.—Mrs. O. D. Ellett, Dows.

One of the hardest rains that has visited this community for a long time occured last Thursday, when for a short time it fairly rained in bucketsful. The weather then turned off hot and this week has been a scorcher so for.

ROBINSON'S

Sugar - -	$8.50
Rolled Oats, bulk, 6 pounds for -	25c
Fancy Prunes, per lb.	10c
Extra Fancy Prunes	12½c
Peas, corn, tomatoes per can -	10c
Pears, No. 2½ can -	20c
Apricots, No. 2½ -	20c
Oranges, per doz. -	25

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Is a Good Dairy Feed
$1.10 a cwt or $20.00 a Ton in 100 lb. Bags,
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Belmond, Iowa

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is found in I Thessalonians 5:22

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You need God and His Church needs you even tho it be summer time. You are invited to the the services of the

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Buy now and Save from $10 to $15 on a new

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Our Auto Repair Shop is now open for business in the building on the corner north of Chris Rise's Implement Store. We do repair work on any make of cars. Expert mechanics and prices reasonable.

Tractor Repairing

Why not bring in your Tractor and have it overhauled and repaired ready for the Fall work?

BELMOND WELDING CO.

Located 2 doors north of the Auto Repair Shop, is ready at all times to take care of any and all kinds of Welding. Our prices are lower than the lowest, because we have all the equipment necessary for good work and an expert welder to do the work. Give us a trial.

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Try Our Bread & Rolls

Take a few fresh rolls and a loaf of fresh bread home with you and save the wife many hot hours in the kitchen,

Belmond Bakery
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The Telephone prepares you for the emergency call for the doctor, the fire department, the police.

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Big Clothing, Shoe & Furnishing Sale!

Starts June 17---Ends July 4th

Big Reductions in every Part of this Big Store. Nothing Reserved. Come Early.

MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING

Here you will find extraordinary values in all newest styles and fabrics, made by real tailors of best materials.
Emby clothes have a gold band label on every suit. Its a band which guarantees you all wool and the best tailoring.

One lot of Men's Suits; good patterns - - $12.00
Another lot Young Men's Suits, latest styles, priced at - $24.50
Young Men's Suits, brown or black with pin stripes, the very latest - - $32.50
One big lot of Young Men's Suits at - - $19.00
Young Men's Suits, good quality and beautiful patterns - $27.00
Boy's Suits, good wearing materials, priced from $10 down to - - - $4.50

MEN'S & BOY'S SHOES

You will readily note that these are some wonderful bargains we're offering. Our shoes are all of good quality leather and made to stand severe tests as to durability.

A big value in dark brown Russian Calf - - $2.50
Extra good grade of Russian Calf $10.00 value prided at - $5.00
A combination last in brown calfskin, $8.00 value at only $6.45
Men's Outing Shoes, good values at $2.45, $3.25
A complete line of Boy's Shoes built for hard wear, prices from $2.25 up to $3.85.

You can buy your entire outfit here at prices away below the regular. Hats, caps, neckwear, underwear, hosiery, overalls, shirts, etc. All marked down to the very minimum,

Men's Raincoats, $10 values priced at - - - $4.95
Men's Felt Hats in all shades, special prices $1.95 up to $5.00
Men's cotton hose, brown or black. Special per pair - 9c
Men's Ribbed Underwear, light weight, at only 75c and up to $3.50
Men's Dress Shirts at only $1.25
One lot Men's blue work shirts - - - 55c
Best grade work shirts for men, we're selling them at 89c
Special line of men's trousers af $1.00 up to $7.50

We positively do not carry sample lines or brokerage stock, everything tailor-made.
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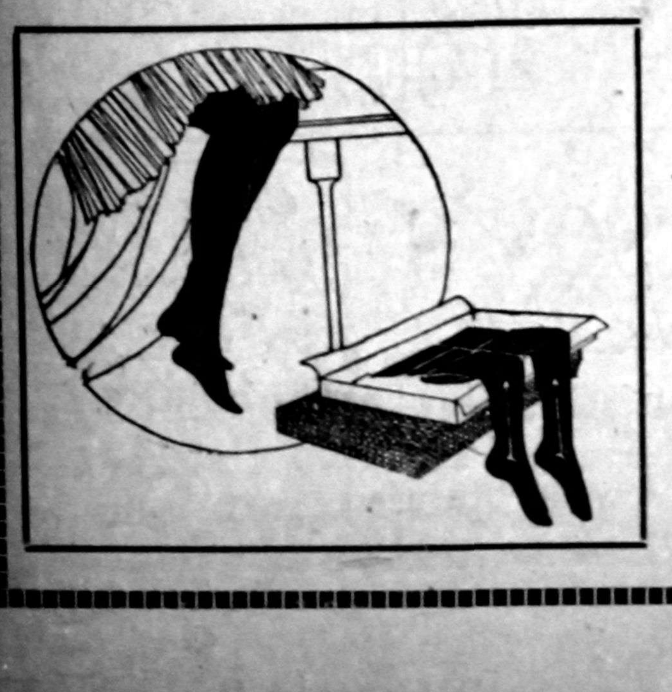

Silk Hose to Match the New Shoe Shades

Perhaps you have experienced some trouble in finding Silk Stockings in certain shades of gray and brown to match your Summer's shoes.

You will find a complete range of colors here in pure thread Silk Hosiery---full fashioned legs and seamless feet, plain and drop stitch patterns.

Mail orders will be filled subject to your satisfaction. In writing specify Humming Bird or Lady June Pure Thread Silk Hose.

$1.50 a pair or $4.35 for a Box of Three Pairs.

SPECIAL LOCALS

Lost—Child's red, hand-knitted wool cap. Please return to Lee W. Stacy, in care of Independent.

—I—

Harry Webb was home this week Tuesday evening for a short visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Webb.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Attend the Legion dance on Friday June 17.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White and baby, Robert Kendall drove to Clear Lake Sunday where they spent the day at the cottage of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White.

—I—

Edmund Groh surprised his parents and his host of friends by coming down from Minneapolis last Friday night for a few days visit.

—I—

Get a Ford Coupe at the Legion dance Friday evening, June 17. A number free with each dance ticket.

—I—

The carnival company holds forth this week to fair sized crowds. Most of the farmers are too busy to come in unless it is necessary.

—I—

A free pair of pants with every order for a new suit.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. South of hotel.

—I—

A letter received from Joe Sampson at Ackley says that a fine new nine pound baby boy arrived at the home of he and his wife on June the 13th., and that everybody concerned is doing nicely.

—I—

Rev. Jensen was in attendance at a convention of his church held at Jewel last week.

—I—

Get a Ford Coupe at the Legion dance Friday evening, June 17. A number free with each dance ticket.

—I—

Mrs. Edge left last week on an extended vacation with her home folks who reside at Scranton, Penn.

—I—

For sale—60 gallon gasolene barrel with faucet.—T. D. Rankins

—I—

Frank McNulty of Goodell was in town last week Friday attending to some business matters.

—I—

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

—I—

Tom Finn and wife came up from Ackley last week to spend a few days with relatives and friends here. He disposed of his Variety store at that place recently. Tom states that the business there is good.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Miss Glda Nelson returned to her work at the Schultz Drug store after a three weeks illness with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore attended the Shriners conclave at Des Moines this week.

—I—

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Willis A. Johnston of St. Paul visited his brother, Howard Johnston, over Sunday. He is attending John Brown college at Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

—I—

Headquarters for Fishing Tackle and the American Kampkook Stove at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Miss Neva Aldrich of Rowan is a guest at the home of her uncle, F. C. Aldrich and her grandmother, Mrs. P. M. Aldrich, for a few days.

—I—

We now have the high test kerosene and gasoline for sale.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Rufus Morse, who is attending the state University at Iowa City, came home to spend the summer vacation Wednesday. Mr. Morse plays in the University band and has been kept busy with it for a couple of weeks.

—I—

Mrs. Elry Purcell went to Marshalltown last week, where she was called by the serious illness of A. L. Purcell, a resident of the Old Soldiers Home at that place. He is reported some better but his recovery is doubtful.

—I—

If you want all the news all the time, read the Independent.

C. M. Morse went to Fort Dodge one day last week on business matters.

—I—

Try our high test kerosene in your oil stove.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Merle Hildebrand came up from Cedar Rapids one day last week to visit relatives and old friends. He is employed at that place.

—I—

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

The Eagle Grove city council by a vote of five to one recently repealed the ordinance against Sunday base ball.

—I—

For the Spring Frys—just arrived a new lot of panacea and louse killer at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Clarion held a meeting last week to organize a base ball team, and it is understood will have one in the field in the near future.

—I—

If you intend to buy a separator or threshing machine, I can sell you anything you need and at the right price.—Christ Rise. 25tfc

—I—

Glen Nihoof, son of Harry Nihoof, arrived last week from Miles, Montana, where he has been living, and will make his home with his father here from now on. He and his father had not seen each other for ten years.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohning spent Sunday at Olaf at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

—I—

Home made lard for sale.—Mrs. A. W. Martin.

—I—

Clara Johnson, Myrtle Hawley and Marjorie Purcell returned home from Morningside College last week for the summer vacation.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

E. F. Bailey was a Hampton caller last week Tuesday on some business matters.

—I—

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

—I—

Little Miss Eleanor Edge is making her home with Dorothy Purcell during the absence of her mother, who is away on an extended visit.

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

Inez Boughton went to Dinsdale on Saturday of last week for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Seth Huntington. From there she went to Iowa City to attend commencement.

—I—

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

Geo. Peterson of Ames was an over Sunday visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. P. J. Peterson. From here he went to Cear Lake to spend a few days outing.

—I—

Miss Jean Hoven, who attends school at Iowa City, came home on Saturday to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs E. G. Miller of this place.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slining are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of a new baby boy, born June 9th.

—I—

Miss Sadie Eckersley came on this week Monday for a visit this summer with her brothers, W. W. and T. A. Her home is at Wellington, Illinois, where she has been teaching.

—I—

The express office at Hayfield was broken into and robbed last Tuesday of about $1,500 in express financial papers. A reward of $100 is up for the arrest of the robbers.

—I—

Miss Mildred Gealow came down from Meservey to spend the week end with the home folks.

—I—

Bert Nelson came home last week from Cedar Rapids, where he has been attending Coe College.

—I—

A number of the Algona people came down Sunday to see the ball game here.

—I—

Geo. Heginger reports that last Saturday night he was called to tow in four auto wrecks from six o'clock to four.

—I—

The Clarion Monitor for this week states that on the 4th of July at their celebration the ball game will be between Belmond and Kanawha.

Next Week's Dance Program AT Lake Cornelia

Tuesday & Friday June 21 and June 24

Our dances are going good now, since the weather has settled a little. Large and enthusiastic crowds are coming out, from the towns all over the county. Everyone is having a good time dancing in this modern dance pavilion, where good order is maintained and the best people are congregating, attracted by the splendid music of one of Iowa's good dance orchestras and the popular prices.

If you haven't visited our pavilion, by all means arrange to attend one of these dances. Your pleasure and comfort is assured.

A Place for Ladies & Gentlemen

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THURSDAY, JUNE 16

"THE IRON RIDER"

A Fox picture featuring

WILLIAM RUSSELL

A dramatic story of stern justice in a lawless town where justice had been burlesqued till the coming of the mysterious, black hooded iron Rider

Also a comedy.

11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

"A RIDING ROMEO"

A Fox picture featuring

TOM MIX

It is a picture full of thrilling stunts and good laughs. Tom Mix wrote the story himself and put in a lot of things he did and saw when he was a cowboy on the plains.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

"WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES"

A Paramount-Artcraft picture featuring

BRYANT WASHBURN

He leitures on the evils of tobacco. Then they caught him sneaking "hootch into a bone-dry town!" An orgy of laughter for all who "take it" and all who "leave it alone."

Also a two-reel comedy.

11c and 25c

MONDAY AND TUESDAY JUNE 20 & 21

"THE WOMAN IN HIS HOUSE"

This is one of the big pictures of the year and is a First National production. It will be accompanied by special music.

15c and 35c

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

THREE THOUSAND ATTEND PICNIC

In spite of the threatening weather conditions which started the day of June 9th, over three thousand Wright county farmers gathered at the fair grounds to enjoy the first county wide farm bureau picnic which has ever been held in Wright county. The amphitheatre was not half large enough to accomodate the enormous crowd which found its way to the county seat. It is estimated that it had not rained in the morning there would probably have been five thousand or more people in attendance.

The Uncertainty of the weather conditions made it impossible to carry out the program according to the schedule as arranged before hand. Most of the picnicers arrived in time for the picnic dinner and the regular program started promptly after dinner. Most families brought a picnic lunch and ate in groups in the grove near the floral hall.

The success of the picnic dinner goes to Mrs. Chas. Conklin, who made several boilerfuls of the most delicious coffee that the picnicers ever set their lips to. Mrs. Conklin surely made a hit with the farmers of Wright county with her coffee which was so pleasing to the palate. The hope was expressed that the farm bureau could secure Mrs. Conklin's services for the next annual picnic.

The musical part of the program which was furnished by the Tri-Star quintette from Dows and by the Lincoln chorus and quartette was a great success. The Dows quintettee rendered a rather unusual sort of program which proved highly pleasing. The Lincoln township farmers are to be congratulated upon having the musical talent which was exhibited at the picnic yesterday. It is rather interesting to know that all music was furnished by farm folks.

The regular program opened in full blast after dinner with a few selections by the Tri-Star quintette which was followed by an address of welcome by Harry Sumners, president of the farm bureau. This was followed by a selection from the Lincoln chorus and a couple selections by the Dows quintette. President Sumners then introduced Paul C. Taff, state club leader, who opened his address with a short talk on farm bureau work in general in which he urged the closest co-operation among the farm bureau constituents. Mr. Taff devoted the most of his time to the discussion of boys' and girls' club work in Wright county. He pointed out the advantages of club work to the individual, to the home and to the community and expressed the hope that the club would be so organized in our home county that it would become a part of the regular farm bureau program. This part of the program was followed by a selection from the Lincoln quartette. This selection was so well appreciated by the entire crowd that the quartette was called back for another number.

The principal address of the day was given by Mr. J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation, who held the attention of his interested listeners for over an hour. Mr. Coupe came to Wright county full of his subject which proved very interesting and instructive to the farmers who have been waiting for an opportunity to hear a man who is in direct touch with the live problems of the farm bureau federation at the present time. Mr. Coupe reviewed briefly some of the great accomplishments of the State and National Farm Bureau federation during the past year and made it quite clear that any man who had contributed his $5.00 for membership in the organization should feel that his money was well spent. In speaking of problems which are confronting the farm bureau federation at the present time he spent considerable time in explaining the referendum vote which was taken in the various townships Friday night, June 10. Mr. Coupe corrected the impression which is going about the country that our National Farm Bureau federation president, Mr. Howard, is receiving a salary for his services between $25,000 and $50,000 per annum. He explaned that Mr. Howard receives a salary of $15,000, no more, no less. The report that Mr. Howard received from $25,00 to $50,000 per year is simply propaganda which is being spread thruout the country by interests which are opposed to the farm bureau organization with the hope of poisoning the farmers' minds against the leaders of their organization.

The Clarion Commercial Club was represented at the farm bureau picnic by a number of business men who passed cigars to the picnic smokers. This expression of kindness from the Commercial Club was appreciated by the farmers.

HOPE TO EQUALIZE LAND TAXES

Representatives of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation will meet with the executive council in July when that body will sit as a board of equalization of land values for purposes of taxation.

In order to have accurate working information for the occasion the federation is conducting a careful, state wide survey to determine present values as compared with those of two years ago when speculation was rampant and prices seeking new levels every day.

Some of the oder counties of the state were not so upset by the ate land boom. Values remained fairly conservative, with taxes in proportion. But in most counties prices soared to the skies, and now with a marked reaction in progress, leaving taxes based upon the maximum figures reached, the problem has become distressing.

The federation officials realize perfectly that an equitable apportionment and distribution, one county with another, is about the hardest thing on earth to accomplish and dependable, first hand data is absolutely necessary if the exevutive council is to act intelligently and with anything approaching fairness to all.

This information the federation proposes to furnish. When completed the survey will show whether the inflation experienced two years ago has been discounted and to what extent; it will show the percentage of bankruptcies resulting from the boom, the proportion of cases where owners have been compelled to take back farms that could not be paid for, and much other information of a similar nature.

FARM BUREAU AT STATE FAIR

Monday, August 29th, will be "Farm Bureau Day" at the state fair. Such was the official announcement by the fair management, cooperating with federation officials, and the program for that day is being shaped with especial regard to the interests and developements of the organization.

So far as the federation's share in the day is concerned, plans for entertainment are not yet sufficiently matured for publication. But they are well under way and will be announced at an early date. Speakers of national prominence will be secured and everything possible will be done to make the occasion a noteworthy one. The state fair management will erect a big tent near the agricultural building, which is centrally located and in which the federation will maintain headquarters thruout the fair and provide a band for the day.

In this connection it might also be stated that the fair management has set aside a large tract in the most desireable part of the camp grounds for the use of the farm bureau members, in order that all who belong to the organization may be together. It is not only convenient to the tent, where the big meetings will be held but to all other attractions of interest.

BANKERS AND FARMERS HOLD MEETING

What was undoubtedly the most noteworthy and important meeting of the kind ever held in the middle west took place in Des Moines, June 7th. The occasion was the banker-farmer conference arranged for the opening session of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Iowa State Bankers' association. Noteworthy in the attendance and interest displayed, and important because it indicates the new order of harmony and co-operation that is developing in Iowa between banking interests and the agricultural industry.

More than two thousand Iowa bankers and farmers attended, packing the Orpheum theatre from cellar to garret and from bald-head row to the outer entrances. Interest in the proceedings was intense, enthusiasm high, harmony in evidence at every turn, and confidence in Iowa and Iowa institutions 100 per cent strong.

Farm credits constituted the principal theme of discussion along with kindred complications of transportation and marketing. Speakers on both sides were agreed on the necessity of a more adequate and satisfactory system for financing farming operations than now prevails.

Mr. Heath presented some interesting information covering the rules functions and operation of Federal Reserve banks. Mr. Andrews paid a glowing tribute to the work and influence of the farm bureau federation and expressed himself in favor of bringing order and agricultural prosperity out of existing conditions.

President Hunt also touched on the question of credits, demanding "a system that will distinguish between credit for speculation and credit for legitimate business." Mr. Howard's remarks dealt with the purchasing power of the agricultural citizenry of the country and its influence upon other lines of business Mr. Harding went into the details of the Federal Reserve banking system, explaining its connection with the business machinery of the nation and the part it played in carrying the country's business thru the most critical time in its history.

Secretary Cunningham voiced his objections to arbitray rules for apportioning credit to a state or community without regard to its needs and resources. He emphasized the importance of community efficiency, favored the use of local money for financing local enterprise, urged economy by all, and expressed his unbounded faith in Iowa's solvency and ability to pay all outstanding obligations 100 cents on the dollar.

GARNER PLACING CONCRETE MARKERS AT STREET CORNERS

Garner Signal: The city council have had markers placed at the most prominent corners on Main street in the business district. Cement bases have been built with the intention of later placing posts in them with some kind of a marker at the top. Traffic is supposed to keep to the right of these markers and thus avoid the danger of autos colliding. If people will keep their cars where they belong and drive at a moderate rate of speed fewer accidents will occur.

The idea of solid, permanent markers is a good one, and worthy of serious thought. Why not have such permanent markers on the intersections in Belmond? They would not be pushed over, at any rate, nor bent over towards Jones if struck by a car. And they would be something which the careless driver would be careful to miss.

HEAD OF MATCH SETS FIRE TO AUTOMOBILE

Corwith Hustler: James Money came in on the night train a few nights ago and went to the Ford garage to get his car to ride home in. He struck a match to light a cigar, the head of the match flew off and ignited the gas under the Hatterscheid Brother's runabout. The fire also caught in one of the big wooden upright supports and burnt off the hose from the pressure tank. Mr. Money, by quick work, ran the car out of the garage and then turned the water on the fire inside, quenched it, then put the fire out in the car. The damage was slight.

FIND GOLD AT IOWA TOWN

Gold has been found on a farm near Grattinger, so it is reported here and it has caused a great deal of excitment in that neighborhood. The find is located in a gravel bed on a farm owned by a Mr. Smith, as near as we can learn. Samples have been sent away to be assayed and is reported that the gold run about $25 worth to the ton. Samples of gravel are now in the hands of the Iowa State College for another assay.—Ringsted Dispatch.

KLEMME CEMENT WORKS GET BIG CONTRACT

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A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

"But that's the only way out," the Doctor insisted, "and we knowing ones would have to call you 'Sordid Abe.'"

"There's a hidden Abe and you haven't got acquainted with him yet," Kelso interposed. "We have all caught a glimpse of him tonight. He's the Abe that loves honor and justice and humanity and their great temple of freedom that is growing up here in the new world. He loves them better than fame or fortune or life itself. I think it must have been that Abe whose voice sounded like a trumpet just now and who sent you off to Mrs. Peters with the money. You haven't the chance to know him that we have. Some day you two will get acquainted."

At this moment there was a loud rap on the door. Mr. Kelso opened it and said: "Hello, Eli! Come in."

A hairy-faced, bow-legged man, bent under a great pack, partly covered with bed ticking, stood in the doorway.

"Hello, Mr. Kelso," the bearded man answered. "The poor vandering Jew has gome back ag'in—hey? I tink I haf to take de hump off my back before I gits in."

Staggering beneath his load he let it down to the ground.

"Bring in your Trojan horse and mind you do not let out its four and twenty warriors until morning. I'll have some bread and milk for you in a minute. Gentlemen, this is my friend Eli—a wandering pioneer of trade."

"I haf a vonderful line o' goods—vonderful! vonderful!" said Eli, gesturing with both hands.

"First supper—then open your Trojan horse," said Kelso.

"First I must show my goods," Eli insisted, "an' I'll bet you take dem all—everyt'ing vat I have in dot pack an' you pay my price an' you t'ank me an' say 'Eli, vat you have to drink?'"

"I'll bet you four bits I don't," said Kelso.

"You are my frient; I vould not take your money like dot so easy. No! It vould not be right. These are Scotch goods, gentlemen—so rare an' beautiful—not'ing like dem in de world."

He began to undo his pack while the little company stood around him.

"Gentlemen, you can see but you cannot buy. Only my frient can have dem goods," he went on glibly as he removed the cover of the pack.

Suddenly there was a lively stir in it. To the amazement of all a beautiful girl threw aside the ticking and leaped out of the large wicker basket it had covered. With a merry laugh she threw her arms around Jack Kelso's neck and kissed him.

The men clapped their hands in noisy merriment.

"That's like Bim, isn't it?" said the Doctor.

"Exactly!" Abe exclaimed.

"I stop at David Barney's an' dere she took de goods out o' my pack an' fix up dis job lot fer you," said Eli with a laugh.

"A real surprise party!" the girl exclaimed.

She was a small-sized girl, nearing sixteen, with red cheeks and hazel eyes and blonde hair that fell in curls upon her shoulders.

"Mr. Traylor, this is my daughter Bim," said Kelso. "She is skilled in the art of producing astonishment."

"She must have heard of that handsome boy at the tavern and got in a hurry to come home," said the Doctor.

"Ann Rutledge says that he is a right purty boy," the girl laughed as she brushed her curls aside

CHAPTER IV.

Which Presents Other Log-Cabin Folk and the First Steps in the Making of a New Home and Certain Capacities and Incapacities of Abe.

Next morning at daylight two parties went out in the woods to cut timber for the home of the newcomers. In one party were Harry Needles carrying two axes and a well-filled luncheon pail; Samson with a saw in his hand and the boy Joe on his back; Abe with a saw and ax and a small jug of root beer and a book tied in a big red handkerchief and slung around his neck. When they reached the woods Abe cut a pole for the small boy and carried him on his shoulder to the creek and said:

"Now you sit down here and keep order in this little frog city. If you hear a frog say anything improper you fetch him a whack. Don't allow any nonsense. We'll make you mayor of Frog City."

The men fell to with axes and saws while Harry limbed the logs and looked after the mayor. Their huge muscles flung the sharp axes into the timber and gnawed through it with the saw. Many big trees fell before noon time when they stopped for luncheon. While they were eating Abe said:

"I reckon we better saw out a few boards this afternoon. Need 'em for the doors. We'll tote a couple of logs up on the side o' that knoll, put 'em on skids an' whip 'em up into boards with the saw."

Samson took hold of the middle of one of the logs and raised it from the ground.

"I guess we can carry 'em," he said.

"Can ye shoulder it?" Abe asked.

"Easy," said Samson as he raised an end of the log, stepped beneath it and, resting its weight on his back, soon got his shoulder near its center and swung it clear of the ground and walked with it to the knollside where he let it fall with a resounding thump that shook the ground. Abe stopped eating and watched every move in this

Watched Every Move in This Remarkable Performance.

remarkable performance. The ease with which the big Vermonter had so defied the law of gravitation with that unwieldy stick amazed him.

"That thing'll weigh from seven to eight hundred pounds," said he. "I reckon you're the stoutest man in this part o' the state an' I'm quite a man myself. I've lifted a barrel o' whisky and put my mouth to the bung hole. I never drink it.

"Say," he added as he sat down and began eating a doughnut. "If you ever hit anybody take a sledge hammer or a crowbar. It wouldn't be decent to use your fist."

They hewed a flat surface on opposite sides of the log which Samson had carried and peeled it and raised its lower end on a cross timber. Then they marked it with a chalk line and sliced it into inch boards with a whip saw, Abe standing on top of the log and Samson beneath it. Suddenly the saw stopped. A clear, beautiful voice flung the music of "Sweet Nightingale" into the timbered hollow. It halted the workers and set the woodland ringing. The men stood silent like those hearing a benediction. The singing ceased. Still they listened for half a moment. It was as if a spirit had passed and touched them.

"It's Bim—the little vixen!" said Abe tenderly. "She's an odd child and as pretty as a spotted fawn, and about as wild. She's a kind of a first cousin to the bobolink."

When they were getting ready to go home that afternoon Joe got into a great hurry to see his mother. It seemed to him that ages had elapsed since he had seen her—a conviction which led to noisy tears.

Abe knelt before him and comforted the boy. Then he wrapped him in his jacket and swung him in the air and started for home with Joe astride his neck.

Samson says in his diary: "His tender play with the little lad gave me another look at the man Lincoln."

"Some one proposed once that we should call that stream the Minnehaha," said Abe as he walked along. "After this Joe and I are going to call it the Minneboohoo."

The women of the little village had met at a quilting party at ten o'clock with Mrs. Martin Waddell. There Sarah had had a seat at the frame and heard all the gossip of the countryside. The nimble-fingered Ann Rutledge—a daughter of the tavern folk—had sat beside her. Ann was a slender, good-looking girl of seventeen with blue eyes and a rich crown of auburn hair and a fair skin well browned by the sunlight. She was the most dexterous needle worker in New Salem.

John McNeil, whom the Traylors had met on the road near Niagara Falls and who had shared their camp with them, arrived on the stage that evening. He was dressed in a new butternut suit and clean linen and looked very handsome. Samson writes that he resembled the pictures of Robert Emmet. With fine, dark eyes, a smooth skin, well-moulded features and black hair neatly brushed on a shapely head he was not at all like the rugged Abe. In a low tone and very modestly, with a slight brogue on his tongue he told of his adventures on the long shore road to Michigan. Ann sat listening and looking into his face as he talked. Abe came in, soon after eight o'clock, and was introduced to the stranger. All noted the contrast between the two young men as they greeted each other. Abe sat down for a few minutes and looked sadly into the fire but said nothing. He rose presently, excused himself and went away.

The logs for the new house were ready two days after the cutting began. Martin Waddell and Samuel Hill sent teams to haul them. John Cameron and Peter Lukins had brought the window sash and some clapboards from Beardstown in a small flatboat. Then came the day of the raising—a clear, warm day early in September. All the men from the village and the near farms gathered to help make a home for the newcomers. Samson and Jack Kelso went out for a hunt after the cutting and brought in a fat buck and many grouse for the bee dinner, to which every woman of the neighborhood made a contribution of cake or pie or cookies or doughnuts.

"What will be my part?" Samson had inquired of Kelso.

"Nothing but a jug of whisky and a kind word and a house warming," Kelso had answered.

They notched and bored the logs and made pins to bind them and cut those that were to go around the fireplace and window spaces. Strong, willing and well-trained hands hewed and fitted the logs together. Alexander Ferguson lined the fireplace with a curious mortar made of clay in which he mixed grass for a binder. This mortar he rolled into layers called "cats," each eight inches long and three inches thick. Then he laid them against the logs and held them in place with a woven network of stocks. The first fire—a slow one—baked the clay into a rigid stone-like sheath inside the logs and presently the sticks were burned away. The women had cooked the meats by an open fire and spread the dinner on a table of rough boards resting on poles set in crotches. At noon one of them sounded a conch shell. Then with shouts of joy the men hurried to the fireside and for a moment there was a great spluttering over the wash basins. Before they ate, every man except Abe and Samson "took a pull at the jug—long or short"—to quote a phrase of the time.

It was a cheerful company that sat down upon the grass around the table with loaded plates. Their food had its extra seasoning of merry jests and loud laughter. Sarah was a little shocked at the forthright directness of their eating, no knives or forks or napkins being needed in that process. Having eaten, washed and packed away their dishes the women went home at two. Before they had gone Samson's ears caught a thunder of horses' feet in the distance. Looking in its direction he saw a cloud of dust in the road and a band of horsemen riding toward them at full speed. Abe came to him and said:

"I see the boys from Clary's Grove are coming. If they get mean, let me deal with 'em. It's my responsibility. I wouldn't wonder if they had some of Offut's whisky with them."

The boys arrived in a cloud of dust and a chorus of Indian whoops and dismounted and hobbled their horses. They came toward the workers, led by burly Jack Armstrong, a stalwart, hard-faced blacksmith of about twenty-two with broad, heavy shoulders, whose name has gone into history. They had been drinking some but no one of them was in the least degree off his balance. They scuffled around the jug for a moment in perfect good nature and then Abe and Mrs. Waddell provided them with the best remnants of the dinner. They were rather noisy. Soon they went up on the roof to help with the rafters and the clapboarding. They worked well a few minutes and suddenly they came scrambling down for another pull at the jug. They were out for a spree and Abe knew it and knew further that they had reached the limit of discretion.

"Boys, there are ladies here and we've got to be careful," he said. "Le's stick to the job till four o'clock. Then we'll knock off for refreshments."

The young revelers gathered in a group and began to whisper together. Samson writes that it became evident then they were going to make trouble and says:

"We had left the children at Rutledge's in the care of Ann. I went to Sarah and told her she had better go on and see if they were all right.

"'Don't you get in any fight,' she said, which shows that the women knew what was in the air.

"Sarah led the way and the others followed her."

Those big, brawny fellows from the Grove when they got merry were looking always for a chance to get mad at some man and turn him into a plaything. A chance had come to get mad and they were going to make the most of it. They began to growl with resentment. Some were wigging their leader, Jack Armstrong, to fight Abe. One of them ran to his horse and brought a bottle from his saddle bag. It began passing from mouth to mouth. Jack Armstrong got the bottle before it was half emptied, drained it and flung it high in the air. Another called him a hog and grappled him around the waist and there was a desperate struggle which ended quickly. Armstrong got a hold on the neck of his assailant and choked him until he let go. This was not enough for the sturdy bully of Clary's Grove. He seized his follower and flung him so roughly on the ground that the latter lay for a moment stunned. Armstrong had got his blood warm and was now ready for action. With a wild whoop he threw off his coat, unbuttoned his right shirtsleeve and rolled it to the shoulder and declared in a loud voice, as he swung his arm in the air, that he could "out jump, out hop, out run, throw down, drag out an' lick any man in New Salem."

In a letter to his father Samson writes:

"Abe was working at my elbow. I saw him drop his hammer and get up and make for the ladder. I knew something was going to happen and I followed him. In a minute everyone was off the roof and out of the building. I guess they knew what was coming. The big lad stood there swinging his arm and yelling like an Injun. It was a big arm and muscled and corded up some, but I guess if I'd shoved the calico off mine and held it up he'd a pulled down his sleeve. I didn't know just how good a man Abe was and I was kind o' scairt for a minute. I never found it so hard work to do nothin' as I did then. Honest, my hands kind o' ached. I wanted to go an' cuff that feller's ears an' grab hold o' him an' toss him over the ridge pole. Abe went right up to him an' said:

"'Jack, you ain't half so bad or half so cordy as ye think ye are. You say you can throw down any man here. I reckon I'll have to show ye that you're mistaken. I'll rassle with ye. We're friends an' we won't talk about lickin' each other. Le's have a friendly rassle.'

"In a second the two men were locked together. Armstrong had lunged at Abe with a yell. There was no friendship in the way he took hold. He was going to do all the damage he could in any way he could. Half drunk, Jack is a man who would bite your ear off. It was no rassle; it was a fight. Abe moved like lightning. He acted awful limber an' well greased. In a second he had got hold of the feller's neck with his big right hand and hooked his left into the cloth on his hip. In that way he held him off and shook him as you've seen our dog shake a woodchuck. Abe's blood was hot. If the whole crowd had piled on him I guess he would have come out all right, for when he's roused there's something in Abe more than bones and muscles. I suppose it's what I feel when he speaks a piece. It's a kind of lightning. I guess it's what our minister used to call the power of the spirit.

"A friend of the bully jumped in and tried to trip Abe. Harry Needles stood beside me. Before I could move he dashed forward and hit that feller in the middle of his forehead and knocked him flat. Harry had hit Bap McNoll, the cock fighter. I got up next to the kettle then and took the scum off it. Fetched one of them devils a slap with the side of my hand that took the skin off his face and rolled him over and over. When I looked again Armstrong was going limp. His mouth was open and his tongue out. With one hand fastened to his right leg and the other on the nape of his neck Abe lifted him at arm's length and gave him a toss in the air. Armstrong fell about ten feet from where Abe stood and lay there for a minute. The fight was all out of him and he was kind of dazed and sick. Abe stood up like a giant and his face looked awful solemn.

"'Boys, if there's any more o' you that want trouble you can have some off the same piece,' he said.

"They hung their heads and not one of them made a move or said a word. Abe went to Armstrong and helped him up.

"'Jack, I'm sorry that I had to hurt you,' he said. 'You get on to your horse and go home.'

"'Abe, you're a better man than me,' said the bully, as he offered his hand to Abe. 'I'll do anything you say.'"

So the Clary's Grove gang was conquered. They were to make more trouble but not again were they to imperil the foundations of law and order in the little community of New Salem. As they were starting away Bap McNoil turned to Harry Needles and shouted: "I'll git even with you yet—you slab-sided son of a dog."

That is not exactly what he said but it is near enough.

CHAPTER V.

In Which the Character of Bim Kelso Flashes Out in a Strange Adventure That Begins the Weaving of a Long Thread of Romance.

The shell of the cabin was finished that day. Its puncheon floor was in place but its upper floor was to be laid when the boards were ready. Its two doors were yet to be made and hung, its five windows to be fitted and made fast, its walls to be chinked with clay mortar. Samson and Harry stayed that evening after the rest were gone, smoothing the puncheon floor. They made a few nails at the forge after supper and went over to Abe's store about nine. Two of the Clary's Grove gang who had tarried in the village sat in the gloom of its little veranda apparently asleep. Doctor Allen, Jack Kelso, Alexander Ferguson and Martin Waddell were sitting by its fireside while Abe sat on the counter with his legs hanging off.

"I'm sorry we had to have trouble," Samson remarked. "It's the only spot on the day. I'll never forget the kindness of the people of New Salem."

"The raising bee is a most significant thing," said Kelso. "Democracy tends to universal friendship—each works for the crowd and the crowd for each, and there are no favorites. Every community is like the thousand friends of Thebes. Most of its units stand together for the common good—for justice, law and honor. The schools are spinning strands of democracy out of all this European wool. Railroads are to pick them up and weave them into one great fabric. By and by we shall see the ten million friends of America standing together as did the thousand friends of Thebes."

"It's a great thought," said Abe.

"No man can estimate the size of that mighty phalanx of friendship all trained in one school," Kelso went on. "Two years ago the Encyclopedia Britannica figured that the population of the United States in 1905 would be 168,000,000 people, and in 1966, 672,000,000. Wealth, power, science, literature, all follow in the train of light and numbers. The causes which moved the sceptre of civilization from the Euphrates to western Europe will carry it from the latter to the new world."

"They say that electricity and the development of the steam engine are going to make all men think alike," said Abe. "If that's so democracy and liberty will spread over the earth. I reckon we are near the greatest years in history. It is a privilege to be alive."

"And young," Doctor Allen added.

"Young! What a God's blessed thing is that!" said Kelso. "Abe, have ye learned 'The Cotter's Saturday Night'?"

"Not yet. It's a heavy hog to hold, but I'll get a grip on an ear and a hind leg and lift it out o' the pen before long. You see."

"Don't fail to do that. It will be a help and joy to ye."

"Old Kirkham is a hard master," said Abe. "I hear his bell ringing every time I get a minute's leisure. I'm nigh through with him. Now I want to study rhetoric."

"Only schoolmasters study rhetoric," Kelso declared. "A real poet or a real orator is born with all the rhetoric he needs. Rhetoric is a steed for a light load under the saddle, but he's too warm blooded for the harness. He was for the day of the plumed knight—not for these times. No man of sense would use a prancing horse on a plow or a stone boat. A good plow horse is a beautiful thing. The play of his muscles, the power of his stride are poetry to me, but when he tries to put on style he is ridiculous. That suggests what rhetoric is apt to do to the untrained intellect. If you've anything to say or write, head straight across the field and keep your eye on the furrow."

In the last diary of Samson Henry Traylor is this entry:

"I went to Gettysburg with the President today and sat near him when he spoke. Mr. Everett addressed the crowd for an hour or so. As Kelso would say 'He rode the prancing steed of Rhetoric.' My old friend went straight across the field. When he finished, the field, plowed and harrowed and fertilized by war, had been sowed for all time. The spring's work was done and well done."

At a quarter of ten the doctor rose and said:

"We're keeping Abe from his sleep and wearing the night away with philosophy. I'm going home."

"I came over to see if you could find a man to help me tomorrow," Samson said to Abe. "Harry is going over to do the chinking alone. I want a man to help me on the whipsaw while I cut some boards for the upper flooring."

"I'll help you myself," Abe proposed. "I reckon I'll close the store tomorrow unless Jack will tend it."

"You can count on me," said Jack. "I'm short of sleep anyhow and a day of rest will do me good."

Abe went with his friends to the door beyond which the two boys from Clary's Grove sat as if sound asleep. It is probable, however, that they had heard what Samson had said to Abe.

Next morning Abe and Samson set out for the woods soon after daylight.

"I like that boy Harry," said Abe. "I reckon he's got good stuff in him. The way he landed on Bap McNoll was a caution. I like to see a feller come right up to the scratch, without an invitation just in the nick o' time, as he did. That boy is a likely young colt—strong and limber and well put together and broad between the eyes."

"An' gentle as a kitten," Samson added. "There never was a better face on a boy or a better heart behind it. We like him."

"Yes, sir. He's a well topped young tree—straight and sound and good timber. Looks as if that little girl o' Jack's was terribly took up with him. I don't wonder."

"What kind of a girl is she?" Samson asked.

"Awful shy since the arrow hit her. She don't know what it means yet. She'll get used to that, I reckon. She's a good girl and smart as a steel trap."

Harry Needles went whistling up the road toward the new house with sickle, hoe and trowel. As he passed the Kelso cabin he whistled the tune of "Sweet Nightingale." It had haunted his mind since he had heard it in the woods. He whistled as loudly as ever he could and looked at the windows. Before he had passed, Bim's face looked out at him with a smile and her hand flickered back of the panes and he waved his to her. His heart beat fast as he hurried along.

"I'm not so very young," he said to himself. "I wish I hadn't put on these old clothes. Mrs. Traylor is an awful nice woman but she's determined to make me look like a plow horse. I don't see why she couldn't let me wear decent clothes."

Sarah had enjoyed mothering the boy. His health had returned. His cheeks were ruddy, his dark eyes clear and bright, his tall form erect and sturdy.

He had helped Alexander Ferguson with the making of the fireplace and knew how to mix the mortar. He worked with a will, for his heart was in the new home. It was a fine September morning. The far reaches of the great, grassy plain were dimmed with haze. It was a vast, flowery wilderness, waving and murmuring in the breeze like an ocean. How long those acres, sown by the winds of heaven, had waited for the plowman now arrived!

Harry felt the beauty of the scene but saw and enjoyed more the face of Bim Kelso as he worked and planned his own house—no cabin, but a mansion like that of Judge Harper in the village near his old home. He had filled every crevice in the rear wall and was working on the front when he heard the thunder of running horses and saw figures, dim in a cloud of dust, flying up the road again. He thought of the threat of Bap McNoll. It occurred to him that he would be in a bad way alone with those ruffians if they were coming for revenge. He thought of running toward the grove, which was a few rods from the rear door of the house and hiding there. He couldn't bear to run. Bim and all the rest of them would hear of it. So with the sickle in his right hand he stood waiting inside the house and hoping they wouldn't stop. They rode up to the door and dismounted quietly and hobbled their horses. There were five of them who crowded into the cabin with McNoll in the lead.

"Now, you young rooster, you're goin' to git what's comin' to you," he growled.

The boy faced them bravely and warned them away with his sickle. They were prepared for such emergencies. One of them drew a bag of bird shot from his pocket and hurled it at Harry's head. It hit him full in the face and he staggered against the wall stunned by the blow. They rushed upon the boy and disarmed and bore him to the floor. For a little time he knew not what was passing. When he came to, his hands and feet were tied and the men stood near cursing and laughing, while their leader, McNoll, was draining a bottle. Suddenly he heard a voice trembling with excitement and wet with tears saying:

"You go 'way from here or I'll kill you dead. So help me God I'll kill

He Staggered Against the Wall.

you. If one o' you touches him he's goin' to die."

He saw Bim Kelso at the window with her gun leveled at the head of McNoll. Her face was red with anger. Her eyes glowed. As he looked a tear welled from one of them and trailed down the scarlet surface of her cheek. McNoll turned without a word and walked sulkily out of the back door. The others crowded after him. They ran as soon as they had got out of the door. She left the window. In a moment the young men were galloping away.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy were among the local people who attended the Shriners doings this week at Des Moines.

The Bible story contest will be held this week at Corwith. Two contestants from here will be in the contest, Mildred Stapley and Mildred Bayless.

Paul Pierce of Minneapolis came down last week to visit his mother Mrs. Daisy Pierce over the week end.

Mrs. Clyde Jennings left Thursday of last week for Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, where she will spend a few weeks visiting at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Hal Nourse and two sons left Thursday for Fox Lake, Wisconsin, to visit relatives.

Miss Blanche Baker and Miss Nettie Benson spent the greater part of the week at the home of their friend, Mrs Clarence Scott.

Dr. Steele was a professional caller at Alexander several times last week.

Wallace Ramsay went to Des Moines last week to spend the week end at the home of his brother.

The guessing contest at the Schultz rug store aroused quite a bit of interest. Loretta Delaney won the first prize, a green gold mesh bag, with a guess of 846, and Mrs. Glen Baker took second place with the guess of 821. The second prize was a green gold vanity case. The number of hair nets on display was 836.

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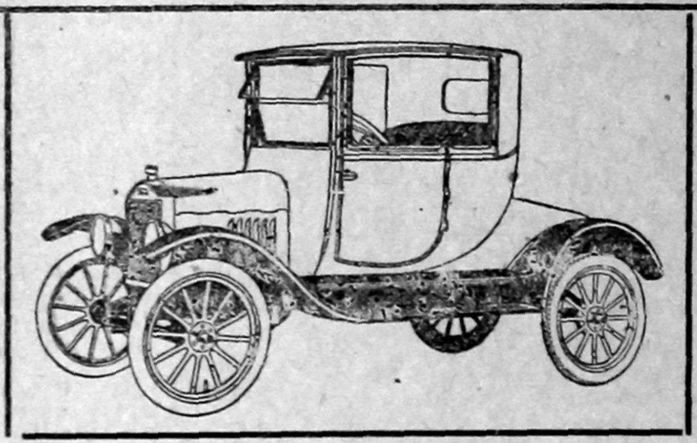

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American Legion

OF BELMOND

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BELMOND, IOWA

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Annual Community Club Picnic Held Tomorrow

Belmond Settles Ancient Fued With Kanawha

Take First Game From Eenemy In Grueling Contest After Kanawha Has 5 To 0 Lead.

KANAWHA HATES TO LOSE IT

In a wild and exciting game, Sunday, at Twin Lakes, Belmond evened up the old score between Kanawha and this town in the base ball line by trimming the Kanawhaites to the sweet-sounding tune of 6 to 5.

The game was red hot from the very start, as was expected, and was featured by two things: the beefing and rag-chewing of the Kanawha team and fans, and the persistant determination of the Belmond team to win.

Thru an error on Belmond's part, Kanawha was presented with a three run lead in the first inning. With one down, the ball was fumbled when it should have been a double play, and with two on, a lucky homer gave the Kanawha team the lead.

Further errors gave two more runs in the next few innings, making the the heart-sick score of 5 to 0 for Kanawha.

That was an awful lead to overcome but the home boys kept everlastingly at it, and, playing better ball as they went along, got to the mighty Yepson and pounded in three runs in the seventh inning.

After that the Kanawha team sort of went to pieces, and the boys pushed enough runs across to make the score look somewhat better, 6 to 5, and there it stayed. The heat was intense, and toward the last of the game got the best of the players on both sides and they all slowed down.

Pillmer was given somewhat ragged support at the beginning of the game and had to play it alone for several innings. Belmond was handicaped to a large extent by the absence of Fulton. A catcher from Mason City, Cook, caught a good all round game, but Fulton's familiarity with the pitcher and team work was missed.

Kanawha upheld their reputation for rag chewers and "beefers" at the game, and kicked from start to finish. They were abusive personally to the Belmond players, and roasted the town and team from Adam up. They had no regard whatever for a visitor's rights, climbing on the cars, casting insulting remarks and generally behaving like a bunch of peevish kids. There was a regular Fourth of July jam of people and cars, estimated at around two to three thousand people, and for all the mob there was one lone little Kanawha fellow with a tooth-pick cane to keep order.

In the seventh inning the Kanawha rooters became sore on a decision at the plate which gave Belmond a run, and the crowd poured out on the diamond like waves on a lake, and began chewing the rag and threatening to fight. The fact that there were fully as many Belmond people there as Kanawha seemed to cool their ardor for a mix-up somewhat for they did not seem to fancy the looks of some hundred and fifty husky fans who wanted a square deal.

The lake will be ruined as a resort if Kanawha keeps up the rag chewing they have been doing so far. Everybody was disgusted at the way they acted and many have said that they would never go back there again if there were to expect such treatment.

The day was the formal opening of the lake. A good many took their dinners and the Kanawha band was to give a concert, playing, however, but one or two pieces and there was a large delegation present from the surrounding towns.

The line up of the Belmond team was as follows:

Next Sunday, June 2, the Kanawha team is to play the return game here. They will be accorded a different treatment than the Belmond people were given Sunday, and the city authorities will have extra police on duty to see that there is no repitition of last Sunday's affair here.

OBITUARY

MRS. WM. GALLIGER

Mrs. Jennie Olive Melcher Galliger was born December 1, 1884, at Garner, Iowa, and died at her late home in Belmond, Iowa, June 17th, 1921 at the age of 36 years, six months and 16 days.

She was married in 1903 to William H. Galliger and for a number of years have made their home in Belmond. To them was born one child, Gordon Melcher Galliger, who is nearly four years of age.

Mrs. Galliger was a charter member of the Rebekah lodge at Garner and was affiliated with that organization here. She was a splendid woman, of true christian character, and she made a host of friends dur-suffered for many months and had suffered for many months and had patiently and cheerfully borne her affliction. She was resigned to the call of the Det Angel and was ready to obey her summons.

Besides her husband and little boy, Mrs. Galliger leaves to mourn her decease two brothers, Arthur Melcher of Brandt, South Dakota, and Lewis Melcher of Garner, Iowa, one sister, Mrs. Alice Schram of Parshall, North Dakota and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Brief funeral services were held from the home in Belmond, at 12:00 o'clock Sunday, conucted by Rev. J. H. Edge, and at 2:00 o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal church in Garner. Interment was made in the Garner cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and neighbors and to the Rebekah lodge of Belmond who so kindly assisted us in the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and for the expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks.

W. H. Galliger and Son.

BELMOND ADDS ANOTHER BY BEATING HAMPTON 2 TO 1

Belmond added another game to its list of victories last Thursday, when they trimmed the Hampton team by two to one, in a bitterly fought contest.

Hampton scored first, when a combination of errors let in a run. They held the lead until the l'il' ol' seventh came around, when Belmond pounded in a run, and the next inning added another, cinching the game.

For six innings the game, so far as Belmond was concerned, was a good sample of the way the team played last year; errors, and fumbles and over throws and chances galore to score but no score. From the sixth inning on, however, the boys snapped into it and played real ball, and when they did the Hampton team didn't have a show, for while their team is a good one and before the season is over will be going strong they were not up to Belmond.

The game was even all the way thru, and was interesting, and after the boys got into the harness was somewhat exciting. The Hampton shortstop was the star fielder of the day, accepting nearly everything that came his way and robbing the home boys of several hits.

Not a very large crowd was at the game, but those who were enjoy- a close contest between two good home-town teams. The game was played without any rag chewing, and after the Algona game that seemed pleasant and agreeable. The line up was as follows:

Fulton, c; Pillmer, p; Packard, 1st; Jones, 2nd; Thomas, 3rd; Nelson lf; Dillon, cf; Ray, rf.

In a good clean game the Belmond ball team added another scalp to the ever-increasing list yesterday when they trimmed Hampton 7 to 5. The boys scored three runs in the first frame, and in all gathered 12 hits for about 16 bases. In every branch they outplayed the Hampton team, Pillmer holding the Hampton sluggers to a few scattered hits until the nineth, when he let down the bars and gave them a chance. It a splendid game without any rag-chewing. The Hampton team and fans are a very nice bunch all around.

American Legion Dance Draws Immense Crowd

American Legion Has Immense Time With Large Crowd—Clear About Three Hundred Dollars.

RICH THOMPSON GETS THE CAR

The American Legion dance and raffle Friday evening of last week was most successful, and drew a very large crowd from Belmond and the surrounding towns. The cars began coming to town early in the evening, and were soon parked along Spruce street for blocks in both directions.

In the afternoon the Legion boys had roped off the street on the block from the State Bank to the Case Hotel, and also the street for half a block west and half a block east, and the side streets adjacent thereto for half a block north and south. In the afternoon the fire hose was brought out and the pavement flushed clean in the dancing part of the street, and then liberally covered with corn meal. Seats were constructed on the side walk along both sides of the block. The band stand was placed in front of the Schultz Drug store, and the ticket booth for dance tickets and tickets on the Ford Coupe placed just across the street, in front of the McGuire store. The car to be raffled was placed in the center of the street just beyond the band stand. Arrangements for the affair were carried out very nicely, and the boys are to be complimented on the excellent way in which they had things arranged and the splendid way in which the program went thru.

The band started playing about eight thirty, and the dancing began around nine o'clock. The pavement was soon covered with couples enjoying the dance. The evening was almost ideal, and the immense crowd seemed to enjoy the affair from the start to finish.

About 145 dance tickets were sold and a free ticket given on the car with each dance ticket. There were over eleven hundred tickets on the car when the raffle took place, about eleven o'clock and the crowd was on its toes waiting to see who would be the lucky man.

"276" was the lucky number and was held by Rich Thompson. Rich will never have another car that cost him less money than did this one.

The business establishments which remained open during the evening gave half of their evening's profits to the Legion.

The Legion has not figured up as yet on the expense of the raffle and dance, but they expect to clear around three hundrd dollars on the entire doings.

CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM LLOYD SKOVLIN

The Belmond Business Men's Credit association has issued its first list of doubtful customer to the members of the association. Mr. Skovlin, who is in charge of the affairs of the association, states that any whose names may be on the list, and who by reason of lack of employment are unable to meet their bills, may call at his office in the First National Bank building, and the association will do what it can to secure employment for them and establish a credit. Mr. Skovlin will appreciate the matter if anyone in need of help in the labor line will let him know at his office.

FARM BUREAU MEETING IN BELMOND TOWNSHIP

There will be a meeting of the ladies of the Belmond township farm bureau today at the home of Mrs. Ira Christie, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

All ladies of the township whether they are members of the farm bureau or not, are cordially invited to attend. Bring needlework with you. An enjoyable social time is assured.

HAMPTON AFTER AUTOISTS —MAKE FORTY ARRESTS

Business Men By Dozens Dragged In For Any Old Off-nse—Even Pull The City Cop.

Hampton has been all het up the last week by the wholesale arrests of business men and citizens there on various charges of breaking the automobile laws. The Chronicle last week had the following about it:

Hampton is having its semi-annual epidemic of rounding up auto speeders, no talighters, and all other breakers of the auto triffic laws. There are chronic violators of these laws who are usually allowed to go unmolested for a year or two, and when a new administration comes into power some fellow who breaks the auto law every day himself puts up a great howl about speeders, and then the "lid" is ordered on again. It has been on in Hampton this week.

There is a rule of reason in all things, and while every person ought to obey the laws there is no excuse for rounding up nearly fifty persons, like it has been done in Hampton this week, and arresting them on pure techinal violations of the law. A few miles more or less, is no violation of the law, and it is not considered so. It is the fellow who doubles the speed limit every day who should be looked after. The officers who made the complaint against the nearly fiftfy auto drivers last week violate the law every day they drive an auto in Hampton and so does the mayor of Hampton, and so does the justice of the peace who fines these parties. Why not arrest the fellow who really violates the law, and not the fellow who, within the rule of reason, does not violate it.

A large number of business men were caught in the drag net of the sleuths scattered around town to round up the auto violators. G. C. Ford of the Ford Cleaning Shop was one of the victims. With his wife he was driving home from his place of business Saturday night about 11:00 o'cock. He came down Reeve street and turned west on Fourth. Their baby was lying asleep in the back seat of the car, and was not even awakened by the speed of the car, nor knocked out of the seat when the jitney went over the M. & St. L. Fourth street crossing. One of our leading attorneys was arrested and fined $9.85 because he was driving thru the streets with his dimmer lights on, when the fact is most people will turn out their big lights while going thru town in order to keep the glare from the eyes of the several auto drivers who are usually going thru town in an opposite direction. Things are not as dark with the street lamps on as it is out in the country, and the fellow who turns out his big lights and uses his dimmers is only using the rule of reason. Still we suppose he techically violates the law.

A farmer drives up in front of a store to unload his family, and a case or two of eggs, and he is told to "move on" and carry his eggs a block or two from the side street. There is no sense in that order when the parking law is violated in Hampton every day by its leading citizens. And it will continue to be violated because since the last parking ordinance was passed there are about 1,000 more cars in use and they must be taken care of in some way.

As many of the business men are included in the arrests made during the past week they do not want to make a "holler" because it might appear that it was a peronal grievance with them. Such is not the case, but they do not favor the crusade as being made at this time, and neither does any other business man in Hampton.

Complaint was filed against Marshal Geo. W. Hooker because the number on the rear of his car was obscured from sight. It is just as ridiculous to arrest and fine him on that charge as it was to fine a large majority of those who have been arrested, and in many cases more so, but who is there to say that Mr. Hooker really violated the law? The justice has not decided Mr. Hooker's case yet.

INTERESTING PROGRAM NOW ARRANGED

Splendid Program Of Readings And Address To Be Given—Bullard To Be The Speaker.

BAND TO FURNISH THE MUSIC

Supper To Be At Seven O'Clock—All Members Of Community Club And Their Families.

The program for the anual picnic of the Community Welfare club, which is to be held at the city park on Friday evening of this wkeek, is now completed and will be given as arranged below. The band has consented to play during the evening, and an interesting address will be given by Attorney W. E. Bullard.

The program will be in order as follows:

Supper at 7:00 o'clock.
Music by the band.
Reading by Everel Thompson.
Address by Attorney . W. E Bullard.
Reading by Alberta Pierce.
Reading by Eloise Brooks.
Reading by Elaine Rierson.
Music by the band.

The Dorr pop corn stand will be at the park, to furnish pop corn to those who wish it, and Mr. Dorr will give half of the profits of the evening to the Community club.

Tables and chairs will be on the grounds for supper. The members of the club and all members of their families are invited, and as there are around two hundred members it is expected that a considerab'e crowd will attend the picnic. These annual picnics are always one of the most enjoyable features of the summer season, and those who attend are assured of some good eats and an enjoyable program.

The list of eatables to bring was printed in last week's Independent, but is here repeated for the benefit of any who may have overlooked it:

Enough sandwiches for your own family, and any of the following articles:

Meats, salads, baked beans, pickles, cake and cookies. Ice cream will be served at a nominal charge to those who wish it.

Bring a plate, fork, spoon, cups, and sauce dish.

ALGONA SAYS WE ARE A BUNCH OF THIEVES

The Algona papers last week used a lot of valuable space to read the pedigree of this town and its ball fans clear back to Adam. It was just one long wail of "thief! thief!" But it sounded more like a poor bunch of losers than anything else. They had the game all twisted up, and had evidently been fed a lot of untruths regarding the way the game was won, or rather lost. The Algona papers had their pitcher issuing eight straight strikes in the last of the nineth, which the umpire said were balls, and of course this gave Belmond the game. As a matter of fact the pitcher lost his nerve, giving four balls to the first man up, and the second man bunted. In their excitment the Algona fielders failed to make the play and both of the runners were safe. The third man up hit safely and won the game.

The Independent does not hesitate to brand the whole article in both papers as a fabrication. Belmond has been trimming the country this year and a lot of them are getting peved because their hired teams are unable to beat us. Belmond has won every game honestly and by better playing. When they start to "steal' their games the rest of the country will know it by the way they are "panned" at home.

Miss Mary Foster, stenographer in the State Bank, was called to Britt last week by the funeral of her brother, who was brought back a cemetery in France. He was a member of the 168th regiment, Rainbow division.

FREE AIR!

"The Belmond boys, by the aid of a salaried pitcher and some of the graduates from the Kanawha team, have been winning a number of games but better take a fool's advice and let your wives hold your pocketbooks lest ye get a repetition of the awful disaster of last season. The baseball season is young yet and great may be the fall of the mighty."

So says "Dorg" in his column of remarks more or less brilliant, mostly less, last week in the Kanawha Reporter.

Said column being entitled "Snips and Snarls," and consisting principally of snarls at Belmond.

Now the patience of this column of Air is like unto that of Job, but there be limits to all things and the last straw has been piled on our long-suffering back.

We will now present for your kind consideration, ladies and gentlemen, what is known as the "deadly parallel."

Dorg	Result
The Belmond boys by the aid of *** some of the graduates of the Kanawha team —".	Jack Wolf
Better take a fool's advice and let your wives hold your pocketbooks	The bacon and all the rind.
Great may be the fall of the mighty	Belmond 6 Kanawha 5

For the biggest bunch of beefers, hard losers, poor sports and cheap Johns, the Kanawha ball fans not only take the cake, they hog the whole bakery. And the Reporter appears to be the biggest egg in the basket. We may expect a long-winded spiel from said sheet this week telling at great length but with little breadth how Belmond stole the game, have stolen every game this year and a mess of bunk of a similar nature that will smell to the skies and just like Kanawha.

Because last year they had a horse shoe factory situated in the middle of a 40-acre field of four-leaf clovers infested with rabbits that had nothing but left hind feet Kanawha won a number of games. This year, when their horse shoe factory seems to have been wrecked, they are trying to substitute more beefing and rag chewing to obtain the same results.

Yelling is to be expected at any ball game, sarcastic remarks and advice freely handed out, but when the remarks become personal as Kanawha made them, they indicate a lack of breeding and common sense and decency.

When Kanawha comes to Belmond, they will receive the treatment that any visitor is entitled to, curtesy and accomodation. They will receive the thing that they would not accord Belmond: decent treatment. And if they do not, the Belmond papers, unlike the Reporter, will not uphold their team as the Reporter has been doing.

Even some of the Kanawha people Sunday criticised their own team for the way they acted and the fans of that place for their treatment of visitors. When your own relation refuse to stick up for you then you're pretty rotten.

The Kanawha people, not all but some, screeched at great length and with great noise that Belmond had stolen every game, but they could not back up their words. They proved their calibre when they kicked on the umpire until Belmond took him out to let the game go on, and after they had chosen an ump to suit them they kicked just the same. Because neither one would favor them. Kanawha came out to win that game any way possible, crooked or not, fair play or foul, and depended on numbers and noise to make up what they lacked in intelligence and ability. The only reason they did not steal it was because the Belmond crowd was too big and husky. And they have to get big odds over there before they start anything.

Go right along, Dorg, and chew your bones and snarl your snarls. You're some dorg, we all admit, but your bark is worse than your bite.

Wrff! wrff! Sic 'em, Dorg.

Have you got a license?

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THE THOROUGHBRED

The following article is by Judge Stone of Wyoming, and contains such a good practical lot of "horse sense" and applies so aptly to the trend of the times, that we take pleasure in reprinting it.

**If I am ready and willing to work 12 hours a day, and do work 12 hours a day, it is none of your business. If you are willing to work but six hours a day, and work but six hours a day, it is none of my business; but if I work 12 hours a day, and you work but six hours a day, it is none of your business if my wife and children wear better clothes, eat better food and live in a better house than your wife and children.

**There is a class of people who have made a failure of life from every standpoint, who imagine that they have discovered a cure-all for all the ills with which the body politic is threatened or afflicted. Armed with a Utopian pipe-dream, a magnificient set of lungs, and a pair of iron jaws they preach a doctrine that would tear down those institutions which we have been building up in this country for five hundred years.

Whenever you so build the laws of a people that there is no incentive to excell, no reward held out for individual initiative, no prize offered for thrift, industry and economy, no object to be obtained by doing things better than others do them, then you have cut the tap root thru which flows the life-blood of progress, advancement, initiative, invention, individual effort and competition, and have settled back to a dead-level of sameness and stagnation that is incapable of making any material progress in social, physical, mental, or material matters; you have produced a common herd of scrubs.

The Thoroughbred is produced by careful thought, persistant effort, thoro traning; by a desire to excell, to be in the forefront, to rise above the dead-level of mediocrity. The Thoroughbred wants to do better tomorrow than he did today; to accomplish more next year than he did this year. The Thoroughbred is willing to take a high leap, even tho he knock off te top rai of the barrier and come a cropper. If he comes a cropper today he will go back and train and fit and practice and try again and again, until he clears the barrier and has daylight left.

The scrub walks up to the barrier, takes a look, and says that it is too high; that it is useless to try, and he has not the nerve to make an effort; he settles back into the pasture which is enclosed by the barrier and where the feed is short, tough and dry, and drags out a miserable existence on poor feed, poor shelter, and poor care. His eye grows lack-luster, his coat poor and scanty, his ribs push thru his hide. He curses his luck and bemoans his hard fate and the lack of those things which he says the world owes him.

The Thoroughbred has been willing to pay the price; he has denied himself; he has disciplined himself; he has worked while the scrub slept; he has sweated while the scrub lay in the shade; he has kept his muscles free and supple by grilling work and constant use; he has exercised his initiative, his invention, his pluck, his perseverance, his tenacity; he has fitted himself to succeed; he succeeds; he sails over the barrier like a bird, into a pasture where the feed is sweet and tender, the water pure and cool, the shade of the forest of success restful and invigorating.

The scrub looks thru the slits in the barrier at the Thoroughbred, up to his knees in luxury and grass, whose eye sparkles, whose coat shines with a silken sheen, whose ribs are covered with sufficient meat to hide his bones. His eye shines with a malevolent light. The scrub says to himself, "It is unfair, inequitable unjust; there is somethisg wrong with a world that per mits such conditions to exist."

And immediately the scrub sets about to devise ways and means, not to fit himself to clear the barrier, not to put himself in a condition where he can by his own effort acquire that which he desires, but to either hamstring the Thoroughbred, who, by his ***willingness to "pay with the body for the soul's desire," has reached his goal, or to destroy the pasture in which the Thoroughbred is enjoying the fruit of his endeavor.

The Thoroughbred recognizes that in order to be, he must do. The scrub refuses to do, and then curses the rest of the world because he cannot be. There is an abundance of feed and water and shelter in the Thoroughbred pasture for all.

Be a Thoroughbred; don't be a whiner. ***I'd rather really live while I live, and die at thirty, a Thoroughbred, than be a scrub Methuselah.

The Thoroughbred never quits while the heart beats and the lungs perform their function. The scrub quits when he gets tired, and, if given the quirt and steel, lies down with the saddle on.

The real race in life is not for the "quarter-hoss," the scrub; it calls for blood, for bottom, for nerve, for perfect condition, and, above all, for a cool, quiet, courage and an absolute self-confidence; a courage and a confidence that are not daunted because the other fellow gets away from the wire first, is ahead at the quarter, the half, the three-quarters. Almost every great race where the stakes were large has been won in the home stretch, under whip and spur, used with tact, judgement and courage, with the rided standing in his stirrups, reins wrapped round his hands, with every muscle like the strings of a tuned instrument; with his face in his horse's ears, rolling him with the energy of a dynamo at every jump; with the spurs drawing blood; the horse's eyes flashing, his sides heaving, his nostrils working like the exhaust from a pair of powerful bellows; with every muscle woking as smoothly as the mechanism of a high-priced watch, and the heartbeat a true and regular as the tick of a clock. That's the Thoroughbred.

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL

To Whom It May Concern:

In the Estate of Andrew O. Stockseth, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of May, 1921, there was filed with and opened by the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County, a Written instrument purporting to be the

Last Will and Testament

of Andrew O. Stockseth, late of said County, deceased.

And you are further notified that the 5th day of July, 1921, at 1:30 p. m. has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will at my office in the Court House at Clarion, Iowa, at which time any person interested can appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Clarion in said County, this 6th day of June, A. D., 1921.

R. V. GOSLIN,
Clerk District Court

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CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Our Children's Day program next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Please note the hour and be present on time. As a part of the program the pastor will administer the sacrement of baptism to children whose parents desire it. Kindly notify the pastor before the hour of the service if someone in your household desires baptism.

The Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m. and preaching service at 8:00 p. m.

A welcome awaits you at any and all of the services of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The hot weather had a little bad effect upon our attendance Sunday, but the Sunday school is still above the mark.

Next Sunday our goal for Sunday school is 150 and then that picnic. You will be there and help reach this goal, won't you? At the 11:00 service we are to have present the members of King Solomon's Lodge No. 210 of Masons. Be sure to be present to give them a good welcome. Special music and a sermon in keeping with Saint John's Day.

The evening services at 8:00. How can you better close the day than by spending an hour in worship?

The Ladies Missionary society will meet in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon.

CLIPPINGS

Says the Britt News-Tribune in last weeks issue: "Now comes E. N. Bailey after first swearing and spitting, and deposes and says that since the courts established the fact that he was a jackass that all editors in Hancock county are in his class and that proof of their nature is not necessary. Therefore, Frank Clark, Ted Tierney, Ray Jorgenson Howard Africa and S. L. Thompson prick up your ears and bray accordingly."—Times.

"The Japanese Girl" operetta given by Belmond girls for the benefit of the local American Legion was a very pleasing entertainment and enjoyed by all. Some good musical numbers were given. The audience was not as large as perhaps it would have been had the weather been more favorable, and the time not so near for our chautauqua.—Kanawha Reporter.

Rev. J. B. Walker gave illustrated lectures at Belmond and Rowan the past week on the centenary movement being promulgated by the M. E. church.—Monitor.

Lud C. Johnson of Belmond, a reader of the News, was here last week end looking after county seat business matters. Mr. Johnson called at our office during his stay in the city to get acquainted with the editor.—Clarion News.

Present indications are very favorable for a small sized peach crop in Clarion this fall. Mrs. G. L. Cutler and T. H. Crowe have two or three trees that are well loaded with fruit. being about the size of a walnut at the present time. They promise to equal anything shipped in from Colorado or California.—Monitor.

Mrs. Henry Keiper and little son Raymond went to Belmond on Tuesday evening for a few days visit with relatives and friends.—Klemme Times.

Several base ball fans attended the Belmond-Algona game at Belmond Sunday.—Times.

Miss Kate Liddle, Red Cross county health nurse, leaves Saturday for a month's vacation. She will go to St Louis where she will spend a week at the home of her sister, and will then accompany her mother, who has been spending the winter there, to Lake Forest, Ill.—News.

Hans Barkema and family of Alexander and Dick Barkema and family of Belmond spent Sunday here at the parental H. Barkema home.—Meservy Register.

W. M. Voiles, the hustling nursery salesman of Belmond, is looking after business interests in the Clarion territory this week.—News.

Miss Marian Luick came up from Belmond, Friday, for a visit with her Klemme friends.—Times.

Mrs. Tom Greenland and little girls from Belmond came Monday for a visit with Mrs. Stearnes for a few days.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Steil autoed to Belmond, Sunday, and spent the day with Mrs. Wm. Galliger, who is very ill. Mrs. Galliger and Mrs. Steil are cousins.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Conn Nissen of Belmond were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Schipull, Sunday.—Times.

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Why gratify the passing desires of today at the expense of your piece of mind of tomorrow?

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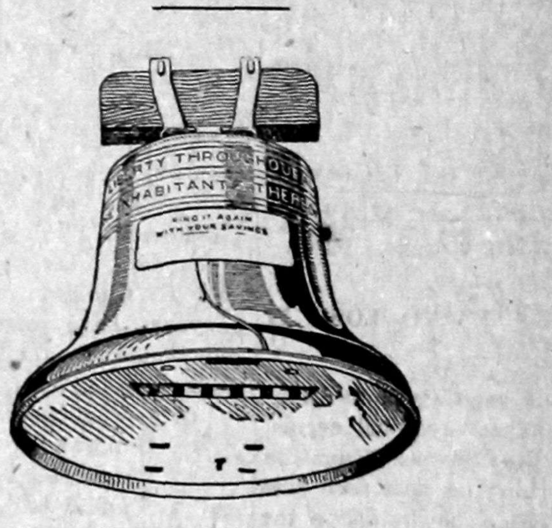

Open a Term Savings Account of $1.00 here and we give you one of these Liberty Bell Banks for your home savings. Ask for one.

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ATTEMPTS TO FORGE CHECK ON DOWS MERCHANT

Iowa Falls Sentinel: (Check artisits seem to be still at work in Iowa Falls. One recently at a local store one day recently and made a purchase amounting to something over three dollars, in payment of which he gave a check on a Dows bank for $65.00.

The proprietor of the store told the stranger that he could not cash the check witout the proper identification, and he was therefore given the name of a party to call up over the telephone as reference. While the proprietor was in the act of telephoning, the stranger left his purchase and check, stating he would "be back in a minute," but he is still gone.

READ THE WANT ADS

To the Housewives:

Who like to serve good meals and who like to eat good meals but do not have the time for baking, let me do your baking for you.

Every kind of Home Made Bake Stuffs made in my kitchen and sent direct to you warm from the oven. Phone in orders at any time and in any quantity.

Do These Taste Good to You?

Rich Devils, Food Cakes, Nut Cakes Angel Food Cakes, White Cakes, Ginger Creams, Cookies, Bread and Pies.

I also operate a Woman's Exchange, Selling Your Work for 20 per cent.

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Belmond, Iowa Phone 316

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

CREDIT ASSOCIATION NOW IN OPERATION

L. O. Skovlin, W. W. Goetz and B. J. Johnson of Belmond were in town last Thursday evening and met with the local members of the Business Men's Credit association.

A very profitable evening was spent in organizing the work here, and determining how best to handle the local branch of the association. The head office of the association is at Belmond and in charge of L. O. Skovlin, who takes care of the collections and general business of the association.

A complete rated list of every one in this vicinity is kept on file here for the use of local members, and another list is held in Mr. Skovlins office at Belmond.

A local committee consisting of Dan Whitten, Fred Hackley and Theo. Hansen was appointed for the purpose of reviewing credits, getting new members and to consult with the board of directors and the manager.

The association is incorporated under the laws of Iowa, and was organized for the purpose of furnishing ratings for its members, make adjustments between debtor and creditor, also to make collections of delinquent accounts.

The association primarily is for the merchant as a protector against the slow pay and the won't pay customer. There are those in this and every community who buy merchandise, but have no intention of paying for it. They trade with one merchant as long as they can, but when he asks them to settle, they move on to the next one. It is the business of the association to see that no one gets credit who is not deserving of it.

There are a number, possibly who find it hard to get along under the present conditions, but if such persons have always paid their bills promptly and are honest and industrious, they should have no cause for worry, as our merchants are reasonable and are doing everything in their power to help get back on a normal basis.

The "dead beat," however, might well have good cause for worry, with his credit cut off and with but a very small chance of laying by enough for the coming winter. It is not reasonable to expect the merchant to carry such a person when he is stranded, if that same person has abused his credit and has not been on the square, when he could pay his accounts.

The association, altho a merchants' organization, stands ready to assist the creditor in every way possible. Those who can only make a payment each week or month can send their money to the office and such payments will be prorated between the various accounts until they are paid up in full.

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Among those who took in the Algona District Epworth League convention at Britt were Mrs. Guy Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Rev. Harold Tomkinson, Mrs. Gladys Ryder, Mrs. Wm. McCallum, Misses Bernice Hansen, Lilian Azeltine, Anna Reitz, Catherine Harsen, May Virden and Mrs. Edith Robinson.

The sacrement of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service of the M. E. church. There will be a union service in the evening at the Congregational church.

The pastor of the M. E. church administered the sacrament of baptism last Sunday morning there being a number of children baptized. Mrs. A. O. Pelley sang a pleasing solo at this service.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon and Mrs. O. F. Braden were Fort Dodge shoppers Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph were Belmond callers Saturday.

Harvey Lineweaver was a Belmond caller Tuesday, where he had some dental work done.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion caller Tuesday.

Miss Adelia Hill and brother Garald of Clarion transferred in Rowan on Tuesday enroute to Britt to attend the Algona District Epworth League convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion visited Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher.

Mrs. A. O. Pelley visited at the Fred Smith home in Clarion, Tuesday. She was visiting Mrs. Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and family were Dows callers Tuesday.

The Misses Marjorie Brooks and Blanche Box and George Aldrich and Edgar Mantle attended the carnival at Belmond, Tuesday night.

D. E. Harris was a Clarion caller Wednesday.

Geo. Ballou went to Clarion Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitten went to Des Moines, Wednesday, returning home Friday.

H. H. Barker was a Belmond caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Brooks and Frank Snyder visited their mother, Mrs. M. Snyde at Clarion, Thursday.

Lem Rowen, Harry Cain, Will Steffens and Ben Hadley went to Ventura Lake, Thursday, and spent a couple of days in good fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey, Jr., attended the carnival at Belmond, on Thursday night.

Wednesday night the Francis Williard class of the Congregational Sunday school held an ice cream social on the church lawn. A large crowd attended and all enjoyed themselves very much. They took in $22.

Jesse Steffens was a Belmond and Clarion caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Mrs. Joe Rowen and son Gilbert, and Mrs. Georgia Rowen were Belmond shoppers Thursday.

John Rowley is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harold Steffens, and family.

Miss Nellie Hackley went to the hospital at Iowa City, Wednesday, returning Saturday. She is improving nicely.

J. F. Howell was an Eagle Grove business caller Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and family and Mrs. J. . Howell and children spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval.

Eph McKinley returned to the home of his niece at Spirit Lake, Wednesday.

Mrs. Hiams spent the week end at the country home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Fanselow and family.

Miss Loraine Aldinger of Hampton visited at the home of her uncle Jake Aldinger the past week. On Sunday the following guests were entertained: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sailer, and family of Ackley, J. H. Aldinger and daughter of Geneva, Mr. and Mrs. Will Aldinger and family of Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Aldinger, Jr., and sons Frank and Rex of Alexander, and Mr. Jones of Coulter.

Miss Wilda Whitten went to St. Paul Saturday to visit a week with her sister, Mrs. Jurden Brinkman.

Mrs. Cobble of Dows transferred in town Friday and called at the D. A. French home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Temple of Burt called at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. A. French, Friday, enroute home from the Shriners meeting at Des Moines. They report a fine time.

Mrs. F. H. Fowler returned home on Friday from a visit at the homes of her daughters, Mrs. Johnson of Sioux Falls and Mrs. J. I. Drury of Highmore, S. D.

Word received by relatives from W H. Bingham and family who are in California states that they are going motoring to Old Mexico. They expect to camp along the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klemenson and baby of Coulter spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hannah Whitten and the Will Whitten homes.

Mr. and Mrs Bert Heath and son of Des Moines motored to Rowan on Saturday to visit at the home of the former's parents, S. B. Heath. Bert expects to spend several mosths in the south. His wife will accompany him.

Ruby Pascoe of Eagle Grove is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Herb Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simons and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and family motored to Eagle Grove, Saturday.

Erma Donohue of Forest City came Saturday to visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Alfred Davis.

Mrs. Frank Reese and son of Albert Lea spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris. Mr. Reese came Saturday. He is a brother of Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. F. O. Fitts of Belmond spent a couple of days the past week with her friend, Mrs. D. E. Harris.

Mrs. Fannie Whitten of Eldora spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. A. Ferguson. She was accompanied by her sons Lyman and Herbert also her daughter, Esther and Mrs. Herbert Whiting. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howell and children of Napoleon, O., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris and children, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferguson.

Thursday afternoon the Cosgregational Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Elsie Allen. The second section of the society served a 25 cent supper. This section is composed of Mesdames Elsie Allen, Ben Fanselow, Frank Fanselow, L. A. McCallum, Tom Ross, Jr. Dick Virden and A. Hiams. They were also assicted by Mrs. Irvin Knuths and Mrs. Jesse Payton. A large crowd was present and the proceeds for the day amounted to $20.00.

Marlidene, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, has been very ill the past week. She has had several convulsions. A nurse from Clarion Miss Kramer, is helping to care for her. She is reported better at this writing.

The Misses Esther, Ruth and Lela Brooks of Belmond called at the home of their cousin Fred Brooks and family Thursday.

Jim Rowen, Guy Toyne and J. F. Howell attended the Americas Legion at Dows, Monday night of last week. They report a fine meeting and a nice time.

M. L. Howell of Napoleon, O., came Sunday for a visit with relatives at Rowen, also at Winnebago, Minn, and Humboldt. He has about three weeks vacation. His wife and children came two weeks ago and have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ferguson.

The Rev. Tomkinson has been down to Des Moines this last week.

A number of the Rowan people attended the auto drawing and pavement dance at Belmond last Friday night. Among the number were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs Roy Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon, Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchett.

Ball Games

The Legion ball team played the Galt team on the Legion diamond on Friday arfternoon, defeating them 19-7.

Sunday afternoon they played the Popejoy team, defeating them 6-3.

Community Club Meets

The Iowa township Farm Bureau Community club were entertained at their regular social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley, Friday night. About 175 people were present. A very delightful program was given which consisted of readings by different members of the club and a solo by J. E. Miller, a character quartette by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley, Ed. Miller and Mrs. Blanche Jennings, entitled "The Husbands Mistake." County agent Edwards gave a talk. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The center section of the club did the entertaining this time. Every one had a lovely time.

Wedding Bells For Rowan Couple

Miss Lettie Williams was a passenger to Des Moines, Thursday, where she and Cecil Harris were united in marriage at 7:30. The young couple are well known around Rowan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williams and has lived here for a number of years. The groom is the son of D. E. Harris and has grown to manhood at this place. He is employed in the O'Dea garage at Des Moines. This is the same company for which he worked in Eagle Grove, so this speaks well for Cecil. They have gone to light housekeeping but expect to return to Rowan for a short visit in the near future. Their many friends wish them much happiness and success on their life's journey.

Tennis Matches

Monday night of last week Guy Sheldon, Donald Farran, Rev. Tomkinson and Will Reitz went to Clarion to play tennis. The score stood as follows.

Guy and Donald were beaten the first set 6-4 and the second set 6-1. Rev. Tomkinson and Will Reitz were beaten the first set 6-4 but won the second set 6-4.

On Friday night Clarion played a return game at Rowan. Quite a large crowd of citizens witnessed the game. The local boys came out on the right side of the game, winning two doubles and one single and losing two singles. Reitz and Tomkinson of Rowan defeated Ramsey and [illegible] of Clarion 6-2; they also defeated Webber and Sams 6-0. Ramsey of Clarion defeated Farran of Rowan 6-2 and Webber of Clarion beat Sheldon of Rowan 6-0.

Charley Ball, foreman on the Rock Isand section, went to Carion, Monday, to visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack Bentley. He has two weeks vacation.

Fred Aldrich was shelling corn on Monday and delivering it to Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis of Dows and Mrs. Henderson of Coggin called at the E. Bingham home Monday morning. Mrs. Henderson was enroute to Hampton where she will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dix for a few days before returning to her home.

Donald Farran was a Sunday visitor at Lansboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and family were Dows shoppers Monday of last week.

Mrs. Chester Bailey was a Dows caller Saturday.

Dr. George was a professional caller in Rowan, Sunday.

The Rowan Hotel has changed hands again. Look for the change in the advertisement on this page.

Mrs. Lizzie Brooks has not been feeling well the past week.

Mrs. Alice Taylor and daughter of Chicago and Florence Sanders of Galt spent the latter part of the week at the O. E. Ballou home. E. J. Lynk of Chicago, a twin brother of Mrs. Ballou was visiting there also. They returned to Galt, Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. John DeNio of that place. Mrs. DeNio is a daughter of E. J. Lynk.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kuehl of Grundy Center came Saturdav to visit at the home of their cousin, Mrs. D. W. Whitten.

The W. C. T. U. met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. A. Williams with Mrs. J. S. Farren as leader. About 12 were present. Two new members were added to the list of names at this meeting. A very good lesson and a fine meeting is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and baby, Misses Evelyn Heathershaw and Grace Meinders were Clarion callers Saturday night.

Rev. W. .H Nye went to Dows on Sunday afternoon to give the annual memorial address for the Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Nye and two of the children have been suffering from the mumps the past week.

The young people of the town have been enjoying some fine games of volley ball. It is a clean sport and a good addition to the games of the town.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Morning service at 11:00.

Sunday school at 12:00.

Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m.

Usion services of the M. E. and Congregational church at 8:00 p. m.

Remember the program which will be given by the Francis Williard class Sunday night, the 26th. This was printed in last week's paper. It is sure to be good for these are wide awake young people.

The Junior Christian Endeavor of the church will meet every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

Mid week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00. Let more try to be at this service as it is the place to prepare for the Sunday services.

There will be the administration of the Communion and baptism at the Sunday morning service, July 3.

The service Sunday morning was well attended. The choir gave special music. Sunday night was Union service at the M. E. church when Rev. Tomkinson gave a lecture with the stereoptican views.

Mr. and Mrs. Mertel Myers spent Sunday at the F. M. Myers home.

A telephone message was received Monday of this week from Thornton, that Miss Blanche McCallum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCallum of that place, had been hurried to the hospital at Mason City for an operation for appendicitis. A short time ago their son Ernie was taken there for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith of Garner motored down to Rowan, Monday. They called on friends in town and then went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Carr to visit for a few days before returning home.

Mrs. Hinkley's mother from Eagle Grove came Friday to visit her daughter and family for a while.

Dan Hartman of Rock Island, Ill., came Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs. John Combs and family.

The following guests from Corwith were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Liming, Sunday: Mr. Limings sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. Simpson and son Chester, and Mr. Simpson's mother, and Mr. Clarence Liming, a brother of Mr. Liming.

Mrs. Peter Hansen and son Alfred went to Iowa Falls, Sunday, to visit at the home of Mrs. Hansen's daughter, Mrs. Nelson and her two granddaughters Frances and Evelyn returned home with them to spend a week.

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, coedine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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BOYS' GENUINE KOVERALLS, Levi Straus make	95c
K E. BLOUSES. One special lot, 78c. 3 for	$2.25
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LOT BOYS' OVERALLS	85c
ONE LOT MEN'S KHAKI PANTS	$1.50

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OLAF NEWS

Geo. Baxter wife and baby, spent Sunday at the Andrew Lieuwen home near Alexander.

The E. N. Ericson family is enjoying a visit from Mr. Ericson's sister and family from Illinois. They drove thru by auto.

The Misses Doris and Evln Kessler came Sunday evening from Armstrong to visit their aunt, Mrs. S. O. Windecker.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Geo. T. Johnson, Wednesday.

Last week the hot weather was very hard on horses, Mr. Halverson being unfortunate in losing one.

The Farmers Elevator Co. has taken in a good deal of grain the past week, as many of the farmers have been shelling corn.

Bennie Benson, who has been visiting in Illinois for some time, was greeting old friends at this place last week.

A much needed rain helped the corn and sugar beet crop last week.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Wm. Benzler, of Britt, was a caller here this week.

Miss Winifred Fritze, of Clarion, came the first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Celia Brouwer, of Ventura, was a visitor with friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cosgriff, of Belmond, was greeting frends here this week.

Cecil Griffith, who has been employed at Rockwell City for some time came Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Morris Omvigen and baby daughter left for Minneapolis the latter part of the week for a visit at home folks.

Miss Nina Duryea, of Algona came the first of this week for a visit at the Henry Africa home.

Naomi and Wesley McCarty Jr., from Madelia, Minnesota left for their home Wednesday after a short visit with relatives and friends.

MESERVEY NEWS

Miss Viota Kofoed visited with her aunt, Mrs. Peterson, at Belmond last week.

Mr. Klaas Abkes was visiting with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. K. C. Ruigh and family, John R. Schmidt and family, and Mrs. Anna Bonte and daughter attended the Mission Feast at Alexander Wednesday evening.

Mr. A. J. Nissen and Carl Quandt motored to Clear Lake Saturday on a fishing trip.

Miss Kathryn Gruis went to Mason City Friday to have some dental work done.

Mr. Ben Gruis and family motored to Mason City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Roecker visited the week end at Gilbert, Iowa with Mr. Raecker's brother, Rev. Henry Raecker.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus visited last week at the Siefert Schulte home at Alexander.

Several members of the school board attended the consolidated school meeting at Mason City Tuesday.

Mr. Chris Enabnit and family from Manly were here on a visit Monday.

Meservey played ball with the Lakeside team Sunday, the score being 7 to 4 in favor of Lakeside.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Christopher McCallum of Rowan spent the past week with his son Bernard and family.

Miss Charity Hansen of Hampton visited at the Charley Hanson home the first of the week.

William Christensen of Iowa Falls was a caller in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Palls, Miss Nellie Bell and Arthur Winwood visited at the Dick Van Hirn home at Hansel last Sunday.

Miss Ethel Hall left for Yellow Stone Park, Wyoming, where she expects to spend the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were Sunday visitors with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Frederick visted with relatives at Belmond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, Arthur Peters, Tenus Johnson, Henry Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters and three children left Sunday for Minnesota and Canada for a two week outing and camping and fishing trip.

Ole Houg of Dows was a caller in town last Tuesday.

George S. Yaw of Iowa Falls was a caller here Thursday.

Alice Peters was a Hampton caller one day last week.

Elias Klinefelter, Bert Kielich and Leslie Reed were at Des Moines the first of last week.

C. R. Clark and son, Donald were business callers at Belmond last week Thursday.

Will Ammerman was a caller at tre county seat Tuesday.

Dr. George, of Dows, was a professional caller here last week.

Miss Wilma Foughty visited at the Benson home at Belmond several days last week.

Aldrich and Theodore Beenen autoed to Algona, Thursday, to visit their brother, Will, who is in the hospital at that place, recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Heneel and son Carol and Mrs. A. B. Arends visited with relatives at Hampton on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Symens, Lewis Susie and Ethel Schulte were visitors at Belmond, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens and Ralph, Lewis and Susie Schulte visited with relatives at Dumont last Sunday.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Bobst next Wednesday afternoon, June 29.

Herman Modderman who has been sick for the past three weeks is reported better at this writing.

CROPS ARE HUMPING RIGHT ALONG

The crops are certainly coming right along in the vicinity of Belmond, but are badly in need of rain. Corn will be more than knee high by the Fourth, and small grain will be ready for harvest about a week earlier than usual.

LIBRARY NOTES

It gives us great pleasure to report that the advantages offered by our public library, now well started upon its fifth year, are being reconized more and more by its constantly increasing patronage. The unused cards in the files are by no means an indication of lagging interest or support, but rather a testimony of appreciation by many people who have been with us for longer or shorter periods, and have been accorded the privilege of borrowing books during their stay. It is the aim of the library to offer its readers only the best in every department. Books on all subjects are by authors of accepted authority, and a visit to the reference room is convincing proof of its resources.

The current periodicals, of which there are 23, offer a wide choice of the best of magazine literature, and a room has been fitted up with shelves to accomodate the files of those kept for reference. The "Index of Periodical Literature" is invaluable in connection with these. An article on any subject may be readily found by its use. Here, also, are steriopticon views of educational value, and books of picturesque America, besides others of interest. This room may be used for small committee meetings if desired, by applying to the librarian who will guard against interruptions.

The number of books upon the shelves has been increased from time to time by the donations of valuable books from the private libraries of many of our citizens who wish to extend their usefulness. Such books are gratefully accepted and a record kept of all. The list of these donors is too long to give here, but their contributions are prized for the spirt which prompted them.

After paying all expenses of the "Citizenship School" held during the fall of 1920, a balance of $52.40 was presented to the library for books and magazines by the Progress and Delphian clubs under whose auspices the school was conducted. The History of the Pilgrim Republic, and works of James Whitcomb Riley are among the several books purchased. Contributions of this nature assist very materially in the efforts to reach the even higher standard among libraries which we wish to attain. New books are being added as the publishers are able to supply them, a shipment being expected within a few days.

Do not let the hot weather dry up your thirst for knowledge. Take a refreshing draught from the fountain.

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Black Tea, per lb.	40c
Sugar - -	$7.65
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NEW CIGARET LAW

A cigarette law effective July 4th, 1921, has been enacted. By reviewing the same it is discover that it is a measure having two ends in view, the raising of revenue for the city and state, and the elimination of the use of cigarettes by minors.

W. J. Burbank, treasurer of state, says the department does not look upon this or any other law as a mere scrap of paper, and will expect every person, hamlet, city and county within the State of Iowa to do its bit in the observance of this measure and earnestly solicits the hearty co-operation of officers and people in the plain duty of enforcement.

The following synopsis of the new law by Ben J. Gibson, attorney general, is written at the request of the state treasurer, who is charged with the enforcement of the law, for the purpose of brining the important features of the law to the attention of all those who will be interested in such enforcement.

May I say by way of beginning that this law should be enforced in all its parts by every official in the state of Iowa. There should be no hesitancy in commencing prosecutions or in the bringing of injunction suits to enforce its provisions. This is so important in carrying out the intentions of the legislature as expressed in the bill and as expressed on the floor of both houses of the legislature that I feel it is incumbent on me to emphasize these provisions.

The law becomes effective July 4, 1921. Because of the importance of the law to all of the officials of Iowa who are charged with duties and responsibilities under the act, I am making the following brief statement of the important provisions of the law for their general information. The law itself should be consulted should any question arise in regard thereto.

Persons who may sell cigarettes. No one is authorized to sell cigarettes except he be a dealer holding a permit.

Permits. A permit may be issued to any person, firm or corporation for the sale of cigarettes upon compliance with the provisions of the law.

The issuance of permits in cities and towns is under the jurisdiction of the city or town council, as the case may be. The issuance of permits to dealers outside the incorporated limits of cities or towns is under the jurisdiction of the board of supervisors of the county. In Wright county the board would have jurisdiction over such towns as Cornelia and Holmes.

Bond required. No permit can be issued until the applicant therefor files a bond in the sum of not less than $1,000.00 conditioned upon the faithful observance of all the provisons of the law, including payment of taxes, fines, penalties, costs and damages. The bond must be signed by a surety company or by two sureties qualifying for double the amount of the bond. Where personal property is given the security cannot be surety on any other smilar bond. The filing of this bond is a preliminary requisite.

Fees for permits. The fees required for a permit in the first class cities, for each dealer is $100.00; in second class cities, $75.00; elsewhere, $50.00. The permit is for one place of busines and one dealer. These fees are per annum The fee is to be paid on or before July first each year. At any time a permit is issued the total annual fee is due for the remainder of the year which ends on July first following the issuance thereof. Fees for permits are to be paid to the treasurer of the county, city or town issuing the same.

Sales, to whom. Sales may be made to any person, except that no person shall furnish by gift, sale or otherwise, cigarettes, cigarette papers or tubes to a person under the age of twenty-one years.

Minors shall give information. Minors found in possession of cigarettes, cigarette papers, wrappers or tubes are required to furnish to any peace officer juvenile court officer, trauant officer or teacher information as to where the same was obtained. Refusal to give information constitutes a misdomeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed $5.00 or imprisonment not to erceed five days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Minors under sixteen years of age, however, shall be certified to the juvenile court for such action as the court deems proper. If, however, the minor afterwards gives evidence in proceedings against the person who furnished the same to him, the court has power to suspend sentence against such minor.

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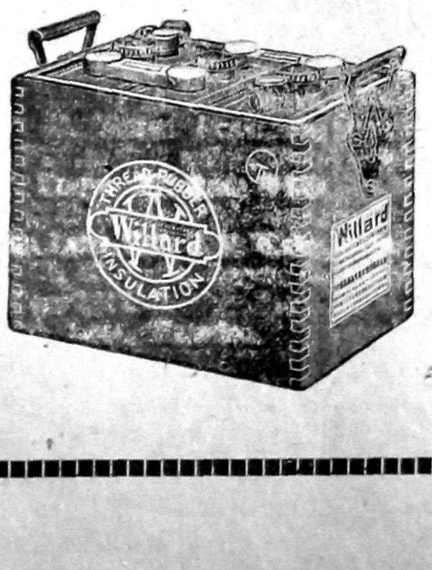

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Belmond Local News

Miss Greenfield, of the Dorenkamp & Greengeld millinery store, left last week for Minneapolis where she is doing some buying for the store. She also expects to visit at the home of friends in that city while she is there.

—I—

Miss Edith Haupt of Klemme, who has been spending a few days here isiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Haupt, and at the home of her friend, Miss Thorman, returned to her home on Friday afternoon. She was accompanied by Miss Thorman, who has a music class at Klemme.

—I—

Mrs. Dan Brooks left last week Saturday morning for Miniesota, where she will visit her son, Wm. Brooks. She was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Maitland.

—I—

W. O. Butterfield was a Goodell visitor last Thursday, where he done some work on a lot which he owns at that place.

—I—

Fred Fulton, Sr., and Ralph Wilcox went to Klemme the first of the week where they have a painting job to do this week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Luick, Jr., took their little daughter Guinevere to Mason City last week for a minor operation for removal of her tonsils. A specialist there was also consulted regarding the little girl's health, which has been poor since she had to scarlet fever. It is thought that as soon as she recovers from the present operation that she will have to have another operation for mastoid.

—I—

The hot, exceedingly hot, weather the past week was hard on the people, but good for the crops. The themometer was reported pretty close to the 100 mark last Friday, and certainly wasn't far from it Saturday.

—I—

W. C. Kane of Esterville was a business caller here one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Anna Foster of the Foster Hotel was a visitor at Mason City this week at the home of an old friend, Mrs. Hemingway. Mrs. Foster has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, and her daughter will care for the Hotel during her vacation.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saatoff were visitors here last week. They have been residing in Minnesota.

—I—

All stores except the restaurants and soft drink parlors closed during the American Legion affair Friday evening. The stores were closed at seven o'clock. Those establishments which remained open, including the pop corn stands, gave half of their evening's profits to the Legion.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and baby of Alexander were visitors here last week at the home of Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn.

—I—

John Burress was in town a day or two last week, meeting old time friends. He has been attending Coe College the past year. He stated that he expected to make his headquarters this summer at Cedar Rapids.

—I—

August Foss is improving his shoe shop and the Foster Hotel by a new coat of paint, Jake Jacobs doing the work.

—I—

Dr. H. E. Meyer of Hampton, was in town last week Friday evening at the Legion dance. He was formerly located at this place, and will be remembered by many Belmond people.

—I—

D. Conlin and wife of Goodell were in town on Friday evening attending the dance of the Legion.

—I—

Geo. Baldridge of Kanawha was one of the out of town visitors here on Friday evening attending the dance of the Legion.

—I—

Mrs. Pillmer returned the first of the week from Des Moines, where she had been the past week visiting at the home of her relatives.

—I—

The business men were solicited on last Thursday to close their places on week days during the time that ball games were in progress. Quite a number agreed.

—I—

Belmond folks appear to be planning mostly on going to Clarion to observe the grand and glorious Fourth. The county seat town has arranged a very good program, with an unusually large assortment of fireworks. The Belmond ball team is to play at the celebration there with Kanawha.

Wm. Miller of the county seat was in town last week Thursday visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Foster, and attending the Hampton-Belmond ball game.

—I—

Miss Wessels of Ackley has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle. She is a niece of Mrs. Wolle. Miss Wessels returned to her home last Friday.

—I—

Joe Courtney of Alexander was a visitor here Thursday attending to some business matters and visiting at the home of relatives. He returned home the next day.

—I—

Miss Sadie Frohling recently underwent an operation at a hospital in Mason City.

—I—

C. C. Quinn and family of Boone were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Klemme.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Fyler have returned from Shell Rock, where they have been the past week or so visiting at at the home of relatives.

—I—

The Chain of Ten met on Monday of this week at the home of Mrs. Thayne Bailey.

—I—

T. B. Wallace was in attendance at the state encampment of the G. A. R. held at Waterloo last week.

—I—

Mrs. Ole Scott was called to Huxley, Iowa, recently, by the serious illness of her aged mother.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lorimer of Humboldt were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton, the two ladies being sisters.

—I—

C. B. Johnson and family recently entertained Mr. Gus Nelson from Mason City.

—I—

Ole Scott was is attendance at the meeting of the Trinity church held at Jewel recently.

—I—

Mrs. J. H. Fetrow, who has been in somewhat poor health lately, went to Rochester recently to consult the medical authorities at that place. She was accompanied by Mrs. G. F. McBurney.

—I—

Miss Sidow, who has been trimming at the Dorenkamp & Greenfield millinery store, returned last week to her home in Missouri.

—I—

The Priscilla club met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Putnam.

—I—

Rev. Edge went to Corwith to attend the contest held there and from there to the Epworth League convention held at Britt.

—I—

Mrs. Sarah Zook enjoyed a visit last week from her brother.

—I—

Mrs. Harry Nihoof enjoyed a visit last week from her sisters, who reside at Clarion.

—I—

A few fans came over from Hampton last Thursday to see the game between Belmond and that town.

—I—

There were so many people from other towns present at the American Legion dance and raffle last Friday that the Independent reporter could not make a beginning at finding out who they were. There was certainly one awful mob in town.

—I—

C. I. Williams was one of the local fans who attended the ball game at Twin Lakes, Sunday, between Belmond and Kanawha.

—I—

Mrs. J. C. Reed of Goodell was in town on Saturday of last week visiting with friends.

—I—

Mrs. McElphree of Sargeants Bluff and her daughter, Frae Entrikin of Kingsley, were visitors with Belmond friends Saturday. They are visiting at the home of Mrs. McElphree's mother in Goodell.

—I—

D. Bishop and son Floyd were at Twin Lakes, Sunday, in attendance at the ball game.

—I—

The Henry Nelson family drove to Story City on Saturday afternoon where they are spending a few days visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

—I—

Mrs. Schramm, a sister of the late Mrs. Galliger, returned to her home in North Dakota on Monday of this week. She was here during the last illness and death of her sister.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moore were among the local people at Twin Lakes Sunday afternoon.

—I—

A party of young men from Algona came down on a motor car on the M. & St.L. track, Sunday, to enjoy some fishing at Morse Lake. While they were hauling 'em out at the lake, someone made away with their motor car.

—I—

Mr. Josvanger from Wisconsin, a cousin of Mrs. Melvin Hanson, is spending a few days visiting at the Hanson home.

—I—

Mrs. Eric Ericson is entertaining a sister this week from Illinois, who made her a surprise visit last Friday, giving the family a very pleasant surprise.

—I—

Arthur Savogue, who is spending his vacation with relatives at Kanawha and Goodell, was a visitor here last week Saturday with old friends. He is making his home now in Chicago, where he is employed with the Lyon & Healey musical house.

—I—

Ora Braden of Rowen was among the out of town people present at the Legion dance last Friday evening.

—I—

Mrs. A. N. Anderson and daughter of Mason City are guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson.

—I—

Hal Nourse was among the base ball fans from here who attended the game at Twin Lakes, Sunday.

—I—

The Kanawha band and a bunch of booster were in town on Monday noon advertising "Creamery Day" to be held at that town on this week Thursday. The band played a couple of pieces.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. McCleod and daughter of Dows were in town on Friday of last week visiting friends and attending the Legion dance in the evening.

—I—

Andrew Bullis and helpers have been busy this week installing the sidewalks in front of the Pierce lots and the Haltzbaurer plumbing shop on Spruce street.

—I—

Harry Brooks was one of the rooters from Belmond who were at Twin Lakes, Sunday.

Editor King of the Wright County

—I—

News at Clarion, was in town on Sunday morning. The Independent editor acknowledges a call and regrets that he was not "at home." Come again, brother.

—I—

Lew Schram of Garner was called to Belmond last week by the illness and death of his sister, Mrs. Galliger.

—I—

The vicinity west of Goodell experienced a pleasant little shower on Sunday afternoon, which boosted the crops in that neighborhood along a few more notches.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stacy drove to Hampton Saturday night to spend the week end at the home of relatives there. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stacy, and on their return home Sunday they dorve to Iowa Falls to look the town over.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meacham were at Fort Dodge last week, where they attended the graduation exercises of their granddaughter, Miss Leona Stark.

—I—

Cort Morse and Claude Benson attended the Belmond-Kanawha game at Twin Lakes, Sunday.

Chris Enger was at Twin Lakes, Sunday, at the opening of that resort.

—I—

At the Epworth League convention held last week at Britt of the Algona District, two Belmond people were elected to serve as officers in the district cabinet for the coming yearr Rev. J. H. Edge was re-elected as the district president and Mrs. J. S. White was chosen as the district secretary.

—I—

Floyd Bailey and wife went to the county seat last week, and are now looking for a house to rent or for rooms during the summer. Floyd will be on the draingage job recently

—I—

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

Sheriff Lang of Clarion was in the city Tuesday afternoon attending to some business matters.

—I—

Rich Ziska was a week end visitor with friends at Eagle Grove. His place on the city route was taken Monday by Willard Morse.

—I—

Joe Hansen of Rowan was a caller in this city on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The Independent acknowledges a pleasant call. Mr. Hansen reports the crops in his neighborhood as good but much in need of rain.

—I—

Found—Auto license plate. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying advertising.

SPECIAL LOCALS

Headquarters for Fishing Tackle and the American Kampkook Stove at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

We now have the high test kerosene and gasoline for sale.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

—I—

Try our high test kerosene in your oil stove.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter Ruth returned on Saturday of last week from Des Moines where they have been spending the past couple of weeks at the home of relatives.

—I—

The carnival which showed here all last week has gone to Kanawha, where a celebration is being held today. They found trade pretty good here from all reports, and drew good crowds almost every night. They appeared to be a nice bunch of people.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brevig are the parents of a fine baby boy, born on June the 16th.

—I—

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Harris Pullin has been on the sick list the past week, but is reported as being somewhat better at this writing.

—I—

Mrs. Trumbell of Goodell spent the week end in Belmond at the Theodore Wright and Trumbell homes.

Mrs. Anna Martin and Mrs. Tom Brooks have been enjoying a visit from their sister, Miss Anderson.

—I—

A free pair of pants with every order for a new suit.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. South of hotel.

For the Spring Frys—just arrived a new lot of panacea and louse killer at Townsan Hardware.

—I—

A Children's Day program is to be given at the Methoist church on Sunday morning.

—I—

Rev. Sheveland of Kenyon, Minnesota has been a guest of relatives here the past week.

—I—

Mrs. Borrel and Miss Jennie Cook who have been visiting at the Chamberlin and Claussen homes have returned to their home at Neola, Iowa.

—I—

The hot weather lately has been hard on the gardens, which are reported as badly in need of rain.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

Mrs. Aldrich brought the Independent a lovely bouquet of flowers yesterday. These tokens of friendship and good will go a long way toward making the life of ye ed a more happy one.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs Mrs. J. S. White are in receipt of an autographed photograph of Governor Kendall, sent them for their son, Robert Kendall, who was name after the Governor.

—I—

Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

—I—

The intense heat of last Saturday resulted in a inumber of horses in the vicinity of Belmond being killed by over work. Three are reported from the neighborhood of Meservey and two from around Belmond.

—I—

secured by his father.

Mrs. W. A. Schumacher of Long Island, New York, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Thayer.

—I—

Strayed—Spotted yearling steer.— Luke Wessels, Belmond.

—I—

Mowers, hay buckers, hay stackers, hay loaders—The great Dain line. Come and see them.—Christ Rise. Phone 85.

For Sale—Several bushels of old potatoes. 50 cents a bushel. Phone 316.

—I—

Lost—Crank for Stephen car, between my place and town. Finder please notify Glen Baker, Phone 3515.

—I—

Charley Webb who lives in Montana is visiting at the home of his rother, R. E. Webb, and family for a few days. He is enroute home from Kentucky, where he has been with some stock.

Ten per cent discount for cash on purchases of $1 and up, except special items.—Johnson & Wright.

—I—

Rufus Morse, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past two weeks, left Sunday for Marshalltown. He has been attending school at Iowa City.

—I—

There will be a meeting of the ladies of the Belmond township farm bureau at the home of Mrs. Ira Christie on Thursday, June 23. All ladies are invited regardless of whether they are members of the farm bureau or not. Bring needlework.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. George Barry have taken their little daughter Marie to the hospital at Rochester for further treatment of her injured thumb.

—I—

If you want all the news all the time, read the Independent.

—I—

Mrs. Frank Reese and son of Albert Lea, Minnesota, have been the guests of relatives here for the past week.

—I—

Claire Hill spent the week end at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Scott, at Olaf.

—I—

Mrs. F. O. Fitts was a visitor a few days the past week at the home of her friend, Mrs. D. E. Harris, at Rowan.

—I—

D. E. Harris and wife of Rowan spent the week end at the home of relatives here.

—I—

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

E. G. Miller and Joe Scott drove to Hampton yesterday afternoon to see the ball game between Hampton and Belmond.

—I—

Lost—Child's red, hand-knitted wool cap. Please return to Lee W. Stacy, in care of Independent.

—I—

Albert Beck of Thornton, a former resident and business man of this city, was a business caller here one day last week.

—I—

The Misses Sophia and Helen Johnson have been visiting their brother, at Oakdale, Iowa, where he is receiving treatment at the sanitarium.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

E. W. Hood left Saturday for Owen Sound, Ont., where he will spend a few weeks visiting at the home of his sister.

—I—

Ten per cent discount for cash on purchases of $1 and up, except special items.—Johnson & Wright.

—I—

Mrs. Wicks and son of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, are guests at the Rathburn home.

—I—

Mrs. Mary Bergman of Palestine, Illinois, is a guest this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Thayer, and family.

—I—

For best results and quick services let us develope and print your films.—Schultz Drug Co. 2tc

—I—

Harley Muhm of Belmond is the owner of a new Buick Six touring car, purchased from the Motor Inn.

—I—

W. O. Eaton was among the fans from here who attended the ball game at Twin Lakes, Sunday.

—I—

Mildred and Viota Koefoed of Meservey returned home Monday after spending a week with their aunt, Mrs. P. G. Pederson.

—I—

Miss Alpha Bayliss went to Meservety where she will spend the summer at the H. A. Koefoed home.

—I—

Mrs. H. E. Neal and little daughter Marjory of Indianola are spending a month with Mrs. Neal's mother, Mrs. P. G. Pederson.

—I—

Important Notice

For the accomodation of the policy holders of the Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Association of Omaha, Neb. I will be in the office each evening to accept your July dues. Lapsed policy is N. G. Sincerely, Wm. H. Wolle, Agt. & Receiver for company.

—I—

M. C. Barry and wife returned last evening from a combined business and pleasure trip to the Twin Cities.

—I—

We are now prepared to givve you immense discounts on tailor made suits. Discounts a high as $20 off original prices.—The New Belmond Tailor Shop, South of Case Hotel.

Next Week's Dance Program

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Lake Cornelia

Tuesday & Friday June 28 and July 1

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BUCK JONES

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11c and 25c

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

"BEYOND PRICE

A Fox picture featuring

PEARL WHITE

A story of three wishes and all the complications and intricate situations in which the star finds herself before her wishes come true.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

"THE LITTLE CLOWN"

A Realart picture featuring

MARY MILES MINTER.

This is a genuine circus story a real circus being revealed before your eyes, and whether you are still young or not the thrill of circus day is in this picture.

Also a two-reel comedy.

11c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

JUNE 27 & 28

"PEACEFUL VALLEY'

A First National picture featuring

CHARLES RAY

Also a two-reel Buster Keaton comedy.

11c and 30c

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR IOWA FARMERS

Described by a prominent corporation attorney as "The only concern of its kind in the United States and the most advanced piece of financial machinery yet attempted for the relief of farmers," the recently organized Iowa Farm Credits corporation occupies a unique place in the financial affairs of the nation.

Briefly stated the company is capitalized at $5,000,000. It is organized to finance farmers and farming operations. It is not a bank, but will do a rediscount business, loaning money on land, livestock, and warehouse receipts for grain. It will begin operations with a paid up capital of $1,000,000. The stock will be equally divided between Iowa bankers and Iowa farmers, and the plan provides for about $10,000 worth of it in each of the ninety-nine counties, in order to distribute the holdisgs and make it a statewide enterprise.

There will be no preferred stock. Every dollar of it will be common, which means that there will be absolutely no chance for any man or group of men to get control nor for any one locality to exercise a disproportionate influence. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state, and the company will be ready to function shortly after July 4th, when the new state law passed by the Thirty-nineth general assembly, making such concerns possible, will become operative.

The need for some special plan for financing Iowa farmers has long been apparant. Iowa has plenty of money with which to finance Iowa business. Millions of dollars have drifted out of the state seeking investment. At the same time Iowa farmers have been compelled to depend upon outside capital for long, often paying exobiant rates of interest and submitting to exacting com missions. The thing to do is to mobilize Iowa resources, direct the money into proper channels and use it at home. This is precisely what the Iowa Farm Credits corporation will do, conserve Iowa capital for Iowa business.

The trouble in the past has been the lack of enabling laws permitting the organization of financial enterprise of this character. During the recent session of legislature the Iowa Farm Bureau federation set out to clear the way of legal obstacles by getting a law to cover this lack. A farm credits bill was drawn by the the federation's attorney It was sanctioned by banking interests and business interests generally, introduced by friendly lawmakers and passed by both legislative bodies with out a dissenting vote. The law will become operative July 4th.

L. A. Andrews, retiring president of the Iowa State Bankers association, has been chosen to head the company. Mr. Andrews is widely known is Iowa and the middle west. Few men have worked harder than he has to tide the agricultural interests of the state over the financial "emergency of the last year." He has vision, as well as practical business sense, a broad, sane outlook, and believes religiously is the doctrice of live-and-let-live. Business interests generally will approve the judgement that placed him at the head of the new concern.

C. W. Hunt of Logan, J. H. McCord of Spencer, E. H. Cunningham of Cresco and John Cavenaugh of Des Moines were chosen vice presidents. Frank Warner of Des Moines was elected secretary and F. G. Rodfield of the same city was made the treasurer.

The board of directors, about equally divided between farmers and bankers, is composed of the following men: L. A. Andrews, Ottumwa; C. W. Hunt, Logan; J. H. McCord, Spencer; E. H. Cunningham, Cresco; John Cavenaugh, Frank Warner, F. G. Redfield, J. G. Mitchell and Homer Miller all of Des Moines; W. P. Dawson, Aurelia; M. V. Henderson, Hawkeye; C. H. Wollenberg, Holstein; T. C. Cessna, Grinell; L. S. Fisher, Edgewood; M. C. Sweeny, Osage; D. McLaughlin, Washington; T. Laskowski, Council Bluffs; P. E. Wingert, Tipton0; F. B. Yetter, Davenport; D. Mackie, Vinton; C. Huntley, Chariton; O. F. Freyer, Fairfield; Willis Krizer and C. E. Beeman, Oskaloosa; L. V. Carter, Lawn Hill; J. P. Kirby, Estherville; W. W. Latta, Logan; O. Anderson, Laomi; M. K. Frey, Eagle Grove; W. A. Lane, Waterloo.

UNUSUAL CLUB MEETING

A club meeting of unusual interest was held at the county agent's office Saturday afternoon, June 11th. when the members of the executive committee on girls' club work in the county and a number of girls' clubs members met to discuss plans for organizing the different communities in the club work.

Miss Lois Rath of the Extension Department at Ames was in charge of the meeting and gave a very interesting lecture and several demonstrations on garment club work. Miss Rath's demonstations on the operation and care of the sewing machine was very instructive and even the grownups witnessed the demonstration with great interest.

Thru the kindness of the Northern Iowa Gas & Electric Co., Miss Rath had the use of an electric sewing machine and the ladies who attended this demonstration are complimenting the local electric office on their splendid co-operation in making it possible to have the use of this machine.

GRANT SOCIAL

Farmers of Grant township spent a most enjoyable social time at the home of Mrs. Harry Woodley on the evening of Thursday, June 16th. About 200 people gathered on the lawn of the Woodley home and enjoyed the interesting program which was arranged by the social committee.

A shot program consisting of music and recitations was given by the school children of the various school districts of the township. The evening was warm but the program kept things moving.

E. A. Patton of Blaine township gave the address of the evening. Mr. Patton's address was very interesting especially because of the fact that he is an active farmer himself and knows farm conditions. Mr. Patton is a fluent speaker and a firm believer in the farm bureau. The Iowa Farm Bureau federation is now considering Mr. Patton for one of their organizers to do membership work thruout the state. Ice cream and cake were served by the ladies of the township.

IOWA TOWNSHIP MIXER

About 150 Iowa township farmers gathered at the home of H. L. Hadley on the Fred Brooks' farm Friday evening, June 17th, to enjoy the splendid program which was arranged and put on by the farmers of Iowa township. Mrs. J. E. Miller, the lady chairman for Iowa township, presided at the meeting.

A most interesting program of recitations by school boys and girls of the township, recitations, dialogues and musical selections were enjoyed by all.

A short talk was given by the county agent in which he gave a general review of the farm bureau activities and urged a closer co-operation by the individual members of the townships. The evening was hot and the mosquitoes were hungry and for that reason the crowd was not held long.

The county agent's talk was followed by the playing of various games which were arranged by Mrs. Hadley. Everyone entered into the playful spirit of this part of the program and seemed to have a pack of fun. This was followed by the serving of ice cream and cake after which the jolly crowd broke up.

LIVE SOCIAL IN WOOLSTOCK

The farmers of Woolstock township turned out in full force for their regular monthly farm bureau meeting which was held at the J. B. Carpenter home in the southeast section of the township.

Three hundred or more farmers, their wives and children gathered on the lawn of the Carpenter home to enjoy the evenings program which consisted of songs, readings and recitations by the children of the community and a short address by the chairman of the Lake township farm buerau.

The feature of the evening's entertainment was the splendid address given by E. W. Campbell, who is chairman of his own township farm bureau, and who is secretary of the Wright County Farm Bureau. Mr. Campbell spend considerable time in discussing the problems of the farm bureau in general and reminded his listeners of the great responsibilities which rests upon each of them as an integral part of the great farm bureau organization. As Mr. Campbell is also manager of the Clarion Livestock Shipping association, he spent considerabale time in discussing the operations of the local shipping association. Due to his close associaton with the inner workings of the farm bureau, Mr. Campbell had a great deal of valuable information at his tongue's end. Mr. Campbell is a practical farmer, a good live speaker and a man who boosts for the farm bureau first, last and always. By nature he is an optimist which fact seems to have had a good effect on his listeners.

The ladies of the township served ice cream and cake and the happy gathering broke up at about eleven o'clock. This community gathering is one of the many which are being held thruout the county this year.

PRAIRIE DELL PICNIC

Members of the Prairie Dell Agricultural society took time out and drove to the Renwick park for a day's picnic on Friday, June 17.

All the picnicers arrived in time for the pinic dinner which was spread before them on the picnic tables at the grounds. A real honest-to-goodness farmers' picnic dinner was spread before them and the appetite which was developed by the long trip to the picnic grounds seemed to make the picnicers appreciate their dinner more than ever.

The dinner was followed by a short athletic program, the main part of which was the base ball game between the old men and the young men, members of the club. The young men seemed to have an edge on the older boys when it came to twirling the ball and the final score showed 8 to 2 in favor of the young men.

STORM HITS KLEMME

Klemme Times: In Klemme the storm did not do as much damage as it did in the country surrounding the city. The shed of the Northern Lumber Company was blown over and completely destroyed. The Farmers elevator had a close call as the cyclone peeled off a large patch of shingles from the roof. Many large trees were torn out by the roots all over town. A number of chicken coops and other small buildings were blown over in Klemme.

The storm did considerable damage south and west of town. Nearly every farmer had some loss, many wind-mills were torn down and destroyed. Large barns on the Will Nuehring farm were destroyed, silo destroyed and more or less damage done about the farm. Barns on the Peterson and Anderson farms were also destroyed. Nearly every farm in that locality reports damage done to dwellings, barns, silos and wind mills. Silos in the path of the big storm are a mass of tangled wreckage.

Becker's New Barn A Complete Loss

The fine new brick and wood barn on the Wm. Becker place was entirely destroyed. The barn was just completed last year. The first story was of brick and the upper part of wood with a round self-supporting roof. The cyclone leveled it to the ground and only a mass of twisted timber and a heap of brick and cement show where the barn once stood. Other buildings on the farm were also damaged and large trees were torn up by the roots. Other farms north and east of Klemme in the path of the storm report damaged windmills, roofs blown off of barns and other buildings and silos tipped over. Ben Grieman reports that his barn was destroyed and a number of stock killed.

It was the worst storm witnessed here in years and the damage to buildings and crops will amount to many thousands of dollars. Many places the loss was only partly covered by insurance.

500 GIRLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA BREAD CLUBS

Five hundred South Dakota girls will probably be enrolled in bread clubs this year, according to P. J. Scarbro, state club leader of the state college extension service.

Last year the 274 girls enrolled in the bread clubs of the state made an excellent record. In addition to the baking for their own homes, they sold products to the value of $2,852.95.

"Our slogan, 'More Home baked bread from home milled flour," is becoming quite popular with the girls and womens clubs interested in practical home economies," says Mr. Scarbro.

"Last year the milling companies of South Dakota sent our state champion bread demonstration team to Chicago at the time of the International Livestock show for an educational trip. These girls were the champions of fifteen teams from 15 counties that demonstrated every day of the state fair."

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Perhaps the most serious of the diseases caused by constipation is appendicitis. If you would avoid this dangerous disease, keep your bowels regular. For this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent, easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Tablets is so mild and gentle that you can hardly realize that it has been produced by a medicine.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 18 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

Bim came into the house sobbing with emotion but with her head erect. She stood her gun in a corner and knelt by the helpless boy. He was crying also. Her hair fell upon his face as she looked at the spot of deep scarlet color made by the shot bag. She kissed it and held her cheek against his and whispered: "Don't cry. It's all over now. I'm going to cut these ropes."

It was as if she had known and loved him always. She was like a young mother with her first child. Tenderly she wiped his tears away with her blond, silken hair. She cut his bonds and he rose and stood before her. Her face changed like magic.

"Oh what a fool I've been!" she exclaimed.

"Why so?" he asked.

"I cried and I kissed you and we never have been introduced to each other."

She covered her eyes with her hair and with bent head went out of the door.

"I'll never forget that kiss as long as I live," said the boy as he followed her. "I'll never forget your help or your crying either."

"Go away from me—I won't speak to you," she said. "Go back to your work. I'll stay here and keep watch."

The boy returned to his task pointing up the inside walls but his mind and heart were out in the sunlight talking with Bim. Once he looked out of the door and saw her leaning against the neck of the pony, her face hidden in his mane. When the sun was low she came to the door and said:

"You had better stop now and go home."

She looked down at the ground and added:

"Please, please, don't tell on me."

"Of course not," he answered. "But I hope you won't be afraid of me any more."

She looked up at him with a little smile. "Do you think I'm afraid of you?" she asked as if it were too absurd to be thought of. She unhitched and mounted her pony but did not go.

"I do wish you could raise a mustache," she said, looking wistfully into his face. "I can't bear to see you look so terribly young; you get worse and worse every time I see you. I want you to be a regular man right quick."

He wondered what he ought to say and presently stammered: "I—I—intend to. I guess I'm more of a man than anybody would think to look at me."

"You're too young to ever fall in love, I reckon."

"No, I'm not," he answered with decision.

"Have you got a razor?" she asked.

"No."

"I reckon it would be a powerful help. You put soap on your lip and mow it off with a razor. My father says it makes the grass grow."

There was a moment of silence during which she brushed the mane of her pony. Then she asked timidly: "Do you like yellow hair?"

"Yes, if it looks like yours."

"If you don't mind I'll put a mustache on you just—just to look at every time I think of you."

"When I think of you I put violets in your hair," he said.

He took a step toward her as he spoke and as he did so she started her pony. A little way off she checked him and said:

"I'm sorry. There are no violets now."

She rode away slowly waving her hand and singing with the joy of a bird in the springtime.

That evening when Harry was helping Samson with the horses he said:

"I'm going to tell you a secret. I wish you wouldn't say anything about it."

Samson stood pulling the hair out of his card and looking very stern as he listened while Harry told of the assault upon him and how Bim had arrived and driven the rowdies away with her gun but he said not a word of her demonstration of tender sympathy. To him, that had clothed the whole adventure with a kind of sanctity so that he could not bear to have it talked about.

Samson's eyes glowed with anger. They searched the face of the boy. His voice was deep and solemn when he said:

"This is a serious matter. Why do you wish to keep it a secret?"

The boy blushed. For a moment he knew not what to say. Then he spoke: "It ain't me so much—it's her," he managed to say. "She wouldn't want it to be talked about and I don't either."

Samson began to understand. "She's quite a girl, I guess," he said thoughtfully. "She must have the nerve of a man—I declare she must."

"Yes-sir-ee! They'd 'a' got hurt if they hadn't gone away, that's sure," said Harry.

"We'll look out for them after this," Samson rejoined. "The first time I meet that man McNoll he'll have to settle with me and he'll pay cash on the nail."

Bim, having heard of Harry's part in Abe's fight and of the fact that he was to be working alone all day at the new house, had ridden out through the woods to the open prairie and hunted in sight of the new cabin that afternoon. Unwilling to confess her extreme interest in the boy she had said not a word of her brave act. It was not shame; it was partly a kind of rebellion against the tyranny of youthful ardor; it was partly the fear of ridicule.

So it happened that the adventure of Harry Needles made scarcely a ripple on the sensitive surface of the village life. It will be seen, however, that it had started strong undercurrents likely, in time, to make themselves felt.

The house and barn were finished, whereupon Samson and Harry drove to Springfield—a muddy, crude and growing village with thick woods on its north side—and bought furniture. Their wagon was loaded and they were ready to start for home. They were walking on the main street when Harry touched Samson's arm and whispered:

"There's McNoll and Callyhan."

The pair were walking a few steps ahead of Samson and Harry. In a second Samson's big hand was on McNoll's shoulder.

"This is Mr. McNoll, I believe," said Samson.

The other turned with a scared look.

"What do you want o' me?" he demanded.

Samson threw him to the ground with a jerk so strong and violent that it rent the sleeve from his shoulder. McNoll's companion, who had felt the weight of Samson's hand and had had enough of it, turned and ran.

"What do ye want o' me?" McNoll asked again as he struggled to free himself.

"What do I want o' you—you puny little coward," said Samson, as he lifted the bully to his feet and gave him a toss and swung him in the air and continued to address him. "I'm just goin' to muss you up proper. If you don't say you're sorry and mean it I'll put a tow string on your neck and give you to some one that wants a dog."

"I'm sorry," said McNoll. "Honest I am! I was drunk when I done it."

Samson released his prisoner. A number in the crowd which had gathered around them clapped their hands and shouted, "Hurrah for the stranger!"

A constable took Samson's hand and said: "You deserve a vote of thanks. That man and his friends have made me more trouble than all the rest of the drinking men put together."

"And I am making trouble for myself," said Samson. "I have made myself ashamed. I am no fighting man, I was never in such a muss on a public street before and with God's help it will never happen again."

"Where do you live?" the officer asked.

"In New Salem."

"I wish it was here. We need men like you."

Samson wrote in his diary:

"On the way home my heart was sore. I prayed in silence that God would forgive me for my bad example to the boy. I promised that I would not again misuse the strength He has given me. In my old home I would have been disgraced by it. The minister would have preached of the destruction that follows the violent man to put him down; the people would have looked askance at me. Deacon Somers would have called me aside to look into my soul, and Judge Grandy and his wife would not have invited me to their parties. Here it's different. A chap who can take the law in his hands and bring the evil man to his senses, even if he has to hit him over the head, is looked up to. It's a reckless country. You feel it as soon as you get here. In time, I fear, I shall be as headlong as the rest of them. Some way the news of my act has got here from Springfield. Sarah was kind of cut up. Jack Kelso has nicknamed me 'The man with the iron arms,' and Abe, who is a better man every way, laughs at my embarrassment and says I ought to feel honored. For one thing Jack Armstrong has become a good citizen. His wife has foxed a pair of breeches for Abe. They say McNoll has left the country. There has been no deviltry here since that day. I guess the gang is broken up—too much iron in its way."

Sarah enjoyed fixing up the cabin. Jack Kelso had given her some deer and buffalo skins to lay on the floors. The upper room, reached by a stick ladder, had its two beds, one of which Harry occupied. The children slept below in a trundle bed that was pushed under the larger one when it was made up in the morning.

"Some time I'm going to put in a windletrap and get rid o' that stick ladder," Samson had said.

Sarah had all the arts of the New England home maker. Under her hand the cabin, in color, atmosphere and general neatness, would have delighted a higher taste than was to be found on the prairies, save in the brain of Kelso, who really had some acquaintance with beauty. To be sure the bed was in one corner, spread with its upper cover knit of gray yarn harmonizing in color with the bark of the log walls. A handsome dark brown buffalo robe lay beside it. The rifle and powder horn were hung above the mantel. The fireplace had its crane of wrought iron.

Every one in the little village came to the house warming. The people were in their best clothes. The women wore dresses of new calico—save Mrs. Doctor Allen, who wore a black silk dress which had come with her from her late home in Lexington. Bim Kelso came in a dress of red muslin trimmed with white lace. Ann Rutledge also wore a red dress and came with Abe. The latter was rather grotesque in his new linsey trousers, of a better length than the former pair, but still too short.

"It isn't fair to blame the trousers or the tailor," he had said when he had tried them on. "My legs are so long that the imagination of the tailor is sure to fall short if the cloth don't. Next time I'll have 'em made to measure with a ten-foot pole instead of a yardstick. If they're too long I can roll 'em up and let out a link or two when they shrink. Ever since I was a boy I have been troubled with shrinking pants."

Abe wore a blue swallow-tail coat with brass buttons, the tails of which were so short as to be well above the danger of pressure when he sat down. His cowhide shoes had been well blackened; the blue yarn of his socks showed above them. "These darned socks of mine are rather proud and conceited," he used to say. "They like to show off."

He wore a shirt of white, unbleached cotton, a starched collar and black tie.

In speaking of his collar to Samson, he said that he felt like a wild horse in a box stall.

Mentor Graham, the schoolmaster, was there—a smooth-faced man with a large head, sandy hair and a small mustache, who spoke by note, as it were. Kelso called him the great articulator and said that he walked in the valley of the shadow of Lindley Murray. He seemed to keep a watchful eye on his words, as if they were a lot of schoolboys not to be trusted. They came out with a kind of self-conscious rectitude.

The children's games had begun and the little house rang with their songs and laughter, while their elders sat by the fire and along the walls talking. Ann Rutledge and Bim Kelso and Harry Needles and John McNeil played with them. In one of the dances all joined in singing the verses:

I won't have none o' yer weevily wheat,
I won't have none o' yer barley;
I won't have none o' yer weevily wheat,
To make a cake for Charley.

Charley is a fine young man,
Charley is a dandy,
Charley likes to kiss the girls,
Whenever it comes handy.

When a victim was caught in the flying scrimmage at the end of a passage in the game of Prisoners, he or she was brought before the blindfolded judge:

"Heavy, heavy hangs over your head," said the constable.

"Fine or superfine?" the judge inquired.

"Fine," said the constable, which meant that the victim was a boy. Then the sentence was pronounced and generally it was this:

"Go bow to the wittiest, kneel to the prettiest and kiss the one that you love best."

Harry was the first prisoner. He went straight to Bim Kelso and bowed and knelt, and when he had risen she turned and ran like a scared deer around the chairs and the crowd of onlookers, some assisting and some checking her flight, before the nimble youth. Hard pressed, she ran out of the open door, with a merry laugh, and just beyond the steps Harry caught and kissed her, and her cheeks had the color of roses when he led her back.

John McNeil kissed Ann Rutledge that evening and was most attentive to her, and the women were saying that the two had fallen in love with each other.

"See how she looks at him," one of them whispered.

"Well, it's just the way he looks at her," the other answered.

At the first pause in the merriment Kelso stood on a chair, and then silence fell upon the little company.

"My good neighbors," he began, "we are here to rejoice that new friends have come to us and that a new home is born in our midst. We bid them welcome. They are big-boned, big-hearted folks. No man has grown large who has not at one time or another had his feet in the soil and felt its magic power going up into his blood and bone and sinew. Here is a wonderful soil and the inspiration of wide horizons; here are broad and fertile fields. Where the corn grows high you can grow statesmen. It may be that out of one of these little cabins a man will come to carry the torch of Liberty and Justice so high that its light will shine into every dark place. So let no one despise the cabin—humble as it is. Samson and Sarah Traylor, I welcome and congratulate you. Whatever may come, you can find no better friends than these, and of this you may be sure, no child of the prairies will ever go about with a hand organ and a monkey. Our friend, Honest Abe, is one of the few rich men in this neighborhood. Among his assets are 'Kirkham's Grammar,' 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' the 'Lives of Washington and Henry Clay,' 'Hamlet's Soliloquy,' 'Othello's Speech to the Senate,' 'Marc Anthony's Address' and a part of 'Webster's Reply to Hayne.' A man came along the other day and sold him a barrel of rubbish for two bits. In it he found a volume of 'Blackstone's Commentaries.' Old Blackstone challenged him to a wrestle and Abe has grappled with him. I reckon he'll take his measure as easily as he took Jack Armstrong's. Lately he has got possession of a noble asset. It is 'The Cotter's Saturday Night,' by Robert Burns. I propose to ask him to let us share his enjoyment of this treasure."

Abe, who had been sitting with his legs doubled beneath him on a buffalo skin, between Joe and Betsey Traylor, rose and said:

"Mr. Kelso's remarks, especially the part which applied to me, remind me of the story of the prosperous grocer of Joliet. One Saturday night he and his boys were busy selling sausage. Suddenly in came a man with whom

"He and His Boys Were Busy Selling Sausages."

he had quarreled and laid two dead cats on the counter.

"'There,' said he, 'this makes seven today. I'll call Monday and get my money.'

"We were doing a good business here making fun. It seems a pity to ruin it and throw suspicion on the quality of the goods by throwing a cat on the counter."

This raised a storm of merriment, after which he recited the poem of Burns, with keen appreciation of its quality. Samson repeatedly writes of his gift for interpretation, especially of the comic, and now and then lays particular stress on his power of mimicry.

John Cameron sang "The Sword of Bunker Hill" and "Forty Years Ago, Tom." Samson played while the older people danced until midnight. Then, after noisy farewells, men, women and children started in the moonlit road toward the village. Ann Rutledge had Abe on one arm and John McNeil on the other.

CHAPTER VI.

Which Describes the Lonely Life in a Prairie Cabin and a Stirring Adventure on the Underground Railroad About the Time It Began Operations.

When Samson paid Mr. Gollaher, a "detector" came with the latter to look at the money before it was accepted. There were many counterfeits and bills good only at a certain discount of face value going about those days and the detector was in great request. Directly after moving in, Samson dug a well and lined it with a hollow log. He bought tools and another team and then he and Harry began their fall plowing. Day after day for weeks they paced with their turning furrows until a hundred acres, stretching half a mile to the west and well to the north of the house, were black with them. Fever and ague descended upon the little home in the early winter.

In a letter to her brother, dated January 4th, 1832, Sarah writes:

"We have been longing for news from home, but not a word has come from you. It don't seem as if we could stand it unless we hear from you or some of the folks once in a while. We are not dead just because we are a thousand miles away. We want to hear from you. Please write and let us know how father and mother are and all the news. We have all been sick with the fever and ague. It is a beautiful country and the soil is very rich, but there is some sickness. Samson and I were both sick at the same time. I never knew Samson to give up before. He couldn't go on, his head ached so. Little Joe helped me get the fire started and brought some water and waited on us. Harry Needles had gone away to Springfield for Mr. Offut with a drove of hogs. Two other boys are with him. He is going to buy a new suit. He is a very proud boy. Joe and Betsey got back with the doctor at nine. That night Abe Lincoln came and sat up with us and gave us our medicine and kept the fire going. It was comical to see him lying beside Joe in his trundle bed, with his long legs sticking over the end of it and his feet standing on the floor about a yard from the bed. He was spread all over the place. He talked about religion and his views would shock most of our friends in the East. He doesn't believe in the kind of Heaven that the ministers talk about or any eternal hell. He says that nobody knows anything about the hereafter, except that God is a kind and forgiving father and that all men are His children. He says that we can only serve God by serving each other. He seems to think that every man, good or bad, black or white, rich or poor, is his brother. He thinks that Henry Clay, next to Daniel Webster, is the greatest man in the country. He is studying hard. Expects to go out and make speeches for Clay next summer. He is quite severe in his talk against General Jackson. He and Samson agree in politics and religion. They are a good deal alike. He is very fond of Samson and Harry—calls them his partners. We love this big awkward giant. His feet are set in the straight way and we think that he is going to make his mark in the world.

"You said you would come out next spring to look about. Please don't disappoint us. I think it would almost break my heart. I am counting the days. Don't be afraid of fever and ague. Sapington's pills cure it in three or four days. I would take the steamboat at Pittsburg, the roads in Ohio and Indiana are so bad. You can get a steamer up the Illinois river at Alton and get off at Beardstown and drive across country. If we knew when you were coming Samson or Abe would meet you. Give our love to all the folks and friends.

"Yours affectionately,
"Sarah and Samson."

It had been a cold winter and not easy to keep comfortable in the little house. In the worst weather Samson had used to get up at night to keep the fire going. Late in January a wind from the southeast melted the snow and warmed the air of the midlands so that, for a week or so, it seemed as if spring were come. One night of this week Sambo awoke the family with his barking. A strong wind was rushing across the plains and roaring over the cabin and wailing in its chimney. Suddenly there was a rap on its door. When Samson opened it he saw in the moonlight a young colored man and woman standing near the doorstep.

"Is dis Mistah Traylor?" the young man asked.

"It is," said Samson. "What can I do for you?"

"Mas'r, de good Lord done fotched us here to ask you fo' help," said the negro. "We be nigh wone out with cold an' hungah, suh, 'deed we be."

Samson asked them in and put wood on the fire, and Sarah got up and made some hot tea and brought food from the cupboard and gave it to the strangers, who sat shivering in the firelight. They were a good-looking pair, the young woman being almost white. They were man and wife. The latter stopped eating and moaned and shook with emotion as her husband told their story. Their master had died the year before and they had been brought to St. Louis to be sold in the slave market. There they had escaped by night and gone to the house of an old friend of their former owner who lived north of the city on the river shore. He had taken pity on them and brought them across the Mississippi and started them on the north road with a letter to Elijah Lovejoy of Alton and a supply of food. Since then they had been hiding days in the swamps and thickets and had traveled by night. Mr. Lovejoy had sent them to Erastus Wright of Springfield, and Mr. Wright had given them the name of Samson Traylor and the location of his cabin. From there they were bound for the house of John Peasley, in Hopedale, Tazewell county.

Lovejoy had asked them to keep the letter with which they had begun their travels. The letter stated that their late master had often expressed his purpose of leaving them their freedom when he should pass away. He had left no will and since his death the two had fallen into the hands of his nephew, a despotic, violent young drunkard of the name of Biggs.

Samson was so moved by their story that he hitched up his horses and put some hay in the wagon box and made off with the fugitives up the road to the north in the night. When daylight

Up the Road to the North in the Night.

came he covered them with hay. About eight o'clock he came to a frame house and barn, the latter being of unusual size for that time and country. Above the door of the barn was a board which bore the stenciled legend: "John Peasley, Orwell Farm."

As Samson drew near the house he observed a man working on the roof of a woodshed. Something familiar in his look held the eye of the New Salem man. In half a moment he recognized the face of Henry Brimstead. It was now a cheerful face. Brimstead came down from the ladder and they shook hands.

"Good land o' Goshen! How did you get here?" Samson asked. Brimstead answered:

"Through the help of a feller that looks like you an' the grit of a pair o' horses. Come down this road early in September on my way to the land o' plenty. Found Peasley here. Couldn't help it. Saw his name on the barn. Used to go to school with him in Orwell. He offered to sell me some land with a house on it an' trust me for his pay. I liked the looks o' the country and so I didn't go no further. I was goin' to write you a letter, but I hain't got around to it yet. Ain't forgot what you done for us, I can tell ye that."

"Well, this looks better than the sand plains—a lot better—and you look better than the flea farmer back in York state. How are the children?"

"Fat an' happy an' well dressed. Mrs. Peasley has been a mother to 'em an' her sister is goin' to be a wife to me." He came close to Samson and added in a confidential tone: "Say, if I was any happier I'd be scairt. I'm like I was when I got over the toothache—so scairt for fear it would come back I was kind o' miserable."

Mr. Peasley came out of the door. He was a big, full-bearded, jovial man.

"I've got a small load o' hay for you," said Samson.

"I was expecting it, though I supposed 'twould be walkin'—in the dark o' night," Peasley answered. "Drive in on the barn floor."

When Samson had driven into the barn its doors were closed and the negroes were called from their place of hiding. Samson writes:

"I never realized what a blessing it is to be free until I saw that scared man and woman crawling out from under the dusty hay and shaking themselves like a pair of dogs. The weather was not cold or I guess they would have been frozen. They knelt together on the barn floor and the woman prayed for God's protection through the day. Peasley brought food for them and stowed them away on the top of his haymow with a pair of buffalo skins. I suppose they got some sleep there. I went into the house to breakfast and while I ate Brimstead told me about his trip. His children were there. They looked clean and decent. He lived in a log cabin a little further up the road. Mrs. Peasley's sister waited on me. She is a fat and cheerful looking lady, very light complected. Her hair is red—like tomato ketchup. Looks to me a likely, stout-armed, good-hearted woman who can do a lot of hard work. She can see a joke and has an answer handy every time."

For details of the remainder of the historic visit of Samson Traylor to the home of John Peasley we are indebted to a letter from John to his brother Charles, dated February 21, 1832. In this he says:

"We had gone out to the barn and Brimstead and I were helping Mr. Traylor hitch up his horses. All of a sudden two men came riding up the road at a fast trot and turned in and come straight toward us and pulled up by the wagon. One of them was a slim, red-cheeked young feller about twenty-three years old. He wore top boots and spurs and a broad-brimmed black hat and gloves and a fur waistcoat and purty linen. He loked at the tires of the wagon and said: 'That's the one we've followed.'

(Continued next week)

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Two young men of Whitten, near Eldora, are in jail here, charged with having stolen some tires from the Wm. Braumann store in Eagle Grove May 23rd. Marshal Reynolds, of Eagle Grove, get a pretty straight tip that the young men were implicated in the robbery, so Monday he arrested Earl Snyder, who was yet in Eagle Grove, and after a short grilling Snyder confessed to the theft, implicating Vinton. Vinton, after his arrest flatly denied his guilt.

Upon being arraigned before Mayor Baker, they were bound over to the action of the grand jury and, being unable to give bond, were jailed in the county jail here.

George Moore, a farmer living in the Holmes vicinity, is accused of having stolen some harness from the Art Thiebay barn near Eagle Grove, and also from J. H. Oldaker, of the same vicinity. Sheriff Lang arrested Moore, who was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of $2,000 bond, which he gave. He is now out on bond.

Booze Maker Held To Grand Jury

Perle Nelson, of Dows, alleged to be guilty of making home made booze has been bound over by Mafor Keister, of Dows, to the action of the grand jury, bond in the sum of $300 having been furnished by the young man's father. The still which is said to have been used by Nelson is now in the custody of the sheriff at Clarion.

New Cases In District Court

A petition has been filed in district court asking for the partition and sale of real estate held by the late Susan Busick, widow of Edward T. Busick, deceased. The land consists of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section five, and the east half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section six, all in 93-23. Henry Busick, plaistiff, and is brother, Olver Busick, deceased, held an undivided one-third interest in the land, and the defendants are the heirs of the late Susan Busick, a son and a number of children of deceased members of the family.

Henry Busick holds an undivided one-half of one-third of the estate through purchase and claims a one-tenth part of the estate through inheritance, and the other heirs are entitled to their interest through inheritance, or a 1-15th interest each, or less.

The court is asked to confirm the interests of the heirs as set out in the petition, and to order the sale of the real estate at referee's sale.

The Sweet, Orr & Co. corporation is suing George H. Wheeler to recover a total of $497.90, alleged to be due for merchandise sold the Woolstock merchant.

Frank H. Drury is appealing to district court from a decision by the board of supervisors against an award made in damages claimed by Mr. Drury by reason of a change in Primary Road No. 10. The appeal is from a damage allowance of the proposed change in the road near Rowan.

P. Trees, plaintiff, is suing S. Sarber to collect $626.55 due on a note, with interest and costs, and as personal service can be secured, asked for and received an order to secure service by publication in the Belmond Independent.

J. H. Reese, J. E. Richardson and D. W. Stewart, comprising the collateral inheritance commission were in session yeterday for the purpose of fixing the value of the estate of the late John Adams of Eagle Grove. They convene again on July 6th.

A marriage license was issued on Monday to Roy Mettler and Maye Rube, both of Mason City, also one to Perry D. Carson, of Peoria, Illinois, and Nell Noram of Fort Dodge. Both couples were married at Eagle Grove. On Tuesday a license was issued to Charles J. Birdsall and Esther E. Clark, of Clarion.

Too Much Liberty

Dan Leonard, who accompanied Ersland to the penitentiary at Fort Madison, reports another prisoner having made his getaway from that institution on the morning of his arrival. He was the tenth prisoner to escape since last December. It would seem as though the liberties of some of the "trusties"should be curtailed or additional guards placed over them. In commenting on the escape of these men, Lucius Simmons who visited in this city last week says that during the twenty-four years he was guard at this institution only two men got away.

Clarence Denger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Denger, of Dows has been selected as deputy sheriff of Wright county by Sheriff Lang. He is a single man and comes to the office well recommended as having many of the qualifications of a good officer.

Board of Supervisors convened on Monday and held a rehearing on drainage district No. 7, located southwest of Dows. A petition for clean-out and tile was up for consideration. After discussion of the same the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

Mrs. Wm. Knuth, who has been confined in the county jail as an accomplice in the theft of the Middleton auto truck at Eagle Grove, was released on Friday. Her parents came up from Cedar Rapids and deposited a $1000 cash bond. They kenw nothing of her marriage.

A committee from the county Red Cross nursing activities met with the board of supervisors Monday and laid before them the needs of the county association for next year. Miss Katie Liddle has accomplished a vast amount of good throughout the county. Her services are so far-reaching among the children that it would be almost impossible to estimate their value in dollars and cents. So great has become the demand upon her time that the committee hope the board will give her assistants for next year. The Red Cross chapter will provide automobiles and pay all incidentals in behalf of the assistants, whom they hope to secure for $1500 each. The committee was comprised of some of the best men and women in the county. Among them were: R. M. Smallpage, Mrs. A. L. Middleton, Mrs. Weeks, Eagle Grove; A. L. Luick and Wallace Ramsay, Belmond; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Young, Sr., O. P. Morton, L. N. Archerd, E. A. Allen, D. L. Nagle, Mrs. Alice Bunn Mrs. Hugo Rourbach, Clarion; R. W. Birdsall. Dows,

Picturing the Farmer

What does the farmer look like? Not like the typical stage "hick" who blows out the gas, by heck, when he first visits the city. Not like the movie hero who studies his agriculture in a Los Angeles studio. Not a bit like 'em, says Freeman Tilden in

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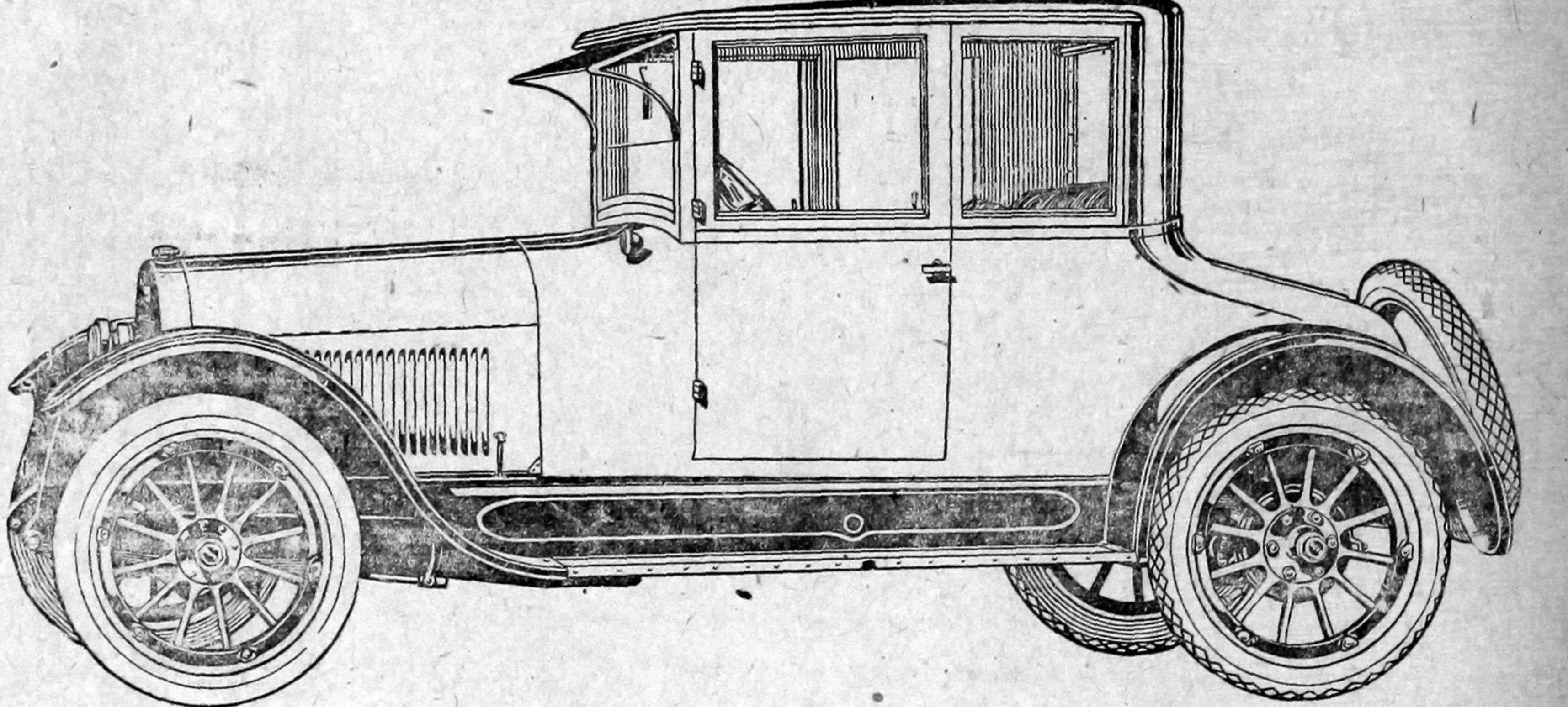

Two More Men Made Happy

Two more Belmond men have recently added their names to that large list of satisfied owners of Buick Cars.
Thomas Finn, Sr., of Belmond, recently purchased a Buick Six, Seven Passenger Touring Car.
Harley Muhm, of Belmond, purchased a Buick Six, Five Passenger last Tuesday.

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BURGLARS ROB A LOCAL STORE FRIDAY

A Slaughter Of The Innocents

Belmond "Steals" Another Game From Kanawha, Sunday, By Securing Six Runs First Inning.

FINAL RESULT READS 8 TO 3

Scoring six runs in the first inning, Belmond walked on the Kanawha team Sunday for the second game of the seasos betwees tnhe two and won by a score of 8 to 3.

The boys started out right off the bat and began to pound the mighty Yepson to the four corners of the lot, singles, two-baggers and a nice long triple being the order of the day. It was a walk-away for the Belmosd team from the start, and after the first inning there was never a doubt as to the final outcome of the game.

The Kanawha team was hopelessly outclassed in every branch of the game by Belmond. The home boys batted, fielded, ran bases and put more snap into their playing than Kanawha showed thruout the entire game. Ned Packard on first base was the star performer in the fielding line, making two of the best and "wooliest" catches that have been made this year.

Pillmer pitched a nice game, not as good as he has done and can do, but sufficient to keep the Kanawha team running in circles trying to locate their heads. They secured a total of seven hits, some of which were mere scratches, and Pillmer kept the seven so scattered out that they were of no use in producing runs. Kanawha seemed unable to connect for anything solid and they were out of luck most of the time when they did get the ball into the outfield.

There was a very large crowd at the game, the estimate running to about six to seven hundred. Everything was absolutely peaceful and orderly, not a decision of the umpire being protested and not a single kick being registered by either side thruout the game. The crowd, in a brief speech before the game by the mayor was told that it was to be a game between the two teams, not the two towns, and that anyone not in uniform was supposed to keep behind the wire. They did, and the game was quiet from start to finish. Extra police were on the grounds to see that there was not repatition of the unseemly conduct that prevailed the week before at the lakes when the two teams played.

The two teams meet for their next affair at the county seat when they play there on July 4th at Clarion's big celebration.

LIBRARY NOTES

Besides several new books recently added to the fiction list at the library the following were received last week and have been in constant circulation:

Buck—The Rooftree.
Masters—The Rooftree.
Connor—Glengarry Schooldays
Day—All-wool Morrison
McFee—Captain Macedoine's Daughter.
Lindsey—More Mother Stories
Sinclair—Poor Man's Rock.
Bailey—The Trumpeter Swan
White—Storm Country Polly.
Porter—Sister Sue.
Oemler—The Purple Heights.
Tarkington—Alice Adams.
Guest—When Day Is Done.
Canfield—The Brimming Cup.
Longstreth—Mac of Placid.
Seltzer—"Drag" Harlan.
Ashmun—Isabel Carleton's Friends
Isabel Carleton at Home

Other good books of new fiction are expected within a few days.

CHILDREN'S DAY AND RALLY DAY ARE BIG SUCCESS

Sunday was the combined Rally and Children's Day at the M. E. church, beginning at 10:30 and combining the church service and Sunday school in one. The program given by the younger members of the Sunday school was very fine and greatly enjoyed by all there, a good attendance being out. Special mention should be made at this time of the exercise given by four members of the Cradle Roll Department. Those taking part in it were Orville Keith Bailey, Joan Adene Fitts, Geneva Christina Clausen and Marjory Beluah Neilson, assisted by Beatrice Strieby.

The Baptismal Sacrament was givento 11 people at the service, eight of them being little babies. Those taking the sacrament were: Anna Mae Kurtz, Susan Rebecca Kurtz, and Bernice Viola Kurtz, daughters of James Kurtz; Orville Keith Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bailey, Hugh Douglas Klemme, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Klemme; Marjorie Beulah Neilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neilson; Gladys Ione Nissen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Nissen; Clara Jane Townan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Townsan; Robert Kendall White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White; Joan Adene Fitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fitts; and Howard James Stapley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stapley.

Just before the close of the service the Sunday school secretary gave a report as to the membership of all departments and the financial standing of the Sunday school. The home department under the superintendent Mrs. Osborn Young has a membership of 78. The Cradle Roll department under the superistendent Mrs. A. E. Chamberlin has a membership of 40. The enrollment of the regular Sunday School is about 200 as near as can be estimated, making the total of 318 with 18 officers and teachers. The collection taken in the morning was $26.00. This amount goes in to the Loan Fund of the M. E. church for the purpose of loaning same to young students going to colleges and universities for definite christian work. The Sunday school has at present $39.39 Missionary collection on hand for the last eight months and $16.16 in the treasury, all bills paid to date.

A very enjoyable Epworth League devotional meeting was held Sunday evening with Miss Bernetas Wolle as leader. Some very fine discussions were held and all those present participated in them.

Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Doris Bailey the old and new Cabinets of the Epworth League will meet to discuss the coming year's work and make plans for a bigger and better year. Members of the two cabinets are urged to be present at this meeting.

R. E. Porter.

EFFORTS BEING MADE FOR CHAUTAUQUA

A pretty young lady representing the Midland Chautauqua system was in town the first of the week endeavoring to secure signers among the business men of the city to guarantee a chautauqua here next summer. The young lady called at the Independent office, and had eight signers at that time and stated that she was meeting with very good success so far. the contract she offered called for a guarantee from the business men of eight hundred dollars, besides considerable other expense such as for ground, etc.

The cautauqua is to be a five-day affair if it is signed for, and some very good talent is on the programs as shown. The contract becomes valid when signed by twenty men.

GREAT WESTERN CHANGES TIME

A new time table goes into effect July 3rd. The time of trains has been adjusted with particular reference to summer tourist traffic, reduced rates for which and special convention arrangements are now in effect.

For additional information apply Ticket Agent Chicago Great Western Railroad.

Epworth League Enjoys Fine Picinic At Lake

Local Chapter Of League Goes To Morse Lake For Enjoyable Time And Meeting.

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The Epworth Leaguers of the local chapter enjoyed a picnic supper at Morse Lake last Thursday afternoon and evening. The picnic was held a welcome home to the Methodist students. After the big supper new officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President—Mrs. J. S. White.
1st. Vice Pres.—Bernetas Wolle.
2nd. Vice Pres.—Ethel Hedges
3rd Vice Pres.—Dorothy Purcell.
4th. Vice Pres.—Doris Bailey.
Secretary—Clara Johnson.
Treasurer—Ralph Mortimer.
Pianoist—Mildred Veeder.

After enjoying the fine bathing facilities which Morse Lake offers the Leagurers returned home, tired but happy, planning to hold another such picnic soon. Under the combined help of the new Cabinet the Epworth League is bound to boom and the President extends a hearty welcome and invitation to all young people who are not affiliated with some other young peoples society to join them in their hour of worship and the delightful socials that they enjoy.

16TH ANNUAL REBEKAH CONVENTION HERE TODAY

The 16th annual convention of the Rebekahs for this district is to be held in Belmond today, and an attractive program has been arranged for the members of that organization who attend. Delegates are expected to attend from ten different towns. The program for the day as planned is to be as follows:

Afternoon—Called to order at 1:30 o'clock.
Opening of lodge.
Address of welcome—Mrs. McBurney, Belmond.
Response—Mrs. N. L. Vanderlip, Dows.
Reading of minutes of last convention.
Readisg of communications.
Instrumental music—Goldfield.
Vice President—1: Reports; 2: Payment of convention tax; 3: Presentation of Vice President's bills.
Paper—Mrs. Fobes, Dows.
Choosing place of next convention.
Election of officers.
Bills.
Treasurer's report.
Unfinished business.
New business.
Reading—Woolstock.
Draping of charter—Goldfield.
Balloting on candidates—Woolstock.
Exemplifying how to introduce a visitor from this and another jurisdiction—Galt.
Reading—Renwick.
Opening and closing lodge—Humboldt.
Paper—Mr. W. E. Warnes, Eagle Grove.
Memorial work—Clarion.
Supper.
Evening session—Called to order at 8:00 o'clock.
Song—Convention.
Reading—Edith Milnes—Clarion.
Degree work—Eagle Grove.
Music—Renwick.
Question box.
Remarks—Emma Miller, Assembly President.

The officers are as follows:
President—Elizabeth Snyder, Belmond.
Vice President—Carrie Duer, Clarion.
Warden—Ida Ziegler, Goldfield.
Secretary—Hazel Hembd, Belmond.
Treasurer—Nellie Klein, Eagle Grove.

The various business establishments have been requested to decorate their windows with the color of the Rebekahs, which are pink and green. Any decorations containing these two colors will be approriate and it is hoped that all will do so.

THOUGHT THEY WERE FUNNY —MAYOR SAYS NOT

Two young men of Belmond are seriously considering today whether they were quite as funny as they thought. The mayor says they aren't and the boys are beginning to believe that maybe he is right. The way of it was thus:

A Mr. Wright, a traveling man, on Tuesday night were coming back to Belmond from Cornelia, where they had been to the dance, and when at a point between the Elder bridge and the M. & St. L. track saw a tire lying in the road. There were four other men in the car with Wright and one of them started to get out of the car to get the tire. The tire started off into the weeds. Wright and his companions, with visions of hold-up men—this "lost tire" stunt has been worked that way before—"stepped on her" and came to town after the marshal. They found the nightwatch, Rierson, and went back. The tire lay in the road again and as Rierson got out of the car the tire started to move off and at the same time the two young men began going elsewhere. Rierson had his gun out and commanded them to halt. They thought perhaps Holver meant it so they did. One young man was real sassy, while the other saw the error of his ways. Wright ordered them arrested and brought before the mayor, which was done, it being then 11:00 o'clock at night. The two men said it was all for a joke, but the mayor and Wright pointed out to them that it was a mighty poor one that the stunt had been used a number of times by highway robbers, and that the law has considerable to say about a joke on the public highway. After a severe lecture and warning they were turned loose.

But they'll never know how close they came to being shot.

COMMUNITY CLUB PICNIC DRAWS BIG CROWD

The annual picnic of the Community Welfare club held last week Friday evening in the city park drew a large number of members and their families, and a very enjoyable time is reported by those present.

The picnic supper was served at seven o'clock, and afterward a short program of readings was given, the readers being the Misses Alberta Pierce, Eloise Brooks, Elaine Rierson and Everrill Thompson. Attorney W. E. Bullard delivered a short address which was much enjoyed and appreciated. The Chamber of Commerce band rendered several selections.

The Dorr pop corn was on the grounds and donated half of the proceeds to the club.

ROUTE ONE ITEMS

The Misses Edna Guest and Virgie Jenison returned last week from their trip to points in southern Iowa. While there they attended the Shriners convention at Des Moines.

Miss Cloe Jenison was a Mason City caller between trains Saturday.

On Friday June 24 Wava Jenison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. El. Jenison and Floyd Thayer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenison, motored to Clarion where they were quietly married at the Congregational parsonage by the Rev. Viehe.

They left Clarion for a trip to Ft. Dodge and other points returning home Monday. Monday evening a reception was held at the O. D. Jenison home in honor of the newlyweds.

This affair was made doubly interesting because of the fact that it was the twenty-first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jenison.

The evening was spent in games and dancing, some twenty young people participating.

The most important feature of the reception was a mock double wedding in which the newlyweds and the bride and groom of twenty-one years ago promised to "honor, love and cherish."

Dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed congratulating the happy couples.

TAKE ABOUT THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH

Thieves Gain Entrance To Store By Side Window And Walk Out The Back Door When Leaving.

TAKE ONLY THE VERY BEST

Are Careful To Discard Anything Not Most Valuable—Make Get-away With Automobile.

Thieves broke into the Variety Store sometime during the night on Friday night of last week and made away with goods from the store to the amount of around three hundred dollars.

The robbers used a pry on the side window to make an entrance to the store, going out the back door when they had completed their haul. Once inside they made a clean-up on the things that they were after, and they were particular to take only the best, discarding anything that was not exactly up to their ideals. Silk waists, razors, silverware, and the like seemed to strike their eye the most, and they took all of each that was the best in the store, leaving the cheaper grades and discarding any that might have been injured or soiled in any way.

It is presumed that the thieves had an automobile to carry the plunder away, as the amount of stuff taken was more than could have been carried away by hand. A car was heard to start up on the street running south from the corner, at about two to three o'clock that night, and it is thought this may have been the car of the thieves.

So far as known, there is no clew to the guilty parties. Pfaltzgraff appears to be marked for robberies, as his store has suffere the same fate before and no clew ever discovered as to the thieves.

CITY COUNCIL TO PASS MILK ORDINANCE

The city council will pass at their next meeting, on Tuesday of next week, an ordinance regulating the sale of milk within the town of Belmond. At a meeting on Tuesday of this week the matter was discussed and the ordinance drawn up, and at the next meeting will be put into effect. Any one in the town, or who delivers milk to the town, will be required to comply with certain things, and the nature of these may be had any time at the mayor's office. Any retailer of milk who wishes to know what the nature of this ordinance is or who may have any suggestions to offer, should say it before the next meeting of the council.

At the next meeting of the council the change of names of the principal streets will be made, and an ordinance so changing them will be made.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The ladies of the Farm Bureau of Belmond township enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ira Christie last Thursday. There were about 25 present. Many good ideas along poultry raising cooking and household duties were exchanged. Mrs. Christie served strawberry shortcake and coffee, giving the ladies her receipt for the delicious cake. Plans were formulated for a big township picnic to be held at the M. R. Pierce home July 14th. The ladies departed for their homes feeling the time had been pleasantly as well as profitably spent.

LEGION TO PLAY TOWN TEAM NEXT THURSDAY

A base ball game between the town team and the American Legion is being arranged to be played on next week Thursday afternoon, probably about six o'clock. As the Legion can lay claim to some of the best players on the town team, it ought to be a regular affair. Thomas it is understood will pitch for the Legion and the town team's heaver is not yet decided.

FREE AIR!

Well, suppose we stole another of our games Sunday.

The Reporter said last week that the game a week ago was a "daylight robbery."

This one must have been a daylight walk-away.

If Kanawha had secured more hits, for more bases, stolen more sacks, made less errors, they might have won the game.

Matt says: "Gentlemen, this is to be a game between the two teams, not the two towns."

And Matt said a large-sized quantity. He is to be congratulated upon the splendid and efficient way in which he managed the game and kept the crowd back and from chewing the rag. That's the way all of the games should be, and the way they have to a large extent that were played in Belmond.

Wonder if they brought their "Dorg" along?

We had our dorg out there; didn't you see him fielding?

Wonder, now, is Kanawha's Dorg as handsome as ours?

Rich Thompson, so they say, has sold his Ford for seven hundred good round plunks.

Talk about putting your money on interest, that is one way of investing a dollar in oil and striking a gusher.

Good boy, Rich. Only now don't go and blow it in as easy as it came.

We knew we wouldn't get it. We had number 715.

Add 'em up and see.

But we came awful near it; if they hadn't shaken the hat quite so hard our number might have come up on top.

Or if they hadn't picked 272 they might have picked ours. See?

Pretty close.

Did you meet up with that pretty girl who was after the chautauqua? She had eight roped and tied when she struck us.

We ain't sayin' nothin'.

But we'll just figure out about the middle of next summer how much a smile it cost.

Men are sure easy.

But there's solace in the thought that "there are others."

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WHERE YOU GOIN' THE 4TH?

Have you got your plans all made celebrating the grand and glorious Fourth? Lots of places to choose from this year: Clari on, Hampton, Clear Lake will observe the day in red-letter style. Most of the local folks appear to be planning on going to the county seat town to spend the day. Clarion is spending fifteen hundred dollars on their celebration this year and have a very good one planned. Hampton has a good program laid out also, with a big parade as one feature, while Clear Lake will observe the day with the usual run of attractions

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CLIPPINGS

A metropolitan newspaper points out that women have been experimenting since the days of Mother Eve, always seeking something more becoming, more practical and sanitary, and something that affords greater freedom of movement. The present short skirt is the result of these centuries of experimenting and pertetual evolution.

Everything new attracts attention and comment, until it is accepted as custom. Then it is regarded as right and becomes merely an incident of the day. Let the women and their short skirts alone. They are sane, sensible and sanitary. Men who are stickers for long skirts should don one themselves and parade to their heart's content. No one will object.—Hampton Recorder.

Miss Naomi Kenefick of Eagle Grove received the highest grade made in the state pharmacy examination at Iowa City, June 8, 9 and 10. Forty-two persons took the examination. Thirty-two passed and were given certificates as registered pharmacists.

Miss Kenefick graduated with the class of 1918 from Sacred Heart high school of this city. After a few weeks' vacation she will take a position as pharmacist in the Kenefick Pharmacy. This will relieve her father of a portion of the responsibility at the store.—Eagle.

The Empire Construction Company finished the paving job in Garner last Friday evening, making the biggest run on that day of any day since they began work in Garner. The record for that day was 1845 yards of concrete in nine and one-half hours. They made just about even 1700 in the regular nine hours which they ave been working, but the half-our overtime finished the job. They are already tearing down to move to Ames where they have a job that extends from the city out past the college grounds. —Garner Signal.

The News office has some pretty printed stock literature which is very unique in that it has a brand new scheme for stock selling as a foundation for its argument. Every man who buys a share of this stock gets a certified check attached to the stock which calls for a 12 per cent cash dividend December first. But there is only one certified check attached, and after December first w'll have to trust to luck to get the rest of the dividends.--News.

Miss Margery Purcell of Belmond visited her friend, Miss Jesse Nelson, in Clarion this week.—News.

Miss Hazel Thomas was a guest the first of the week at the Lawton home. Miss Thomas was principal of the Belmond school last year and has been rehired.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bailey of Belmond were in Clarion, Monday, looking for a house. Mr. Bailey will be the foreman of the constrution gang which will build the outlets for Clarion's sewer job, and work was started Tuesday toward getting the job started. The company expects to rush the work as rapidly as possible, and every resource at its command will be placed back of the job. Mr. Bailey is a good band man, and will doubtless be recruited to the Clarion band activities during his stay in our city. —News.

A case of "stick fingers" will be brought to light within a short time wherein a trusted public employee is accused of appropriating property not belonging to him.—Monitor.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Many folk commented upon the large attendance at the service of the church last Sunday. Why not make it that large every Sunday? If you were there last Sunday, what real reason have you for not being there next Sunday?

Sunday school 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting 7:00 p. m.

The sermon theme Sunday morning will be "God and America's Destiny." There will be tumult and loud noise thruout the land on Monday, but what is the meaning of it all? Amidth e shoutings and noise of celebration let us not forget the soul of America. You are invited to worship with us at any and all of the services of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Three more would have given us our 150 last Sunday at Bible School. We are going to have the picnic nevertheless this week Wednesday out at Mr. Hinman's and we hope to see all there A good time is guaranteed and sorts of all kinds will be furnished. Those who have no way of getting out be at the church by 9:30.

Next Sabbath our services will be as follows: Sabbath school at 10:00 at which time we hope to see at least 150 present. The morning worship at 11:00 at which time the Lord's Supper will be adminstered, members received and baptism administered.

The evening services at 8:00 will be in charge of the young people. Mrs. Ralph Christie is the leader and will give us a report of her visit to the state conference at Sioux City. There will be special music and we hope that many will put forth an effort and be present. It will be worth while and why not put the evening service on your program?

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

A. E. Drury of Des Moines visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Herb Hadley on Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan McBurney of Popejoy visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler the first of the week.

Messrs. O. E. Ballou, D. W. Whitten, Duncan Farran, Guy Sheldon, R. H. Keith and Gay Fletcher attended Masonic lodge at Dows Friday night.

Mrs. Harry Robinson and children of Waterloo came Tuesday to visit at the home of her cousin Mrs. Geo. Pritchett.

Miss Mable Azeltine, who graduated from the Nurses course at the M. E. hospital at Des Moines has been spending a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Azeltine. She expects to go back Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher were Dows callers Friday night.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum spent Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glen Jennings.

Clifford Farren of Sheldon came Saturday to visit at the home of his brother, J. S. Farren and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hinkley are the proud parents of a baby birl, born Wednesday, June 22. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson gave a party to the young people of the neighborhood, Tuesday night, in compliment to their son and daughter. A large crowd attended and report a fine time. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Friday night Clarence Hills gave a barn dance in their new large barn which has just been completed on their farm south of town. About 50 couples enjoyed this occasion. They report good music also.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and children spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Azeltine and family of Galt spent Sunday with relatives at Rowan. Miss Lillian remained to keep house for her uncle, Ray Azeltine.

Mrs. Darrell Stout has been ill this week. Dr. Steele of Belmond was called to prescribe for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams were Belmond callers Wednesday.

Mrs. Chester Bailey was a Dows caller between trains Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brooks of Waverly motored to Rowan Friday, to visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, returning Saturday.

Charles Emerson was a Belmond caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Vola Tibbets and Mrs. O. E. Ballou spent Saturday at the home of their brother, Ed. Ballou and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson and Mrs. Chester Bailey and daughter Bernice motored to Belmond on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson motored to Esendale, Minn., Saturday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Nelson who formerly lived at this place.

Fred Brooks was a Belmond caller Saturday.

Russell Bailey went to Belmond on Saturday morning to start work in the Elite Cafe.

Mrs. Fred Brooks visited her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder, at Clarion, Saturday.

Mrs. J. S. Farren and daughter, Frances and sons Bobby and Darl went to Fort Dodge, Saturday to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval.

Mr. Statts of Hampton was in town Friday fixing sewing machines.

Mrs. G. R. Stumph visited Thursday at the home of her friend, Mrs. Roscoe Robinson of Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L Howell and children of Napoleon, Ohio who have been visiting relatives at Rowan went to Winebago, Minn, Wednesday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs George Watson. They will also visit at Humboldt before returning to Rowan.

Mrs. S. A. Ferguson has been sick the past week.

Mrs. O. H. Christian nee Leola Virden, and baby Cecelia May of Stratford, S. D., came Wednesday to visit at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dick Virden and with other relatives. She went Saturday to visit at the home of her husband's parents at Rolland, Iowa.

Wm. Drury of Flannagan, Illinois came Tuesday to visit at the home of his niece, Mrs. Herb Hadley, and his nephew, Frank Drury.

Ray Azeltine returned home Saturday from Colorado where he has been visiting relatives for the past few weeks.

Fern Streveler has been visiting at the home of her aunt Mrs. Logan McBurney at Popejoy the past week.

Mrs. John Shurson of Kanawha, who has been visiting at the home of her daugter, Mrs. Elmer Burt, returned to her home Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and L. W. McCallum were Eagle Grove shoppers last Tuesday.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou returned home from Galt, Tuesday where she had been visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. John DeNio.

Miss Riley was at Clarion, Wednesday and Tursday taking the teachers examination. She reports them as hard work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hansen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Andrews of Coulter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrfs. Tice Streveler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Logan McBurney of Popejoy motored to Mason City, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and family motored to Fort Dodge on Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box were Dows callers Wednesday.

Miss Erma Barker who has been teaching at La Monte, Iowa, the past year came Thursday to spend the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barker. She has been visiting at the home of her sister, Ora, in Oelwein, since her school year closed.

Mrs. Roscoe Robinson of Dows was a Rowan caller Thursday. She was enroute to Clarion.

Charley Moon was a Fort Dodge caller Thursday.

Mrs. Viola Tibbets who has been spending the winter in California, came Wednesday to visit at the home of her brothers, O. E. and Ed. Ballou.

Ed. Ballou is making some improvements in his farm buildings. He is erecting a new hen house now and intends to build a barn in the near future.

Mrs. H. J. C. Box and daughter Blanch spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohnett near Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hoke have rented the Pete Eson house north of Main street and moved in this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Duffy were Clarion shoppers Friday.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion visitor Friday.

Mrs. J. F. Howell and children spent Friday at the home of her brother Will Bingham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hadley.

Jack Steffens of South Dakota is visiting at the home of his uncle, Wm. Steffens and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and son Charles spent Sunday at the Frank Kercheval home

Edgar Mantle and Marjorie Brooks were Mason City callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings of Clarion were Sunday visitors with relatives at Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Aldinger and family motored to Hampton on Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Mrs. Mullins and two daughters of Amboy, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Budick of Blairsburg spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum.

Mrs. George Gunderson's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gunderson and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Van Hook of Duncomb visited at her home Sunday.

Guy Pierce and sister Miss Emma Pierce and Mrs. Mill Holland were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitten.

Charley Ball was a Clarion passenger Monday.

Mrs. Cady Templeton, Miss Nellie Pierce and little Jean Hake of Clarion were over Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Jennie Rowen. They returned Monday.

Miss Minnie Aldinger returned home Monday after a week's visit with relatves at Ackley and Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey and daughter spent Sunday at the home of the former's brother, Fuller Bailey and wife of Belmond.

Fred Brooks made a business trip to Clarion, Monday. He was accompanied by his daughters Thelma and Marjorie.

Week of Picnics

This has been a week of picnics for the Rowan and vicinity people. Tuesday afternoon the Young Ladies Mis-

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Belmond Local News

Frank McNulty of Goodell was in town on Sunday of this week, attending the ball game here between Kanawha and Belmond.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulton are the happy parents of a baby girl, born on Sunday morning of this week.

—I—

Keneth Ballou of Rowan was a visitor here on Saturday of last week with old friends.

—I—

Henry Carpenter of Goodell was a visitor here one day last week with friends.

—I—

David Luick was among the local people who enjoyed the facilities of Clear Lake on Sunday.

—I—

Fred Desing was a visitor at Clear Lake on this week Sunday.

—I—

The Garner band was in town on Tuesday morning advertising the big wrestle and American Legion doings there on Friday afternoon and evening of this week. They favored the citizens here with a couple of selections.

—I—

The Thayer family held a very enjoyable family reunion on Sunday at the farm home of Ralph Thayer. A delicious dinner was served on the lawn, some thirty-five being present at the dinner, with some relatives present from distant points. A very enjoyable time is reported.

—I—

Thos. Kalvig from Kanawha was a recent visitor at the home of his parents here.

—I—

F. P. Dibble was among the local people who were at the creamery day celebration at Kanawha on Thursday of last week.

—I—

Mrs. Dillon was at Kanawha on Thursday of last week assisting Geo. Baldridge in the restaurant during the celebration there.

—I—

Mrs. M. L. Champlin from Dows was the guest of relatives here for a few days the past week.

—I—

Mrs. Tom Greenwood and little daughter were visitors with relatives and friends at Klemme last week.

M. J. Thoe went to Lake Mills on Saturday of last week to spend the week end at the home of relatives at that place. He returned on Tuesday of this week.

—I—

Fred Brooks of Rowan was one of the out of town people who were at the ball game here Sunday afternoon.

—I—

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was called to Traer, Iowa, on Saturday of last week to attend the funeral of an aged aunt, Mrs. H. C. Pierce, who was 84 years of age at her death. Her husband, who survives is 86 years of age.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore have been visiting the past week at the home of their son Howard and family.

—I—

Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell was a recent visitor with relatives and friends at Ottumwa.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were visitors at Clear Lake one day last week.

—I—

Mrs. Stanley has been enjoying a visit the past few days from her son, who lives in Missouri. He is a Shriner and came up from the Des Moines meeting to spend a few days with her and at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. N. Hill.

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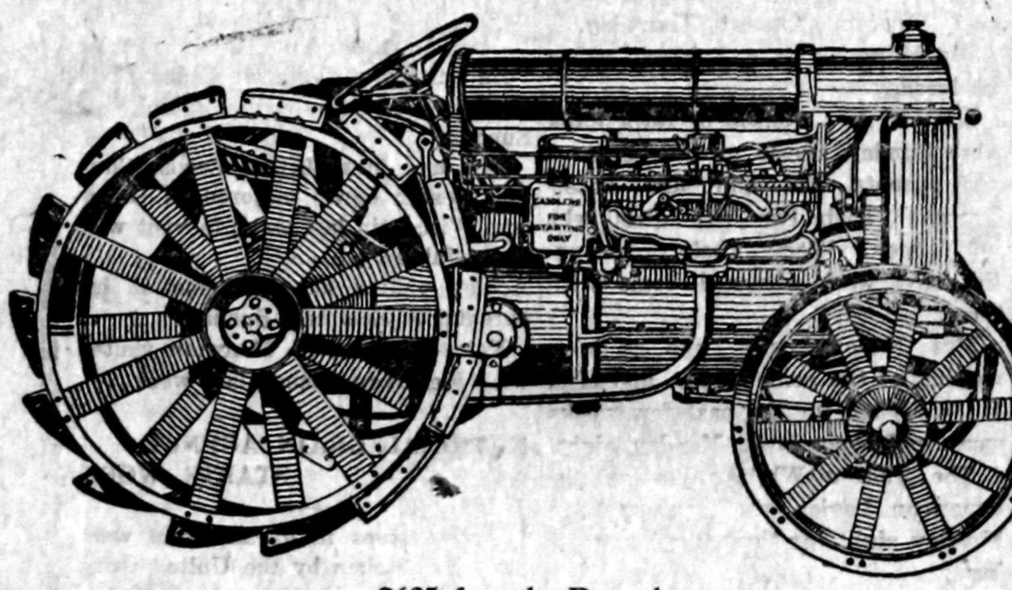

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

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sion Study club of the Cong. church had a picnic at the Rowen picnic grounds south of town. Fifteen members and eight guests were present. A very interesting lesson was led by Ruth Emerson. A letter concerning Miss Addie Harris, niece of D. E. Harris, who is a missonary in Adana, Turkey was read and enjoyed by all. A very nice picnic super was served after which a social time made the afternoon especially pleasant. One new member was added to the list.

Tuesday evening the following people enjoyed a picnic at Lake Cornelia: Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ryder and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley. They report a fine time.

Wednesday afternoon the Home Missionary society of the M. E. church had a picnic at the Old Mill dam site. This society has been having a contest to secure new members and this picnic was a reception for them. Thirty new members, 16 Jewels and four home guards were secured. Eighty ladies were present. Their husbands were invited for supper. A very pleasant time is reported. Mrs. Hannah Whitten was made a perpetual member and the late Mrs. J. Ryder was made a memorial member.

Thursday night another picnic party enjoyed the evening at Lake Cornelia. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley, and children. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toyne, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph, and Mr. and Mrs. Ormal Gates.

A band from Hampton played on the Main street of Rowan, Monday afternoon advertising the celebration at Hampton July 4.

Charley Schreck of Iowa Falls was in town Sunday making arrangements for the funeral service for his niece, Nellie Schreck, daughter of Mrs. Fred Schreck of Des Moines. She has been in the hospital at Iowa City since the 13th of March suffering from tuberculosis. The body was shipped over the Rock Island, Monday morning. The Rev. W. H. Nye of the Rowan Cong. church conducted a short service at the cemetery. The following friends attended the service: Mrs. Fred Schreck and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schreck of Des Moines, Charley and Martin Schreck of Iowa Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schreck and family of Hayfield.

Mrs. Clifford Snow went to Pomeroy, Tuesday to settle in their new home. Mr. Snow took an auto load of goods Monday.

Ball Game

The Rowan Legion ball team attended the Farm Bureau picnic at Morgan township and played the Dows team defeating them 8 to 7. The Dows boys thought they were going to have a walk away with the game, expecting to clean up the local team right, but they found out before they were thru that the Rowan boys had seen a ball diamond before.

Horse Shoe Game

Thursday evening the following people went to Holmes to play Horse Shoes with the team at that place: John Riker, Peter Mathiason, Ed Miller, Fred Hackley, D. W. Whitten and son Linden, G. Gunderson Ed. Azeltine, Joe Simons, Albert Emerson, F. M. Myers, Alt Hackley and L. A. McCallum. The score stood as follows:

Town	Games	Scores	Ringers
Rowan	5	196	23
Holmes	7	200	29

High man for Rowan—L. A. McCallum.

High man for Holmes—Warra.

Tennis Game

The local tennis club did not fare as well at Clarion last Tuesday as at Rowan. In the doubles Sheldon and Farran lost to Ramsey and Grattige with the following scores: 6-4, 04-6, 6-2. In the singles Rev. Tomkinson defeated Dr. Grattige 6-4, and Farran lost to Ramsey 6-0. The Rowan boys however are doing good work and soon will be able to take on all comers with a smile. In the near future the Rowan boys will go to Eagle Grove to meet the best players there, so watch for results.

The business men of Rowan have hired Mr. A. A. Williams to put on a picture show each Saturday night. This show is given to the public free of charge. Last Saturday night it was in the sales pavilion and a large crowd attended. Mr. Williams worked under difficulties as he had not had time to get his machine focused right but expects to have it in fine shape by next Saturday night.

S. A. Ferguson was a Fort Dodge caller Tuesday.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Morning service 11:00.

Address "The Last Supper." The Communion and Baptism services will be administered at this service.

Sunday school after the morning service on Sundays.

The Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m.

In the evening there will be a union service of the Cong. and M. E. churches of Rowan during July and August. There will be union services at the Rowan M. E. church next Sunday evening at 8:00.

Mid week prayer meeting at the church Wednesday evening at 8:00.

The Cong. Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Hugh Whitten on Thursday afternoon. The ladies are requested to come early as there is quilting to be done. A 25c supper will be served.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet with Mrs. W. H. Nye Friday afternoon July 1. Mrs. Fred Brooks is leader. The topic is "The American Indian." A good attendance is desired.

The service at the Cong. church Sunday morning was well attended. The pastor gave a very helpful sermon. The choir sang a very pleasant anthem at this service.

In the evening the 'Frances 'Williard Class" gave a temperance program. There was a large audience and the program was enjoyed by all very much. A vote was taken for the young people to have the time of the evening service again for another program.

The following people attended the funeral of the late Mr. David Pepper at Dows, Saturday afternoon: Mr. Will Duffy, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy Jr., and family Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Duffy Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burger, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCallum and Rev. and Mrs. Nye. The Odd Fellows had charge of the services at the cemetery. Rev. Nye of Rowan gave the address. Mr. Pepper was well known around Rowan having lived here for a number of years.

Mrs. Esther Andrews and grandson Reed Bailey were Clarion shoppers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box and daughter, Blanch and Thelma Brooks were Clarion shoppers Thursday.

Joe Hansen was a Belmond caller Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of Iowa Falls were Sunday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen. Their two little girls, who have been visiting their grandma the past week returned home with them.

Mrs. Nancy Logan, who as been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers, for the past few weeks went to Lacona Iowa, Monday night.

The Andrew Whitten Post of the American Legion at Rowan met on Monday night for their regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christosserson Will Boelman and family from of Ames came Saturday to spend over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson.

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

There was a large congregation present last Sunday morning in the Methodist church when an impressive service was conducted by the pastor, and followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A large number of communicants participated in these sacred rites. The evening service was held in the Congregational church where a union gathering was held.

At the morning service in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday the pastor, Rev. Harold Tomkinson will deliver a special sermon on the subject "America the Beautiful." and will be strictly in accord with the true sentiment of the following day. July 4th. Mr. Tomkinson will discuss this subject in the light of the new and perplexing problems that are coming to the "New America." Several patriotic songs and solos will be sung, and a pleasant and profitable time is anticipated. If you do not belong to any particular church, come to the Methodist church next Sunday and you will receive a hearty welcome.

The union services of the two churches in town will be held either on the grounds of the Methodist curch or in the church next Sunday evening. If the weather is hot the service will be held outside. The meeting will be conducted by the M. E. pastor and the sermon will be delivered by the Congregational pastor, Rev. Nye, who has recently taken up his work in town. We are all looking forward to a time of christian co-operation in these services and in which the town will be particularly benefited. Three things will characterize these union gatherings, Good Singing, Good Sermons and Good Fellowship.

A second ice cream social, this a pay social, will be held on the grounds of the M E. parsonage next Wednesday evening commencing at 6:00 o'clock. Games such as volley ball, etc., will be indulged in and a good time generally will be given.

MESERVEY NEWS

A. J. Nissen motored to Mason City on business Monday. He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

Miss Grace and Wilma Pals are visiting with relatives at Austinville.

Alfred Meints and Paulina Gruis motored to Mason City, Saturday.

The Reform church will hold their annual Sunday school picnic Wednesday at the Harm Dirks grove.

The Children's Day exercises were held at the Evangelical church Sunday.

Miss Thelma Thomas is visiting with her sister, Vola, at Cedar Falls.

Miss Anna Gruis visited at Belmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lewis, Chris and Lester Lewis motored to Downing, Wisconsin last week to visit with their father.

Ackley visited at the home of his parents, R. Boelman, Sunday.

Velma Walton of Thornton visited with Meservey friends last week.

NATIONAL GRAIN AGENCY STARTS WORK

Active steps in organization work have been taken by the United Grain Growers, Inc., in Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri where arrangements have been completed for the opening of schools to instruct solicitors. The organizers will first obtain contracts from local co-operative elevators whose incorporation papers permit immediate affiliation.

KANAWHA NEWS

S. W. Ford of Ida Grove was greeting friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson and family of Hayfield, Minnesota came on Wednesday for a brief visit with relatives and friends.

The Misses Mable and Pearl Larson of New Richland, Minnesota, arrived Wednesday to spend their vacation with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cox and family who have been visiting relatives and friends here several days, left Sunday for their home at Waseca, Minn. Miss Esther Africa accompanied them and will spend several weeks at the Cox home.

Miss Cecil Benzler was an over Sunday visitor with home folks at Britt.

Miss Gladys Peterson who has been working the past few months at Laurel, Neb., came this week for a visit with her father, Steve Peterson, and sister, Miss Artie, also other relatives and friends.

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, coedine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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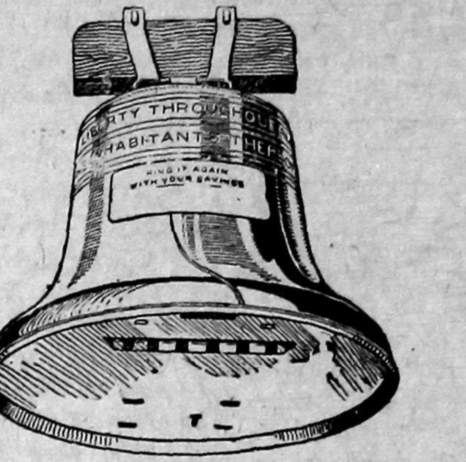

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Belmond Local News

Relatives here have received word from Miss Gladys Barry that she will graduate from the Hagedorn Conservatory of Dramatic Art and English on July 6th. This is an honor and was granted because Miss Barry passed an examination of 99 per cent, and she will receive a loving cup as a token of her excellent work. She played recently in the Shubert Central theatre, in the Irish tragedy, "Kevin Barry," produced by Hagedorn players. Miss Barry's success is very pleasing news to her many friends in Belmond, who congratulate her upon it.

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Miss Mildred Gealow came down from Meservey to spend the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gealow, of this place.

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New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Ten per cent discount for cash on purchases of $1 and up, except special items.—Johnson & Wright.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinlicht attended the Creamery Day celebration at Kanawha last week. Henry formerly resided north of that place and met many of his old neighbors and friends at the celebration.

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Cyril McGuire was at Kanawha's celebration last week.

Bill Leavy went to Kanawha to attend the creamery day celebration last week.

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The Epworth League of the Methodist church enjoyed a picnic at Morse Lake on Thursday evening of last week. A large crowd was present and a very nice time is reported.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy drove to Algona on Saturday evening, to visit over Sunday at the home of Mr. Stacy's sister. They were accompanied on the trip by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stacy. His father, who has been on the sick list for some time past, is improving nicely and is now up and around.

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The Kanawha celebration last week Thursday, known as Creamery Day, was reported as being a nice success with suite a good crowd in attendance. A number of people from Belmond were preent, and report the band as being one of the best they ever heard. It was the Eldora Industrial School band, composed principally of boys from nine to thirteen years of age, and the way the boys rendered difficult selections, solos and the like was a revelation to the crowd. The ball game between Kanawha and Britt was won by the latter, in a rather ragged game, according to reports.

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The first committee to hold their meeting in the new State Bank building was the committee from the Community Club which had charge of the club picnic, held on Friday evening of last week.

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J. W. Smith, who has been staying at the home of his son Matt near Goodell, was a visitor here on Friday of last week attending to some business matters and greeting old friends. He reports a nice little rain thru his section of the country last Sunday afternoon, but says that a little more would not hurt any.

Clarensce Obrecht was down from Thornton last week Sunday visiting friends here during the day.

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Jim Adams was one of the fans from here who drove to Hampton last Wednesday to see the game at that place with Belmond.

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Lars Auestad was in the town a day or two last week, greeting old friends. He is at Radcliff this year, where he is employed and where he is pitching ball for the Radcliff ball team.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Howard Wolle, who left about two or three weeks ago for Honduras to work for the Dyer company in the erection of a sugar factory at that place, has ordered the Independent sent to him at Honduras. Which gives the Independent a pretty long circulation. Howard says he likes it first rate down there and is hard at work on the factory. He says there is no place down there to spend money, so that those who are on the job ought to save a pile for the time when they return.

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Steve Antonio, manager of the Candy Kitchen here, was a business caller at the county seat one day last week.

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Clarion's Fourth of July celebration promises to be one of the best that has been held around here for many years. They have raised a large amount of money and appear to be sparing no effort to make the day a successful one. The program of entertainments may be found in the advertising columns of the Independent this week.

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Hampton's celebration of the glorious Fourth this year is to be one of the best the town has ever had, according to the Hampton papers. A big parade and an address by the "Fighting Parson," Chaplan Roberts of Sheffield, are features of the day, together with a ball game between Hampton and Iowa Falls and a big display of fireworks in the evening at the fair grounds.

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Our guarantee stands behind every sack of Peacock Flour. $2.45 a sack. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

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C. M. Morse and wife were at the Creamery Day celebration held at Kanawha last week Thursday.

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The Garner American Legion has a big day tomorrow, July 1st., when they stage a championship wrestling match, a big parade and initiation, ball game, airship flights and kindred attractions. A number of the Belmond people are planning on going up to take in the doings.

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Mrs. Dan Brooks and Mrs. Maitland have been visiting the past few days with relatives and friends in Minnesota.

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Elmer L. Spears has made application to the board of parole for a parole from Annamosa, where he received an indeterminate sentence of five years.

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Mrs. Herman Schultz and son Herman left the first of the week for Idaho, where they expect to spend a month or so visiting at the homes of relatives in different points of the state.

Jim Adams was among the people from this place who went to Kanawha last Thursday to attend the celebration of Creamery day at that place.

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Mrs. Bayliss is laid up with a bad foot, the result of being bitten by a dog. It will be some time before she will be able to be around again.

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Alphia Bayliss, who has been working at the H. A. Kofoed home at Meservey, was called home to help care for her mother, who is suffering from a lacerated foot as the result of being bitten by a dog.

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Found—Auto license plate. Call at Independent. 2tc

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The Misses Shirley Brooks, Loretto Barry and Helen Elder attended a house party at the home of Miss Marian Pritchard at Garner several days last week. The girls report a very delightful time.

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Miss Beatrice Barry is visiting at the home of her uncle, Father Barry of Webster City.

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The Chain of Ten will meet on next week Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. A. Stevens.

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The Priscilla club met yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. J. Flynn. An enjoyable time is reported.

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The H. A. Kofoed family of Meservey motored to Belmond to see Mrs. Bayliss on Monday night.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bohning and Miss Leona Jacobs have returned from their trip to Dakota.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rabbit have moved from Belmond to Mason City where they expect to make their home in the future. Mr. Rabbit will be employed at the sugar factory at that place.

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Olle Kleinshroot and Duncan Hunter from Minnesota were recent visitors at the home of W. A. Parsons.They are relatives of Mr Parsons.

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Important Notice

For the accomodation of the policy holders of the Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Association of Omaha, Neb. I will be in the office each evening to accept your July dues. Lapsed policy is N. G. Sincerely, Wm. H. Wolle, Agt. & Receiver for company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell of Gray Eagle, Minnesota have been spending a few days here visiting at the home of relatives. Mrs. Russell is a daughter of T. S. Wallace.

—I—

Try our high test kerosene in your oil stove.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

For best results and quick services let us develope and print your films.—Schultz Drug Co. 2tc

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Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Bailey drove to Iowa City last week Thursday to take their little daughter Mary Jean to the hospital for consultation with a specialist. The little one has not been in very good health for some time. They were accompanied by Mrs. McBurney.

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"UNSEEN FORCES"
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SATURDAY, JULY 2
"THE STRANGE BOARDER"
A Goldwyn picture featuring
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MONDAY & TUESDAY
JULY 4 and 5
"LESSONS IN LOVE"
A First National picture featuring
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JULY 6 and 7
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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

WRIGHT-FRANKLIN COUNTY PICNIC

A joint meeting of the chairman and three representatives from each of the four townships surrounding the city of Dows was held at the N. L. Vanderlip home Thursday evening, June 23.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan and organize a joint picnic to be put on by Morgan and Oakland townships of Franklin county in co-operation with Blaine and Vernon townships of Wright county. It will be remembered that the people in the vicinity of Dows purchased a small tract of land just north of Dows, with the view of establishing permanent picnic grounds.

E. A. Tatton, of Blaine township, was elected president of the picnic association and Callum O. Evans of Dows was elected secretary-treasurer. Complete plans for holding the picnic will be worked out by six different committees each of which will have one representative from each township and one representative from the city of Dows. The committee members were appointed.

The picnic will be held on Thursday either August 18 or 25. The committee will set the date definitely later.

CRUSADE AGAINST SLACKER HENS

Poultry raisers will be interested to know that the farm bureau is arranging a series of poultry culling demonstrations to be held thruout the county during the latter part of July and the forepart of August.

The county agent is arranging for three demonstrations in each township and the aim will be to distribute them over the township as evenly as possible. It will be remembered that one demonstration was placed in each township last year but it has been decided to spread the work over a larger territory and give every person interested an opportunity to attend one of these demonstrations.

The county agent will attend the poultry culling school which is being arranged by the poultry department of the college at Ames. This culling school which will be held at Ames from June 27 to July 1 will be attended by all county agents and home demonstration agents who hope to do culling work this year.

IOWA FEDERATION NOT IN COAL POOL

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation officials emphatically deny the statement sent out from Chicago recently to the effect that the Iowa organization would join with eight other states in the formation of a gigantic purchasing pool to buy coal direct from the mines.

"So far as Iowa is concerned there isn't a word of truth in the statement" declared Secretary Cunningham. "I was present at that meeting in Chicago June 20 when the coal committee appointed recently by the American Federation brought in its report. This report provided for the appointment of purchasing agents, commissions collections, publicity and a score of other matters, state and interstate, incident to the developement of the plan, and recommended the use of farm bureau machinery thru county agents and county farm bureau organizations to head up and centralize in the State Federation.

"Instead of adopting the committee's report the meeting decided to pass it along to the various State Federations, and thus allow each individual organization to exercise its own judgement in the matter. This report has not been officially presented to the Iowa Federation. There has been no meeting of the executive committee which shapes and controls all the policies of the federation and it will some little time before one is due.

"Is this connection I might say that it has not been the policy of the Iowa Federation to foster merchandise schemes of this kind. The Iowa farmer's one big outstanding problem has to do with the marketing end. Give him a satisfactory market for his products and he is abundantly able to take care of the buying end for himself, whether it be coal or any other commodity."

LAKE TOWNSHIP ENJOYS FINE SOCIAL

Members of the Lake township farm bureau enjoyed an unusually pleasant social evening at the Lake Center school on Tuesday evening, June 21.

A well arranged program consisting of recitations, dialogues, musical numbers and a number of readings was enjoyed by all. The hot summer evening and outside attractions did not seem to keep the members from attending their social gathering. A very noticeable characteristic of the Lake township farm bureau is the fact that they always meet with a definite purpose in mind.

The feature of this social gathering was the unusual address given by O. P. Morton, who for so many years served as secretary of the Wright County Farm Bureau from the time of its inception until two years ago. Mr. Morton began by giving a bit of early history of Wright county and told how his parents came to Wright county forty-seven years ago and settled on the farm which is now owned by Herbert Pick. Mr. Morton stated that hard times have been brought on by nations and individuals spending too much and that our only solution of this problem is for everyone to spend less than they make. He believes that another method of improving our present conditions is to practice a closer co-operation in the home, in the community, in the state and in the nation. He touched upon the consolidated school and also upon the improved road conditions for the county and explained the great benefit these two factors would be to any community.

Mr. Morton's address was very interesting and the Lawe township farmers are congratulating Mr. Morton upon the splendid message he brought to them as a practical farmer and a man who has had the opportunity to study the inner workings of the farm bureau.

LADIES OF GRANT MEET

The ladies of Grant township farm bureau held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Alf. Huntley on Friday afternoon, June 24.

They were expecting an outside speaker from Eagle Grove to address them but for some reason their speaker did not arrive. In the absence of the regular speaker the ladies staged a demonstration themselves on home nursing andeveryone who witnessed the demonstration speaks highly of the work as it was put on.

The next regular meeting of the ladie club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Tucker on Friday afternoon, July 29. Miss Hazel Spencer will put on a demonstration with her club girls at the next regular meeting.

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During the week of June 27 to July 2nd, Mason City's most unique, most phenominal value giving event will be in progress, and occurring as it does, right in the season, it affords an ideal opportunity for Milady to select apparel for the resort, for vacation or summer wear at home. As the Matthew Style Shop has been established only six weeks this clearance does not include antiquated styles, but offers the newest, smartest modes of the moment. This sale is certain to gain hosts of new friends for this store, already famous for its prices that win friends---values that hold them.

Just a Few of the Many Bargains:

Frocks

150 dainty, modish creations in georgette, taffeta, canton crepe and crepe de chene. The effects are all original and captivating. Some are exquisitely beaded—others smartly embroidered. You will instantly recognize these extraordinary values at ---------------- **$14.75 to $35.00**

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Coats and Wraps

150 handsomely tailored Dolman wraps and high quality coats of tricotine, bolvia and velour de laine. Some have embroidered sleeves others tassel trimmed, others with the tuxedo effects, most of them silk lined. The variety of effects and remarkable low prices will make choosing a pleasure **$7.75 to $29.50**

Blouses

A new shipment of tub blouses goes in this Clearance sale. With an abundance of wash blouses a woman is always ready for a fresh change at a moments notice. Perhaps it is because they are so eagerly sought that Wash Blouses of charming daintness are frequently hard to find during the busy season, all of which makes this sale a pleasant occurance. Included in this shipment are extra large sizes and stouts. **$1.50 to $3.25**

Moderate Prices Prevail in the Millinery Section.

Values that emphasize the economy of the July Clearance are to be found in the Millinery section. These hats are neither shopworn nor ordinary in appearance. They are distinctive models which must be cleared. A large selection of sport Hats so necessary for vacation time are interesting features of this showing.

$3.95 to $6.50

We are also showing a nice selection of Children's Hats

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE LADIES

We have decided to put in a full line of ladies shoes and the new line has been coming in for the past 10 days. We are now ready with a big display of the newest styles in one and two button strap pumps and oxfords. We have just purchased these shoes at the new prevailing prices which are much lower than they have been in the past and therefore can give you much better value for your money than we could if we had purchased them 6 months ago. Come in and look them over. You'll be surprised at the low prices. Here are a few:

Ladies' fine brown calf skin, one button strap pump, military heel. This is regularly sold at $9.50. Introductory price	$6.00
Ladies' brown kid, two button one strap pump, military heel, Introductory price	5.75
Ladies' brown kid Oxford military heel, extra fine quality. Introductory price	6.00
Ladies' white canvas, 2 button, 1 strap pump, with military or Baby Louis covered heel	2.85
Ladies' brown calfskin ball and strap oxford, military heel. Introductory price	4.50
Young ladies' 2 strap brown calfskin slipper, low heel	4.75

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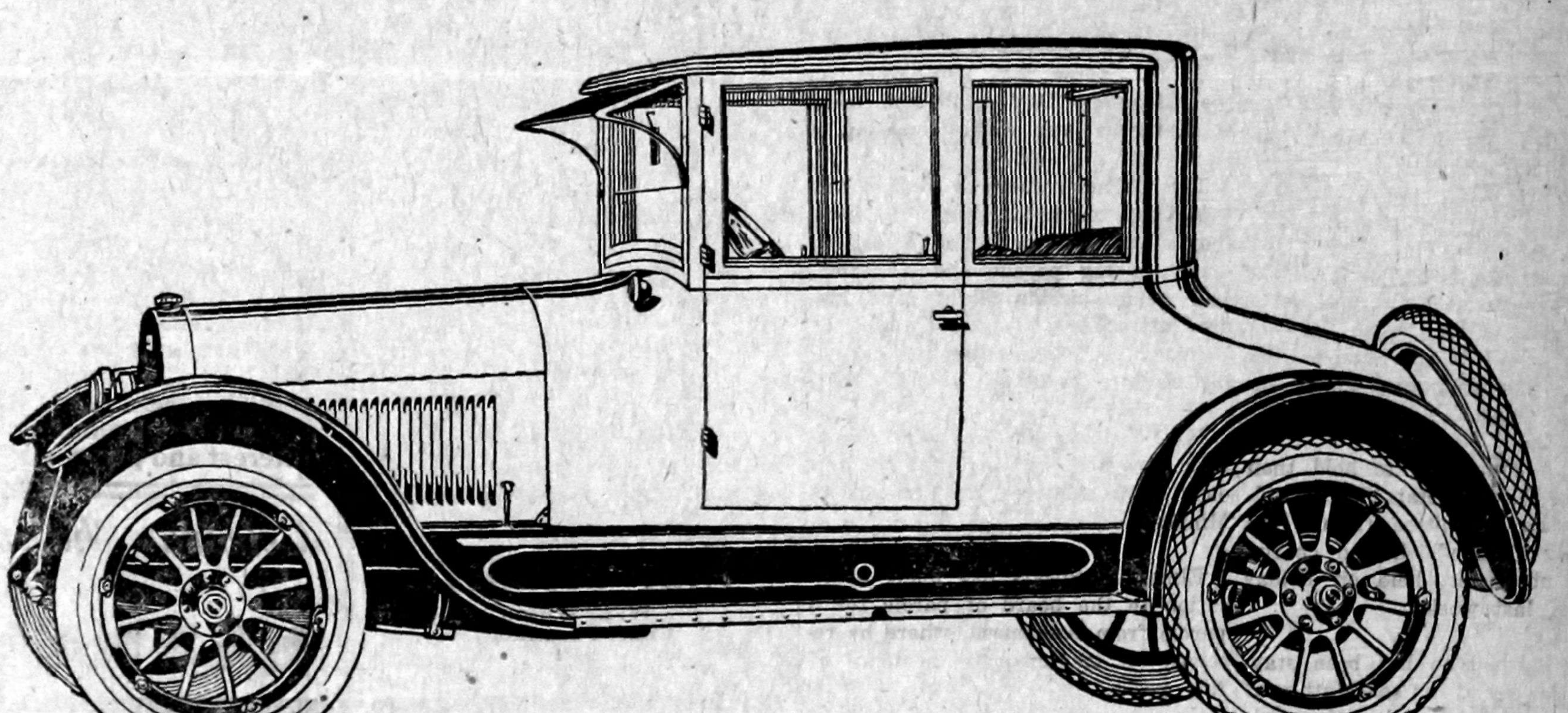

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

"'Which o' you is Samson Traylor?' he asked.

"'I am,' said Traylor.

"The young feller jumped off his horse and tied him to the fence. Then he went up to Traylor and said:

"'What did you do with my niggers, you dirty sucker?'

"Men from Missouri hated the Illinois folks them days and called 'em Suckers.

"'Hain't you a little reckless, young feller?' Traylor said, as cool as a cucumber. He stood up nigh the barn door, which Brimstead had closed after we backed the wagon out.

"The young feller stepped close to the New Salem man and raised his whip for a blow. Quick as lightnin' Traylor grabbed him and threw him ag'in the barn door, keewhack! He hit so hard the boards bent and the whole barn roared and trembled. The other feller tried to get his pistol out of its holster, but Brimstead, who stood beside him, grabbed it, and I got his hoss by the bits and we both held on. The young feller lay on the ground shakin' as if he had the ague. Ye never see a man so spylt in a second. Traylor picked him up. His right arm was broke and his face and shoulder bruised some. Ye'd a thought a steam engyne had blowed up while he was puttin' wood in it. He was kind o' limp and the mad had leaked out o' him.

"'I reckon I better find a doctor,' he says.

"'You get into my wagon and I'll take ye to a good one,' says Traylor.

"Just then Stephen Nuckles, the circuit minister, rode in with the big bloodhound that follers him around.

"The other slaver had got off his hoss in the scrimmage. Traylor started for him. The slaver began to back away and suddenly broke into a run. The big dog took after him with a kind of a lion roar. We all began yelling at the dog. We made more noise than you'd hear at the end of a hoss race. It scairt the young feller. He put on more steam and went up the ladder to the roof of the woodshed like a chased weasel. The dog stood barkin' as if he had treed a bear. Traylor grabbed the ladder and pulled it down.

"'You stay there till I get away an' you'll be safe,' said he.

"The man looked down and swore and shook his fist and threatened us with the law.

"Mr. Nuckles rode close to the woodshed and looked up at him.

"'My brother, I fear you be not a Christian,' he said.

"He swore at the minister. That settled him. 'I reckon he better stay thar till he gits a little o' God's grace in his soul,' says the minister.

"Then he says to the dog: 'Ponto, you keep 'im right thar.'

"The dog appeared to understand what was expected of him.

"The minister got off his hoss and hitched him and took off his coat and put it on the ground.

"'What you goin' to do?' I says.

"'Me?' says the minister. 'I be goin' to rassle with Satan for the soul o' that 'ar man, an' if you keep watch I reckon you'll see 'at the ground'll be scratched up some 'fore I git through.'

"He loosened his collar an' knelt on his coat and began to pray that the man's soul would see its wickedness and repent. You could have heard him half a mile away.

"Mr. Traylor drove off with the damaged slaver settin' beside him and the saddle hoss hitched to the rear axle. I see my chance an' before that prayer ended I had got the fugitives under some hay in my wagon and started off with them on my way to Livingston county. I could hear the prayin' until I got over the hill into Canaan barrens. At sundown I left them in good hands thirty miles up the road."

In a frontier newspaper of that time it is recorded that the minister and his dog kept the slaver on the roof all day, vainly trying with prayer and exhortation to convert his soul. The man stopped swearing before dinner and on his promise not again to violate the commandment a good meal was handed up to him. He was liberated at sundown and spent the night with Brimstead.

"Who is that big sucker who grabbed my friend?" the stranger asked Brimstead.

"His name is Samson Traylor. Comes from Vermont," was the answer.

"If he don't look out 'Liph Biggs'll kill him—certain."

Samson spoke not more than a dozen words on his way back to New Salem. Amazed and a little shocked by his own conduct, he sat thinking. After all he had heard and seen, the threat of the young upstart had provoked him beyond his power of endurance. The sensitive mind of the New Englander had been hurt by the story of the fugitives. Upon this hurt the young man had poured the turpentine of haughty, imperial manners. The more he thought of it the less inclined he was to reproach himself for his violence. Slavery was a relic of ancient imperialism. It had no right in free America. There could be no peace with it save for a little time. The Missourians would tell their friends of the lawless and violent men of the North, who cared not a fig for the property rights of a Southerner. The stories would travel like fire in dry grass.

So, swiftly, the thoughts of men were being prepared for the great battle lines of the future. Samson saw the peril of it.

As they rode along young Mr. Biggs complained of pain and Samson made a sling of his muffler and put it over the neck and arm of the injured Biggs and drove with care to avoid jolting. For the first time Samson took a careful and sympathetic look at him. He was a handsome youth, about six feet tall, with dark eyes and hair and a small black mustache and teeth very white and even.

In New Salem Samson took him to Doctor Allen's office and helped the doctor in setting the broken bone. Then he went to Offut's store and found Abe reading his law book and gave him an account of his adventure.

"I'm both glad and sorry," said Abe. "I'm glad that you licked the slaver and got the negroes out of his reach. I reckon I'd have done the same if I could. I'm sorry because it looks to me like the beginning of many troubles. The whole subject of slavery is full of danger. Naturally Southern men will fight for their property, and there is a growing number in the North who will fight for their principles. If we all get to fighting, I wonder what will become of the country. It reminds me of the man who found a skunk in his house. His boy was going after the critter with a club.

"'Look here, boy,' he said, 'when you've got a skunk in the house, it's a good time to be careful. You might spyle the skunk with that club, but the skunk would be right certain to spyle the house. While he's our guest. I reckon we'll have to be polite whether we want to or not.'"

That evening Samson set down the events of the day in his book and quoted the dialogue in Offut's store in which he had had a part. On the first of February, 1840, he put these words under the entry:

"I wouldn't wonder if this was the first trip on the Underground railroad."

CHAPTER VII.

In Which Mr. Eliphalet Biggs Gets Acquainted With Bim Kelso and Her Father.

In a musty old ledger kept by James Rutledge, the owner of Rutledge's tavern, in the year 1832, is an entry under the date of January 31st which reads as follows:

"Arrived this day Eliphalet Biggs of 26 Olive street, St. Louis, with one horse."

Young Mr. Biggs remained at Rutledge's tavern for three weeks with his arm in a sling under the eye of the good doctor. The Rutledges were Kentucky folk and there the young man had found a sympathetic hearing and tender care.

It had done him good to be hurled against a barn door and to fall trembling and confused at the feet of his master. He had never met his master until he had reached Hopedale that morning. The event had been too long delayed. Encouraged by idleness and conceit and alcohol, evil passions had grown rank in the soil of his spirit. Restraint had been a thing unknown to him. He had ruled the little world in which he had lived by a sense of divine right. He was a prince of Egoland—that province of America which had only half yielded itself to the principles of Democracy.

It must be said that he served his term as a sober human being quite gracefully, being a well born youth of some education. A few days he spent mostly in bed, while his friend, who had come on from Hopedale, took care of him. Soon he began to walk about and his friend returned to St. Louis.

His fine manners and handsome form and face captured the little village, most of whose inhabitants had come from Kentucky. A week after his arrival Ann Rutledge walked over to Jack Kelso's with him. Bim fled up the stick ladder as soon as they entered the door. Mr. Kelso was away on a fox hunt. Ann went to the ladder and called:

"Bim, I saw you fly up that ladder. Come back down. Here's a right nice young man come to see you."

"Is he good-looking?" Bim called.

"Oh, purty as a picture, black eyes and hair and teeth like pearls, and tall and straight, and he's got a be-e-autiful little mustache."

"That's enough!" Bim exclaimed. "I just wish there was a knot hole in this floor."

"Come on down here," Ann urged.

"I'm scared," was the answer.

"His cheeks are as red as roses and he's got a lovely ring and big watch chain—pure gold and yaller as a dandelion. You come down here."

"Stop," Bim answered. "I'll be down as soon as I can get on my best bib and tucker."

In a few minutes Bim called from the top of the ladder to Ann. The latter went and looked up at her. Both girls burst into peals of merry laughter. Bim had put on a suit of her father's old clothes and her buffalo skin whiskers and was a wild sight.

"Don't you come down looking like that," said Ann. "I'll go up there and tend to you."

Ann climbed the ladder and for a time there was much laughing and chattering in the little loft. By and by Ann came down. Bim hesitated, laughing, above the ladder for a moment, and presently followed in her best blue dress, against which the golden curls of her hair fell gracefully. With red cheeks and bright eyes, she was a glowing picture. Very timidly she gave her hand to Mr. Biggs.

"It's just the right dress," he said. "It goes so well with your hair. I'm glad to see you. I have never seen a girl like you in my life. I'm going to come and see you often, if your mother will let me."

A blush spread over the girl's cheeks to the pretty dimple at the point of her chin.

"You'll see her scampering up the ladder like a squirrel," said Mrs. Kelso. "She isn't real tame yet."

"Perhaps we could hide the ladder," he suggested, with a smile.

"Do you play on the flute?" Bim asked.

"No," said Mr. Biggs.

"I was afraid," Bim exclaimed. "My Uncle Henry does." She looked into Mr. Biggs' eyes.

Mr. Biggs laughed. "That smile of yours is very becoming," he said.

At this point Mr. Kelso returned with his gun on his shoulder and was introduced to Mr. Biggs.

"I welcome you to the hazards of my fireside," said Kelso. "So you're

"I Have Never Seen a Girl Like You in My Life."

from St. Louis and stopped for repairs in this land of the ladder climbers. Sit down and I'll put a log on the fire."

"Thank you, I must go," said Biggs.

"Can I not stay you with flagons?" Kelso asked.

"The doctor has forbidden me all drink but milk and water."

"A wise man is Doctor Allen!" Kelso exclaimed. "Cervantes was right in saying that too much wine will neither keep a secret nor fulfill a promise."

"Will you make me a promise?" Bim asked of Mr. Biggs, as he was leaving the door with Ann.

"Anything you will ask," he answered.

"Please don't ever look at the new moon through a knot hole," she said in a half whisper.

The young man laughed. "Why not?"

"If you do, you'll never get married."

"Don't be alarmed by my daughter's fancies," Kelso advised. "They are often rather astonishing."

So Mr. Eliphalet Biggs met the pretty daughter of Jack Kelso. On his way back to the tavern he told Ann that he had fallen in love with the sweetest and prettiest girl in all the world—Bim Kelso. That very evening Ann went over to Kelso's cabin to take the news to Bim and her mother and to tell them that her father reckoned he belonged to a very rich and a very grand family. Mr. Kelso had gone to Offut's store and the three had the cabin to themselves.

"I think he's just a wonderful man!" Bim exclaimed. "But I'm sorry his name is so much like figs and pigs. I'm plum sure I'm going to love him."

"I thought you were in love with Harry Needles," Bim's mother said to her.

"I am. But he keeps me so busy. I have to dress him up every day and put a mustache on him and think up ever so many nice things for him to say, and when he comes he doesn't say them. He's terribly young."

"You told me that he said once you were beautiful."

"But he has never said it twice, and when he did say it, I didn't believe my ears, he spoke so low. Acted kind o' like he was scared of it. I don't want to wait forever to be really and truly loved, do I?"

Mrs. Kelso laughed. "It's funny to hear a baby talking like that," she said. "We don't know this young man. He's probably only fooling, anyway."

Bim went often to the little tavern after that. Of those meetings little is known, save that, with all the pretty arts of the cavalier, unknown to Harry Needles, the handsome youth flattered and delighted the girl. This went on day by day for a fortnight. The evening before Biggs was to leave for his home, Bim went over to eat supper with Ann at the tavern.

It happened that Jack Kelso had found Abe sitting alone with his Blackstone in Offut's store that afternoon.

"Mr. Kelso, did you ever hear what Eb Zane said about the general subject of sons-in-law?" Abe asked.

"Never—but I reckon it would be wise and possibly apropos," said Kelso.

"He said that a son-in-law was a curious kind o' property," Abe began. "'Ye know,' says Eb, 'if ye have a hoss that's tricky an' dangerous an wuth less than nothin', ye can give him away er kill him, but if ye have a son-in-law that's wuthless, nobody else will have him an' it's ag'in' the law to kill him. Fust ye know ye've got a critter on yer hands that kicks an' won't work an' has to be fed an' liquored three times a day an' is wuth a million dollars less than nothin'.'"

There was a moment of silence.

"When a man is figurin' his assets, it's better to add ten dollars than to subtract a million," said Abe. "That's about as simple as adding up the weight o' three small hogs."

"What a well of wisdom you are, Abe!" said Kelso. "Do you know anything about this young Missourian who is shining up to Bim?"

"I only know that he was a drinking man up to the time he landed here and that he threatened Traylor with his whip and got thrown against the side of a barn—plenty hard. He's a kind of American king, and I don't like kings. They're nice to look at, but generally those that have married 'em have had one h—l of a time."

Kelso rose and went home to supper.

Soon after the supper dishes had been laid away in the Kelso cabin, young Mr. Biggs rapped on its door and pulled the latchstring and entered and sat down with Mr. and Mrs. Kelso at the fireside.

"I have come to ask for your daughter's hand," he said, as soon as they were seated. "I know it will seem sudden, but she happens to be the girl I want. I've had her picture in my heart always. I love your daughter. I can give her a handsome home and everything she could desire."

Kelso answered promptly: "We are glad to welcome you here, but we cannot entertain such a proposal, flattering as it is. Our daughter is too young to think of marriage. Then, sir, we know very little about you, and may I be pardoned if I add that it does not recommend you?"

The young man was surprised. He had not expected such talk from a ladder climber. He looked at Kelso, groping for an answer. Then—

"Perhaps not," said he. "I have been a little wild, but that is all in the past. You can learn about me and my family from anyone in St. Louis. I am not ashamed of anything I have done. May I not hope that you will change your mind?"

"Not at present. Let the future take care of itself."

"I generally get what I want," said the young man.

"And now and then something that you don't want," said Kelso, a bit nettled by his persistence.

"You ought to think of her happiness. She is too sweet and beautiful for a home like this."

There was an awkward moment of silence. The young man said good-night and opened the door.

"I'll go with you," said Kelso.

He went with Mr. Biggs to the tavern and got his daughter and returned home with her.

Mrs. Kelso chided her husband for being hard on Mr. Biggs.

"He has had his lesson, perhaps he will turn over a new leaf," she said.

"I fear there isn't a new leaf in his book," said Kelso. "They're all dirty."

He told his wife what Abe had said in the store.

"The wisdom of the common folk is in that beardless young giant," he said. "It is the wisdom of many generations gathered in the hard school of bitter experience. I wonder where it is going to lead him."

As Eliphalet Biggs was going down the south road next morning he met Bim on her pony near the schoolhouse, returning from the field with her cow. They stopped.

"I'm coming back, little girl," he said.

"What for?" she asked.

"To tell you a secret and ask you a question. May I come?"

"I suppose you can—if you want to," she answered.

"I'll come and I'll write to you and send the letters to Ann."

Mentor Graham, the schoolmaster, who lived in the schoolhouse, had come out of its door.

"Good-by!" said young Mr. Biggs, as his heels touched the flanks of his horse. Then he went flying down the road.

CHAPTER VIII.

Wherein Abe Announces His Purpose to Be a Candidate for the Legislature, at Kelso's Dinner Party.

Harry Needles met Bim Kelso on the road next day, when he was going down to see if there was any mail. She was on her pony. He was in his new suit of clothes—a butternut background striped into large checks.

"You look like a walking checkerboard," said she.

"This—this is my new suit," Harry answered, looking down at it.

"It's a tiresome suit," said she impatiently. "I've been playing checkers on it since I caught sight o' you, and I've got a man crowned in the king row."

"I thought you'd like it," he answered, quite seriously, and with a look of disappointment. "Say, I've got that razor and I've shaved three times already.

"Don't tell anybody," he warned her. "They'd laugh at me. They wouldn't know how I feel."

"I won't say anything," she answered. "I reckon I ought to tell you that I don't love you—not so much as I did, anyway—not near so much. I only love you just a wee bit now."

Harry's face fell.

"Do you—love—some other man?" he asked.

"Yes—a regular man—mustache, six feet tall and everything. I just tell you he's purty!"

"Is it that rich feller from St Louis?" he asked.

She nodded and then whispered "Don't you tell."

The boy's lips trembled when he answered. "I won't tell. But I don't see how you can do it."

"Why?"

"He drinks. He isn't respectable."

"That's a lie," she answered quickly. "I don't care what you say."

Bim touched her pony with the whip and rode away.

Harry staggered for a moment as he went on. His eyes filled with tears. It

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seemed to him that the world had been ruined. On his way to the village he tried and convicted it of being no fit place for a boy to live in. Down by the tavern he met Abe, who stopped him.

"Howdy, Harry!" said Abe. "You look kind o' sick. Come into the store and sit down. I want to talk to you."

Harry followed the big man into Offut's store, flattered by his attention. There had been something very grateful in the sound of Abe's voice and the feel of his hand. The store was empty.

"You and I mustn't let ourselves be worried by little matters," said Abe, as they sat down together by the fire. "Things that seem to you to be as big as a mountain now will look like a mole hill in six months. You and I have got things to do, partner. We mustn't let ourselves be fooled. I was once in a boat with old Cap'n Chase on the Illinois river. We had got into the rapids. It was a narrow channel in dangerous water. They had to keep her headed just so or we'd have gone on the rocks. Suddenly a boy dropped his apple overboard and began to holler. He wanted to have the boat stopped. For a minute that boy thought his apple was the biggest thing in the world. We're all a good deal like him. We keep dropping our apples and calling for the boat to stop. Soon we find out that there are many apples in the world as good as that one. You have all come to a stretch of bad water up at your house. The folks have been sick. They're a little lonesome and discouraged. Don't you make it any harder by crying over a lost apple. Ye know it's possible that the apple will float along down into the still water where you can pick it up by and by. The important thing is to keep going ahead."

This bit of fatherly counsel was a help to the boy.

"I've got a book here that I want you to read," Abe went on. "It is the 'Life of Henry Clay.' Take it home and read it carefully and then bring it back and tell me what you think of it. You may be a Henry Clay yourself by and by. The world has something big in it for every one if he can only find it. We're all searching—some for gold and some for fame. I pray God every day that He will help me to find my work—the thing I can do better than anything else—and when it is found help me to do it. I expect it will be a hard and dangerous search and that I shall make mistakes. I expect to drop some apples on my way. They'll look like gold to me, but I'm not going to lose sight of the main purpose."

When Harry got home he found Sarah sewing by the fireside, with Joe and Betsey playing by the bed. Samson had gone to the woods to split rails.

"Any mail?" Sarah asked.

"No mail," he answered.

Sarah went to the window and stood for some minutes looking out at the plain. Its sere grasses, protruding out of the snow, hissed and bent in the wind. In its cheerless winter colors it was a dreary thing to see.

"How I long for home!" she exclaimed, as she resumed her sewing by the fire.

Little Joe came and stood by her knee and gave his oft repeated blessing:

"God help us and make His face to shine upon us."

She kissed him and said: "Dear comforter! It shines upon me every time I hear you say those words."

"Would you mind if I called you mother?" Harry asked.

"I shall be glad to have you do it if it gives you any comfort, Harry," she answered.

She observed that there were tears in his eyes.

"We are all very fond of you," she said, as she bent to her task.

Then the boy told her the history of his morning—the talk with Bim, with the razor omitted from it.

"Well, Harry, if she's such a fool you're lucky to have found it out so soon," said Sarah. "She does little but ride the pony and play around with a gun. I don't believe she ever spun a hank o' yarn in her life. She'll get her teeth cut by and by."

Then fell a moment of silence. Soon she said:

"There's a bitter wind blowing and there's no hurry about the rails, I guess. You sit here by the fire and read your book this forenoon. Maybe it will help you to find your work."

So it happened that the events of Harry's morning found their place in the diary which Sarah and Samson kept. Long afterward Harry added the sentences about the razor.

One evening Sarah and Samson, with Harry, went to a debate in the tavern on the issues of the day, in which Abe won the praise of all for an able presentation of the claim of Internal Improvements. During that evening Alexander Ferguson declared that he would not cut his hair until Henry Clay became President, the news of which resolution led to a like insanity in others and an age of unexampled hairiness on that part of the border.

For Samson and Sarah the most notable social event of the winter was a chicken dinner at which they and Mr. and Mrs. James Rutledge and Ann and Abe Lincoln and Doctor Allen were the guests of the Kelsos. That night Harry stayed at home with the children.

Kelso was in his best mood.

"Come," he said, when dinner was ready. "Life is more than friendship. It is partly meat."

"And mostly Kelso," said Doctor Allen.

"Ah, Doctor! Long life has made you as smooth as an old shilling and nimbler than a sixpence," Kelso declared. "And, speaking of life, Aristotle said that the learned and the unlearned were as the living and the dead."

"It is true," Abe interposed. "I say it, in spite of the fact that it slays me."

"You? No! You are alive to your finger tips," Kelso answered.

"But I have mastered only eight books," said Abe.

"And one—the book of common sense, and that has wised you," Kelso went on. "Since I came to this country I have learned to beware of the one-book man. There are more living men in America than in any land I have seen. The man who reads one good book thoughtfully is alive and often my master in wit or wisdom. Reading is the gate and thought is the pathway of real life."

"I think that most of the men I know have read the Bible," said Abe.

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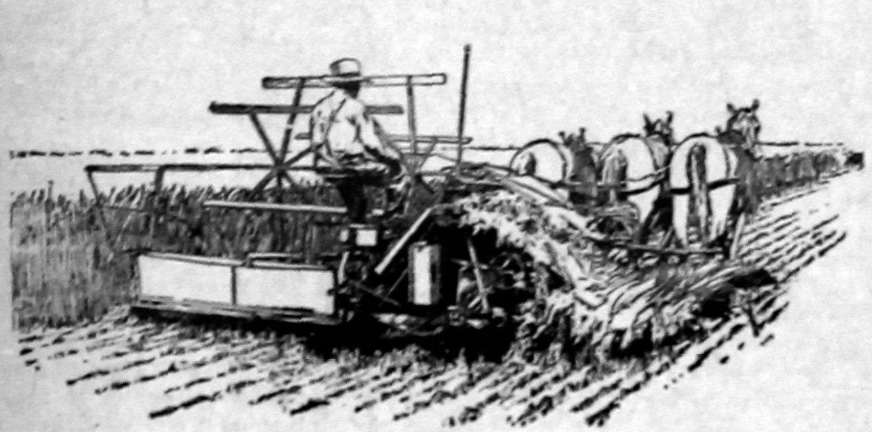

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Albin Johnson of Hampton was a caller in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and the Misses Addie and Esther Larsen were callers at Fort Dodge last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ammerman and son Alfred visited with relatives at Sheffield last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Winwood were Mason City callers last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Born visited with friends at Hampton last Saturday evening.

Wedding bells are ringing in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanhetta and Mr. and Mrs. Smith and son of Des Moines visited at the Nels Larsen home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C.Arends and family autoed to Nebraska the first of the week where they will visit at Hastings and other points before returning home.

John Christensen and children of Ackley visited with Alexander friends the first of the week.

Fred L. Greenfield was a caller at Minneapolis last week.

Fourth of July is rapidly nearing and the people of Alexander are making plans to celebrate at Hampton, some at Clarion and some will celebrate at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenfield and daughter June of near Belmond visited at the Fred Grenffield home on last Thursday evening.

Frank Hock of Cleveland Ohio, who has been spending the past few weeks at the A. B. Arends home, departed Tuesday for his home.

Mrs. Tena Graves and children of Grudy Center visited at the Henry Stoffer and Fred Greenffield homes last week.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons of Hampton spent the first of the week with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dirksen and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Dirksen and children of Nevada, Iowa, visited at the George Dirksen home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and baby were callers at Latimer Sunday.

Fred Greenffield and son Frederick were callers at Belmond, Monday.

Alice Peters was a Hampton caller one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Miss Jessie Bell, Mrs. John Arends, Mrs. Mabel Symens, Mrs. Fred Greenffield and son and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen attended the funeral services of Harley Seward at Hansell last Tuesday.

Belmond Local News

We are making as good chick feed as there is on the market. Ask your dealer for it.—T. S. Wallace & Co. tf

—I—

The Royal Neighbors met on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Williard Morse.

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

For Sale—10-months old Collie, eligible to registry. Just the dog for some farmer.—Jack McIlrath. 1t*

—I—

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—I—

Mrs. Minnie Furuseth is reported on the sick list this week. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Jacobson.

—I—

We now have the high test kerosene and gasoline for sale.—Townsan Hardware.

—I—

Lawrence Gealow and a party of friends drove to Clear Lake on Sunday to spend the day.

—I—

Ten per cent discount for cash on purchases of $1 and up, except special items.—Johnson & Wright.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Soper of Elgin, Illinois, drove to Belmond to spend a few days at the A. E. and A. W. Martin homes. They were accompanied by Mrs. Soper's mother, Mrs. E. Martin, and by a nephew, Ervin Born. They returned on Tuesday morning of this week.

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

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—I—

Mrs. H. Schultz and daughter Leone of Los Angeles, California, came Sunday to visit her son, Herman L. Schultz and family.

—I—

Headquarters for fireworks. Roman Candles, Skyrockets, Firecrackers, torpedoes, sparklers, etc.—Schultz Drug

—I—

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—I—

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—I—

Mrs. Lena Anderson of Westbrook, Minnesota, has been here the past three weeks caring for her mother, Mrs. Ole Gunderson.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton went to Fairbanks, Iowa, last week to spend a few days at the home of relatives there.

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Mrs. Charles Luick of Wapeton, North Dakota, came this week to assist in the care of her mother, Mrs. Ole Gunderson.

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E. G. Miller and wife were among the Belmond people who enjoyed the outing facilities of Clear Lake on this week Sunday.

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BIG CROWD CELEBRATE AT COUNTY SEAT

Main Street To Be The New Name

New Name To Be Officially Endorsed At Meeting In August—Others May Be Changed Too.

"DICK" KENEFICK SUGGESTS IT

The city council has definitely decided as to the new name for Spruce street, and will enact at their next meeting an ordinance changing the name of the street.

The new name is to be "Main Street." The council, after considering for several weeks the various names which were submitted, settled on Main street as being the most logical one, one that was the most universally used at the present time and the one which would be the most appropriate, all things considered.

The winner of the Independent's offer of five dollars for the new name is R. D. Kenefick, he being the first one to suggest that name. A number of others also sent in Main street astheir suggestion but Kenefick's is reported as being the first received.

There is already a Main street in the city, being the street running east and west just south of Spruce. It will be changed, as will the various east and west streets on the north and south sides of the Main street. It is understood that these streets are to be called "First street south" and "First street north" and so on. There was some talk of making the main street west of the bridge known as "West Main street," and the same street east of the Rock Island depot "East Main street," but the outcome of this is not known at the present writing.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Clerk Goslin reports the following marriage licenses for the past week: Francis Thayer and Weva Jenison, George Sadler and Lillian Runden, Frank D. Newcomb and Lydia R. Thomason, Wm. Conners and Mary Conners.

Two stills, a miscellaneous lot of "hootch," several automobile tires and an assortment of clothing, held as evidence in cases coming before the October term of district court, are in the vault in Clerk Goslin's office at the court house. The clothing is that taken by robbers at Goldfield and Woolstock sometime ago.

E. F. Bailey, the Belmond contractor, has begun action against the Great Western to recover the sum of $3,000 alleged to be due on account of defendant's failure to furnish cars per contract for the shipping of gravel from a pit near Belmond. Plaintiff was to have $5.00 per hour for each hour his men and outfit was delayed. He claims a total of 600 hours delay on the part of the defendant.

A violent temper, with no effort to control it, striking her with his fists and kicking her while wearing heavy boots is the alleged inhuman treatment upon which Ida Nelson, of Eagle Grove bases her petition for divorce from her husband, John Nelson. Defendant is a farmer and for the past two years has also conducted a hotel known as the Oelson hotel in Eagle Grove. Parties to this action were married at Paxton, Illinois, in 1911. They have no children.

Treasurer Allen mourns the death of his mother, Mrs. Eugene Allen, of Eagle Grove who passed away last Friday death being due to heart trouble. Deceased was in her 78th year and was about her usual home duties until the day previous to her death. Mrs. Allen came to Wright county in 1874, being numbered among the older inhabitants. The Allen family has been a prominent and influential factor in the affairs of Eagle Grove and Troy township for a long period of years.

More Good Road News

The work of draining and grading the main county road south from Clarion corporation line to the gravel road connecting with Woolstock is to be commenced at once. Several cars of road machinery, including two caterpillar tractors, were unloaded at Woolstock last week. The contractor has two complete outfits and will push the work as fast as possible.

Petition for New District

A petition has been filed with County Superintendent Blanche Bock, signed by 134 qualified voters residing within the territory asking that a consolidated independent school district to be known as the Consolidated Independent School District of Woolstock be established within the contigius territory containing not less than sixteen sections within the ner of Sec. 20, T 90 N, R 25 W as follows:

Commencing at the sw corner of Sec. 33, T 90 N, R 26 W, thence north to the nw corner of Sec. 28, T 90 N, R 26 W, thence east to the sw corner of Sec. 20, T 90 N, R 26 W, thence north to the nw corner of Sec. 14, T 90 N, R 26 W, thence east to the ne corner ofSec. 17, T 90 N, R 25 W, thence south to the se corner Sec. 27, T 90 N, R 25 W, thence south to thence east to the ne corner of Sec. 27, T 90 N, R 25 W, thence south to the secorner of section 34, T 90 N, R 25 W, 5th P. M. Iowa.

Objections to the project must be filed in the office of the county superintendent on or before noon of the 9th day of July.

Another Still Captured

Head Grove neighborhood south of Eagle Grove, has yielded up the latest Wright county moonshiner. John Mathews, a tiler making his home with a brother in that neighborhood had his preliminary hearing before Squire Williamson at Eagle Grove last Saturday, at which time he waived a hearing and was released on posting bonds in the sum of $750 for appearance before the October grand jury.

A night last week Marshal Rennolds of Eagle Grove arrested a couple of drunks on the street of that town and from evidence he secured with other officers made a raid on Mathews and captured a still, twenty bottles of beer, a dozen pints of whiskey and two pints of alcohol, which is being held as evidence against him.

The two drunks above alluded to caused some excitement the night of their arrest and confinement in the Eagle Grove bastile when a mattress was set on fire from a lighted cigarette. A stream of water was turned on the mattress and the two men dragged from their cell in a senseless condition, it being thought for a time that one of them was dead.

News: Mrs. Ida Nelson, proprietor of the Nelson hotel in Eagle Grove, is suing her husband for divorce and alimony in such sum as the court may direct. She alleges her husband is worth at least $15,000.

The basis of her charges against her husband is that he was so cruel to her as to endanger her health and make life miserable for her. He would strike, beat, kick, and otherwise abuse her, calling her vile names even in the presence of others. They were married at Paxton, Ill., May 17, 1911, and she left him June 21. She asked the court to enjoin her husband from appearing at the hotel and attachment against his property pending suit.

E. F. Bailey is suing the Great Western for $3000, alleged to be due as a result of failure of the company to deliver gravel cars to the gravel pit he had opened there on the Great Western property, working under a contract which provided the company was to forfeit $5 per hour for each and every hour his workmen were idle thru lack of cars. The contract called for a 500-cubic yard delivery every 12 hours and he claims that he lost 600 hours thru failure of the company to keep the cars on hand. Therefore he asks $3,000, and costs of the suit.

GIVEN TREATMENT AT IOWA CITY HOSPITAL

Little Rosa Onderdic, has been given treatment at the Perkins' hospital of Iowa City thru the efforts of Dr. Steele for congenital hip trouble, and was returned to her home at the A. E. Martis farm last week with the cast removed and practically cured.

Milk Ordinance For City To Be Drastic One

New Ordinance Will Require Fulfillment Of Many Obligations By All Retailers Of Milk.

MILK DEALERS FAVOR LAW

The city council has had under consideration for the past few weeks an ordinance regulating the sale of milk within the city limits and the probablities are that the ordnance will be passed at the next meeting of the council.

The ordinance is a most drastic one and will affect every retailer of milk in the city, whether they make that a business or whether they have but one cow and sell a pint a day. The ordinance is one that has been worked out by the state food and dairy commission, and is the result of months of thought and preparation. It is being introduced into the towns all over the state and will in the near future being the ruling law in every town of any consequence in the state.

The ordinance provides that no one who has a cow may sell milk unless it has been pasteurized first, specifying the exact amount of heat to pasteurize the milk, what shall be done with it, no other product shall be placed in the receptacle into which the milk is taken, the way the milk shall be retailed, the use of bottles being made compulsory— the bucket or dish way being unlawful—the way the cow barns shall be kept, the kind of stable floor, and a dozen different things that mean the end of the quart or two quart dealer.

All cows must be tested every so often for tuberculosis, and any animal found affected must be segregated from the rest of the herd, the herd tested again in six months, and the state dairy commission notified at once.

Those dealers in milk who are in the business as a business are all in favor of the proposed law, and are waiting for it to be pulaced in effect. The proposed law will force them all to a strictly sanitary and hygenic way of supplying the trade with milk, and will place them to a considerable expense. No one will be permitted to retail milk under the new law unless their cows have under gone the tuberculin test, the milk is pasteurized and sold in bottles, and the various other obligations of the measure complied with. violation of the law means one hundred dollars fine and thirty days in jail.

PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN GIVES KIDDIES PICNIC

Under the auspices of the Community Club and financed by a friend who is always doing something for Belmond and Belmond people, about eighty small children enjoyed a rare treat. The past two Saturdays were devoted to a picnic for the kiddies, about forty being out each day. They were taken to the lake and were filled to the brim with goodies, and after wading in the water and playing games were returned to their homes a truly happy bunch.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, June 28, 1921.

Special meeting of town council eld in Town Hall on call of Mayor Barry for the purpose of considering the granting of licenses uder the Iowa Cigarette Law, effective July 4th., 1921.

Members all present.

Moved and seconded licenses be issued to Whippenbeck & White, S. S. Packard, George J. Brady, Schultz Drug Co., Alex Smith, Ella M. Cleveland and Steve Antonio, same to be effective on July 4th, 1921 and also to be confirmed at the next regular meeting of council.

Motion carried.

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS, Clerk

OBITUARY

WILLIAM MILES MONTGOMERY

Williams Miles Montgomery was born at Clarion, Pa., May 4, 1872 and died at his home east of Belmond, Iowa, June 28, 1921.

Mr. Montgomery's parents moved to Illinois when he was a boy nine years old. About twenty-five years ago he moved to Wright county and eight years ago onto the farm east of town.

He was married to Miss Mabel E. Luick, January 14, 1903 and to this union nine children were born, Madge, Samuel Mildred Erma, Lyle, Muriel and George. Two children died in infancy.

Mr. Montgomery had been in poor health for some months and had not been able to work but was up and around all of the time and no one thought that the end was so near. For the past three weeks he had been confined to te home and early Tuesday morning the summons came and he took his departure.

Besides his wife and children he leaves two brothers, Isaac M. Montgomery of Tacoma, Wash., and Geo. M. Montgomery of Humboldt, South Dakota, and three sisters, Miss Madge Montgomery of Tacoma, Washington, Mrs. Lizzie Jones of Meservey, Iowa, and Mrs. Ella Ashley of Vernon Center, Minnesota and many other relatives and friends who mourn his, what seems to us, untimely departure.

Funeral services were held at the home on Thursday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. S. U. Leinbach, pastor of the Congregational church.

CHAUTAUQUA SIGNED FOR BY TWENTY-ONE MEN

The pretty little girl who was here a week or so ago secured the twenty signers she was seeking to guarantee a chautauqua here for next year. The chautauqua to be given will be under the Midland Chautauqua system, the date for it not having been announced yet.

The chautauqua is to be an eight hundred dollar affair, containing the best talent the Midland has in its contracts, and was signed for by the following men:

Dr. Steele, Geo. Heginger, Lars Johanson, T. A. Townson, Cato C. Griesy, C. C. Benson, H. D. Johnston, Adolph Skovlin, R. A. Rankins, B. J. Johnson, M. C. Barry, Johnson Garage, J. L. Graham, Adam Hollman, H. S. Nordschow, Alfred Swenson, Ray P. Morris, James Kenefick, Joe Kiplinger, Theo. Wright and H. F. Luick.

REBEKAH CONVENTION DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The 16th annual covention of the Rebekah lodge held here last week on Thursday drew a very large attendance, there being something like two hundred or more delegates and visitors here from the surrounding towns. The program was carried thru as printed in the Independent, and the reports of the convention are all very highly satisfactory, a general goo and helpful time being enjoyed. In the evening the ladies enjoyed a fine supper in the city park.

BELMOND TOWNSHIP FARM BUREAU PICNIC

The Belmond Township Farm Bureau picnic will be held at the home of M. R. Pierce at the edge of Morse Lake on Thursday, July 14. We will endeavor to have a speaker of note and hope to have a large attendance. Come at one-thirty. The speech will be about three, and the picnic supper at five. Mrs. Pierce will furnish blackberries free of charge to all.

Because of the Fourth, when the whole force took a lay off, and a breakdown on our linotype yesterday the Independent was forced to leave out considerable reading matter and change the make up of the paper this week.

LARGEST CROWD EVER AT COUNTY CELEBRATION

Clarion's Glorious Fourth Celebration Draws Biggest Crowd Ever In The Town.

BALL GAME FEATURES SPORTS

Kanawha Wins From Belmond By Score Of 4 To 2 After Hotly Contested Battle.

All roads in the county led to the county seat Monday when Clarion celebrated the glorious Fourth.

Probably the town of Clarion never had as large a crowd before in its history. The mob was packed all over the main part of town, with the cars as thick as grass. While the writer was one of the mass, he would not attempt to estimate the number of people there, for it would be an impossible task. Cars by the hundreds were parked all over the city, on all streets in all directions, and the cars and people at the fair ground during the ball game, and especially at night at the fireworks, was the largest ever seen in this neck of the woods.

The program was carried thru in an orderly fashion and practically as it had been arranged. The parade in the morning was very good, and was variously commented upon for its attractiveness and beauty. The address in the park by Hon. Michael Healey, the blind attorney and orator from Fort Dodge, was pronounced splendid by all who heard it. The attractions during the afternoon, the wrestle and street sports, were good, and the ball game between Belmond and Kanawha featured that part of the program.

The game was lost by Belmond, the score being 4 to 2. There were several reasons for it, chief of which was the pitcher for Kanawha, who was especially hired for the occasion and who certainly had the goods and delivered them. Belmond played the regular team, not hiring any one, while Kanawha "loaded up" with a number of players from other places to strengthen their team and win one game from Belmond this year. Even at that had Belmond played the game they are capable of, they would have trimmed the hired outfit Kanawha sent against them. Pillmer was off, his pitching was wild, and as a result he walked several men. The boys were unable to connect with Kanawha's hired heaver's offerings, and Kanawha got next to Pillmer's curves sufficiently to win the game. Belmond was beaten by better playing on the part of Kanawha's hired players, and considering the various angles of the affair deserved to lose the game. That kind of "stuff" will lose the team every particle of support at home, and the sooner some of them realize it the better it will be.

In the evening at the exhibition of fireworks there was the largest crowd and the greatest number of cars that probably has ever been seen in the county at a celebration. Cars were parked entirely around the north side of the fair grounds, three and four rows deep, on the west side in the road they were lined up for blocks and the race track was pretty well filled with them. The fireworks were good, but the crowd became impatient waiting for them to begin, and tooted their horns and whistled and hollered.

The only criticism the writer heard of any note was that there were not sufficient police to maintain the order and keep the crowds back. In the crowd there was there should have been a number of more officers.

The celebration, however, as a whole was very successful, and the Clarion business men and citizens generally are to be congratulated upon the successful conclusion of the affair, the treatment accorded visitors and the smoothness with which the entire program was carried thru.

Most of the Belmond people who celebrated the day out of town were at the county seat, altho many of them did not go until afternoon.

FREE AIR!

The dog days are here, and you want to be on the watch for dorgs that go 'round frothing at the mouth and snapping and snarling at every one they meet.

Kanawha's Dorg has been on the rampage again and last week used seven-eighths of his little missionary sheet to read the riot act to the editor of the Independent, the town and most everybody connected with it.

It was just the same old run of snarls at somebody else, written in as mean a way as the poor Dorg knew how and containing as much personal abuse as Dorg could think up, with the aid of the rest of his gang of maudlin muckrakers, about the writer of Free Air.

Dorg says our conscience ought to bother us, for upholding a gang of robbers, thieves, pirates, cutthroats and highway bandits. Doesn't it seem odd folks, that Dorg should be talking of a conscience? How does he know whether a conscience is an animal or an insect? People who live in glass houses should be a little less careless about throwing their bricks around.

He says he hopes the manhood of the editor will some day assert itself sufficiently so that he will defend the right instead of what he knows is wrong. Wonder where Dorg found out we knew we were wrong? We might return the compliment to bro. Africa, but we haven't any hopes of him reforming—he's past redemption to all appearances.

Notice, folks, that his name is Africa. What's in a name, somebody once remarked, and usually the name is of little consequence but in this case doesn't it sound, so appropriately, like the darkest part of that benighted place?

Dorg makes us think of the old fire bell tower here: a good solid understanding, but nothing but noise at the top, and sort of cracked, too, if you've noticed.

Dorg even had something supposed to be poetry in his little peddler of woe last week telling about the dogs and cheatin' dogs in Belmond. The poetry was probably just like the author, well meaning but ignorant.

Then Dorg tells how they lost the game here Sunday, blaming it on a jinx. Kanawha, he says, outplayed us, but—.

Says a character in Shakespeare's "King Lear": "Get thee glass eyes, and, like a scurvy politician, seem to see the things thou dost not."

But every dorg has his day, even tho the nights belong to the cats, as Roosevelt said, and Dorg had his on Monday. He had to hire a team to do it, tho, as there were only four regular Kanawha players who were good enough players to be in the ring that day. Now we'll see the whole front page of Dorg's little weekly spasm devoted to telling the story. The Sunday game, which they lost, was tucked off in a back corner inside where patent medicine ads are usually run.

Tell you what, Dorg, you play your regular team, pitch the Mighty Yepson, and he's good, and Satter, and we'll pitch Pillmer and Thomas, play nothing else but home men, for a series of three games, and see which team is the best. Isn't that fair enough, Dorg? Do we hear you answer? Listen!

Yes. Dorg, you said something when you said that we believed that Kanawha had a mosly "less" brilliant Snips and Snarls editor, that they had a poor team, but we don't agree with you about the "stinking" people, for we don't judge the town by snips and snarls.

And he says that, despite this belief, they are just brazen enough and ignorant enough to go right on.

Sometimes Dorg says something really worth while. Ignorant enough is right: Ignorant and egotistic.

"Come up, bro. Rankins," says polite Dorg, "and let Dorg bite you." Thanks, Dorg for the invitation but we don't want hydroprobia.

We aren't going to monkey with you all summer, Dorg; you aren't worth it. But for your own good we thought you ought to know a few things. Probably the effort has been wasted, for what would you learn with?

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STOP THE BETTING

There is one thing above all others that will kill any sport or any clean and popular amusement; one thing that always has, and always will, be the beginning of the end for any pastime, and that is gambling.

It seems strange that some people to enjoy a game must wager their money on the outcome; money which they need, and which, if they do not, could be devoted to better purposes. During the past few weeks certain men of this city have made it more or less of a practice to bet on the various games that have been played by the Belmond ball team. One young man of whom the Independent has knowledge won a considerable sum each game for four weeks. The young man, and others like him, may be able to afford it when he loses, doubtless he is, but he, and others who have been making it a practice, are doing the best thing possible to kill base ball in Belmond, for with gambling the rule the public will not in the first place suport the games and in the second place will begin to shut down on them.

Betting has not been widely practiced in Belmond at all, but it has become too common for the good of the game. Cut it out; it won't get you anywhere in the end: you'll come out even, if you do that good, and it hurts the game.

The Independent has been more or less criticised for its attention to base ball, but the Independent does not believe in the tactics being followed by some of the team and fans, and if persisted in will not suport the game here.

Keep it clean from betting, play the game as it should be played, and be on the job RIGHT.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

What this paper believes is one of the best things the Farm Bureau ever undertook is the frmation of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs thruout the county, clubs designed to keep the younger generation interested in the agricultural business and on the farm.

Too many boys and girls drift to the city, looking for a wider vision and the higher life. Forget it. The city is not and never has been any place to live. Few great men of this nation's history came direct from the city; they were country born, the product of the farm and the small town. The boys' and girls' clubs will go far to show the young people the advantages of rural life, the opportunities and independence that lies within the grasp of each of them, if he or she will but take them.

The notable success of this work may be pointed out thru the clubs of South Dakota, the state leader of whom is Prof. Paul J. Scarbro, for nine years superintendent of the Belmond schools and who is remembered by all Belmond people. Prof. Scarbro has increased the clubs in two years in numbers from about seven thousand to nearly twenty thousand; and the members of the clubs have taken first prizes by the scores at the state fairs and county fairs of that state; their products have sold for millions of dollars; all of which has been the direct result of the fact that the boys and girls were given an interest in their daily life, in the things with which they were familiar and which they understood.

To give the farm boys and girls something which will interest them, bring the worth-whileness of agriculture home to them thru their own efforts, means that there will be fewer boys and girls leaving the farms for something indefinite and uncertain in the city. Farm work is hard work—any work done right is hard—but to work in the open, your own boss, for your own self, free to come and go when you will, has working and living in a crowded, hot noisy city, where you don't know who lives in the next room to you, beaten seven ways to Sunday. And these are the things which the boys and girls will be made to realize thru the clubs, and every business man, every professional man, and every man or woman of influence in the county should boost for the clubs; they mean better citizens, more contented citizens, and therefore a better community life for all.

CLIPPINGS

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After an active business career of 42 years W. T. R. Humphrey has disposed of his abstract business to M. H. Austin & Son and will on July 1 retire from business. Mr. Humphrey came to Clarion in 1874 and with the exception of five years has been prominently identified with the business and political life of the community. He has always stood for a clean government, and the better things in the social and spiritual realm. A record of 17 years' attention to business at his age with but one week's vacation surely warrants him in taking the action he has.—Monitor.

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Miss Alphia Bayliss was called to her home in Belmond, Monday evening, on account of her mother being severely bitten by a dog. Her foot was the injured member and it will be quite awhile before Mrs. Bayliss will be able to use her foot again.—Meservey Register.

H. C. Johnson, L. J. Green and H. Wesenberg motored to Belmond last Thursday.Dows Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Evans and Miss Mary Papousek of Des Moines were guests at the Ed. Papousek home last week. They also vitised at the Chas. Papousek home at Belmond. The ladies are sister of Ed. and Chas.—Garner Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. Byard Strieby and daughter Beatrice of Belmond, the Misses Myrtle and Ilo Strieby and Howard Strieby of Garner and Miss Elizabeth Oberton of Mechanicsville were Sunday visitors at the Ed. Shreve home.—Monitor.

Mrs. Cady Templeton spent Sunday at Rowan. Miss Nellie Pierce of Belmond accompanied her home. —Monitor.

Several people from here drove to Belmond, Sunday, to attend the ball game between Belmond and Kanawha, Belmond won by a score of 8 to 3.—Klemme Times.

Wm. Tyrrell of Belmond defeated Dr. Steele also of Belmond in a fast game of golf at the Clairmond course Friday afternoon, fifty to fifty-two. A large crowd was out to see this game. and in the beginning Dr. Steele took the lead and at one time was ahead two holes, but Mr. Tyrrell was not daunted and rapidly regained the lost ground and finished the course two holes ahead of his opponent. The boys present say it was some game. —News.

Minnie and Marie Blank went to Belmond for a visit with relatives and friends.—Times.

Mr. J. H. Thomas was up from Belmond last Thursday on business here.—Times.

Roland Runge, while digging post holes the other day, found 21 Indian arrow heads. The stone points are all in fine condition and were all in the same spot.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Russell and niece, Miss Helen Flinch, of Gray Eagle, Minnesota, were in town on Monday visiting friends. They formerly lived here and were enroute to Belmond to visit Mrs. Russell's parents.—Register.

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Those who were at the picnic on last Wednesday at Mr. Hinman's will not soon forget the nice time that we had. The day was ideal and the rain of the night before made every one feel good to start with. There were 173 who sat down to the table and this number with those who waited upon the tables and those who came after dinner made our number over the two hundred mark. It was a great family gathering and we are only sorry that there were some who could not come.

Every one entered into the spirit of the occasion and there was not one thing that happened to mar the pleasure of the day. The base ball game was hotly contested almost at the start and the winners had a hard time to make that one extra score which gave them the victory.

The services for next Sabbath are: Bible school at ten, and remember our mark for this quarter is an average of 125 which means 11 2-13 a Sunday more than last quarter, when we had the largest verage attendance in the history of the school. The morning worship at eleven, the evening services will be in charge of the young people, with Miss Olive Butts as leader and they will be held on the lawn of Mr. Ira Christie at eight o'clock. The evening services for the summer will be held at the different homes.

We invite all who are not obligated elsewhere to come and worship with us.

THE KING'S HERALDS ENJOY DAY

The King's Heralds, a missionary band of children from eight to 14, met Friday, June 17 at the A. W. Martin home. There were 23 children present who enjoyed the good time planned for them. Rev. Edge gave a short talk. The mystery box was conducted by Mrs. Martin in an interesting contest.

The day being Harriet's birthday the children shared her birthday cake and ice cream.

As the guests departed each one was presented with a plant prepared by Miss Harriet in honor of the occasion.

The King's Heralds have grown rapidly under the leadership of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Claussen, having a membership now of 28 paid members. The children raised forty dollars this year for missionary work.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, at the city park.

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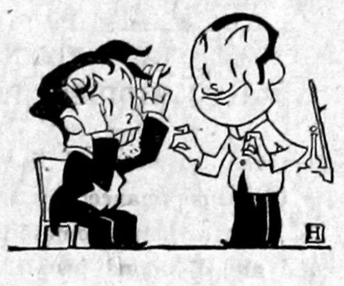

A FRIEND of mine.
WHO COULDN'T speak.
A WORD of French.
WENT TO Paris.
AND THE first time.
HE HAD to get.
A HAIRCUT and shave.
HE PRACTICED an hour.
MAKING SIGNS.
IN THE looking glass.
SO THE French barber.
WOULD UNDERSTAND him.
AND THEN he went in.
AND WIGGLED his fingers.
THROUGH HIS hair.
AND STROKED his chin.
AND THE barber grinned.
AND FINISHED the job.
THEN MY friend thought.
HE'D BE polite.
SO HE gave the barber.
AN AMERICAN cigarette.
WHICH THE barber smoked.
AND MY friend pointed.
TO HIS mouth.
AND SAID "Likee voo."
AND THE barber roared.
AND SAID "You BET.
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IN INDIANAPOLIS.
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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

WEDDINGS

A pretty and fashionable wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents on the morning of Wednesday June 29th. The contracting parties were Miss Huldah Fern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Westaby of Alexander, and William August, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Jakobs of Alexander. The home was artistically decoated for the occasion, the ceremony being performed under an arch of lillies by Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church at Rowan. The bride was attended by her sister Mary Westaby, while Jesse Westaby supported the groom. After a delicious wedding dinner had been served the happy couple left for an automobile trip to Illinois and Wisconsin. The grooms gift to the bride was a beautiful ring, and the bride's gift to the groom was a piece of gold. Mr. and Mrs. Jakobs, who are well known in this vicinity, have the best wishes of a host of friends. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Jakobs will reside three miles east of Rowan on the farm recently purchased by the groom.

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Section three of the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church, consisting of Mrs. D. E. Harris, Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mrs. T. Hansen, Mrs. A, Hackley, Mrs. Frank Kercheval, Mrs. H. Tomkinson, Mrs. Eva Lindsay and Miss Nora Shaffer held a pleasant and profitable ice cream sociable on the church grounds last Wednesday. The proceeds of the social amounted to nearly $24.

The morning service at the M. E. church last Sunday morning was of a patriotic nature, the choir rendering "America the Beautiful," and an anthem, "Let the People Praise Thee." The pastor took as his subject 'America the Beautiful,'" and urged a less spectacular patriotism and a more sacred sense of our duties and privileges as Americans The church was full. At the union service in the evening the Congregational pastor brought the message. The choir rendered "Crossing the Bar whilst Mrs. A O Pelley sang "The Perfect Day."

Service will be conducted in the Methodist church next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev Harold Tomkinson, the Sunday school session being held at the close. The union service in the evening will be in the Congregational church and the speaker will be the pastor of the M. E. church.

A party of Rowan friends went to Clear Lake last Friday and had a most enjoyable time. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. T. Hansen and family, F. B. Sheldon, Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Mr and Mrs. A. C. Rietz, Mrs. Henry Rietz, Rev George and Mrs. Stephens of Deloit, and Rev. and Mrs. H. Tomkinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Pelley and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Haupt

The following intend to start out on a two weeks' camping trip thru Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan next Monday: Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and family and Rev. and Mrs. Tomkinson.

The local tennis club have been invited to play a game next Thursday on the new courts at Eagle Grove. The Eagle Grove club have just built three new courts and a new pavilion at a cost of $12,000.

Wednesday the following people enjoyed a picnic at Lake Cornelia: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath, Mrs. O. E. Ballou and daughter LaVonne, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box and daughter Blanch, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Azeltine and family, Mr and Mrs. Howard Box and the Misses Celia and Hazel Azeltine. They report a fine time.

A party of young folks enjoyed a picnic at Lake Cornelia on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris of Des Moines motored to Rowan, Sunday, to visit relatives. They returned home Monday. They are nicely settled in Des Moines in a nice part of the resident district and enjoy the city.

The Iowa township farm bureau Community club will hold their regular monthly social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Veeder. The north section will entertain this time. A program will be given.

A large number of Rowan people attended the celebration at Clarion Monday.

Last Thursday night thieves broke into the general store owned by D. W. Whitten and took his silk goods, silk hose and silk petticoats. The loss amounts to between two and three hundred dollars. They tried to get in thru the cellar window at first but when they coudnd't get up stairs they forced one of the back wisdows and gained entrance that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ballou of Fort Dodge came Sunday to visit relatives at this place and to spend the Fourth at Clarion. They returned home Monday night.

Mrs. Fred Kercheval and baby spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval. Fred has been helping his brother put up hay.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L Howell and children returned from Humboldt on Saturday. They spent Sunday at the home of his brother J. F. Howell and family.

Friday the following people enjoyed the day at Clear Lake: Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy and family, Mrs. Berryhill. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath, Mr. and Mrs Hugh Whitten and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Emerson and family and the Misses Ruth and Esther Emerson, Frances Farran and Mae Virden. A fine time is reported.

Friday night the following fellows enjoyed the wrestling match at Garner: Fred Hackley, Will Whitten, D. W. Whitten, Frank Retcliff, J. F. Howell, James Rowen, Harold Virder and O. F. Braden. Frank Retcliff James Rowen, O. F. Braden and Harold Virden took the 40 and 8 during the day.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Morning service at 11:00.
Sunday school at 12:00.
Christian Endeavor at 7:00.

Union service of the Congregational and M. E. churches at the Congregational church at 8:00 p m.

Junior Christian Endeavor will meet Wednesday afternoon of each week at the Cong. church at 2:30.

The midweek meeting will be held each Wednesday evening at 8:00.

There was a good attendance at the baptismal and communion services Sunday morning.

Be sure and hear the Rev. Tomkinson and Rev. Nye Sunday July tenth at the Rowan Cong. church.

Rev. Nye will deliver a sermon on "The Two Heavens." Be sure and hear this and bring your friends.

The Missionary society was held last Friday at the Cong. manse. The attendance was good and the study of the American Indian was the topic of the day. Mrs. J. F. Howell was the leader.

Be sure ad attend the union services Sunday evening at eight. Rev. Tomkinson will deliver the sermon at this service which will be held at the Cong. church.

The Christian Endeavors will hold a Sun Rise meeting Sunday morning, July tenth at seven-thirty a. m. All the young people are requested to be present at this service on the church lawn next Sunday morning.

Rev. Nye delivered a patriotic address on "Our Nation" at the union meeting held in the M. E. church last Sunday evening.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Hugh Whitten last Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance and a fine supper was served. $20 was realized from this supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Toyne, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Toyne and baby of Carrol came Wednesday to spend the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toyne.

Saturday night just before work closed for the day Chester Bailey had the misfortune of getting his right hand crushed. He was hurried to Dr. George at Dows to have it dressed. It wil lay him off from work for some time.

Sunday morning another team ran away which belonged to the men who are hauling reinforcing steel for the bridge west of town on the new state road. Not much damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zeigler of Sioux City came Saturday to visit at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Whitten and other friends. Mrs. Zeigler will be remembered to Rowan friends as Miss Blanch Howe, who taught in our Rowan schools for some time.

The Misses Dollie Riley and Bernice Bailey went to Belmond, Saturday, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey.

There are nine cars of workmen on the C. G. W. tracks laying ties. The Rock Island section men are unloading ties in Belmond, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Reasoner and baby of Minnesota came Saturday to spend the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey.

Charley Ball, who is foreman on the Rock Island section, returned to work Saturday after a two weeks vacation. Mr. George Sheilds who has been working in Mr. Balls place went to his home at Council Bluffs to spend the Fourth but expects to come back to Rowan to work.

John, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, fell from a bed Saturday striking his head and cutting the forehead so it required a stitch to be taken in it. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Underdahl went to Rake, Saturday, to spend the Fourth and also play ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and family were Belmond callers Friday.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion visitor Tuesday.

Laura McCallum was a Clarion visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls visited relatives in Rowan on Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham and family were Dows shopeprs Thursday.

Miss Wilda Whitten returned from St. Peter, Minn., Wednesday, She was been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jurden Brinkman.

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and baby Kenneth, Mrs J. F. Howell and children were Thursday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon and daughter Adelaide went to Prescott, Wis., Wednesday to spend the Fourth with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs Fred Williams and family went to Hayfield, Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. Peter Schreck and family. They returned home on Saturday

Wilford Carmon who has been visiting at DeSmet, S. D., for the past few weeks returned home Tuesday. John Larson, a brother of Alfred Larson of the Larson & Carmon garage, returned with him for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion visited Friday at the home of their daughter Mrs. Gay Fletcher. Mrs. J. A. Whitten and daughters were Dows shopers Friday.

Mr. Virden has screened the front porch to his house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden. This is a decided improvement.

Carl Swensen and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Steffens one day last week.

Lewis Hearn of Dumont visited at the home of his sister Mrs, Clarence Johnson and family one day last week.

Mrs. B. Berryhill of LaPort is visiting at the R. R. Duffy and Will Duffy homes this week.

Rev. and Mrs. George Stevens and family of Deloit came Wednesday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rietz, thru the month of July.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Pelley spent Thursday at Clear Lake.

Clarence Williams who is working in the post office department at Washington D. C., came Saturday to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williams and with other relatives.

The Legion ball team played at Clarion, Sunday, defeating them 2 to 0.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan McBurney of Popejoy spent the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler.

The school board held a business meting July 1. J. F. Howell was elect ed janitor of the school house for the coming year.

HAMPTON PEOPLE HAVE LUCKY AUTO ESCAPE

Recorder: Vivian Ruble and a companion narrowly escaped serious injury and Dean Hobbie, ten-yearold son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hobbie, and Robert Coonley, son of J. E. Coonley experienced a miraculous getaway from being killed, when on Tuesday noon a Ford car driven by Ruble drashed into a tree.

Young Ruble and his companion were driving west at a high rate of speed when a tire blew out. In order to avoid a collision with an approaching car Ruble gave his Ford a sudden turn to the left causing the machine to run up on the parking of the Hobbie lawn where it hit a tree. The sudden stop of the machine threw the two occupants out a distance of a rod or two from the car. Directly on the other side of the tree the two boys, Dean and John, were sitting on the ground engaged in boyish conversation. It was only the presence of the tree that saved them from injuries that would have proven fatal.

At a hearing before Mayor John H. Darrah and City Attorney Sharpe, Ruble was assessed $25 and trim mings for speeding, the fine being made lighter because of the fact that the ordinance violator immediately went to the mayor's office and confessed his guilt voluntarily. The car was damaged to a considerable extent and the bark of the tree badly peeled.

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ROUTE ONE

Harvesting has begun in this vicinity and the farmers are very much surprised as the oats are not as good as they looked to be.

Arthur Storm and son are guests at the C. J. Schmalle home,

The Independent Threshing Machine company held their annual meeting at the S. A. Anderson farm last Friday evening. S. A. Bohning was re-elected president, O. D. Jenison re-elected secretary and Earl Jenison elected time keeper.

A family reunion and picnic was held at the home of S. A. Bohning on July 4.

The Pleasant township school board held their anual meeting at the Belmond Savings Bank on July 1.

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was a business caller here Wednesday.

Miss Viva Rourk who has been attending summer school at Cedar Falls returned home Saturday.

Merle Hartwig who is employed at Des Moines came Saturday for a short visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hartwig.

Mrs. Fred Knudsen left Wednesday for Iowa Falls for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. F. Newell.

Alvin Hanson of Sioux Falls, S. D. arrived the latter part of last week for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Fort Dodge are guests at the Ole Peterson home this week.

Harold Peterson who is employed at Fort Dodge is visiting here with relatives and friends.

Mr. Bowles of Algona was a business caller here on Thursday.

Miss Alpha Bamford of Mason City came Saturday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bamford.

SHEFFIELD MERCHANT TAKES OWN LIFE

Hampton Recorder: Fred Fruedenberg, a well known and popular merchant of Sheffield, committed suicide Saturday morning by slashing his throat with a razor almost from ear to ear. His lifeless body was discovered by his wife in the hayloft of the barn just before the noon hour when she went to the structure to call him for dinner.

Mr. Fruedenberg has been in ill health for some time and recently consulting with a physician was told that his affliction was cancer on the liver. The thoughts of the dreadful malady with no hope for recovery completely unnerved him and he became despondent and it is believed was temporarily insane when he committed the dreadful act.

The deceased was about fifty-five years of age and had been a resident of this county for many years. He was well known and highly esteemed and his death cast a dark shadow over the community. He had been engaged in the mercantile trade at Sheffield for several years, having purchased a store there that for a long time was owned by Mr. Young and was counted among the prosperous merchants of Sheffield.

HERE'S NEW SALAD PLANT

Chinese Celery cabbage, or Pe Tsia, is a good vegetable for the summer gardens of Iowa, according to C. V. Holsinger of the extension department of Iowa State College. Not only does it grow wherever cabbage or lettuce does but it resembles the head lettuce and cabbages but tastes more like celery than like cabbage, which makes it a desireable salad plant.

This plant should not be planted before the summer is well along as it is a hot weather crop. It does the best when the seed is started in a hot bed and then the plants transplanted. It should be put into a hotbed that is either rich or else has been given a liberal dressing of manure, preferable chicken manure.

After planting, the celery cabbage must be kept growing as fast as possible and irrigation is desirable where water is available. The plants begin to head up naturally about October 1 and do not require any tying They soon become firm, similar to cabbages and are then ready to use. They are subject to frost injury but if taken up and placed in a cool cellar the celery cabbage is easily kept for six or eight weeks.

Mature reads will weigh as much as two or three pounds. The interior leaves will be creamy white and free from fibre and with the celery flavor make desireable salad ingredients.

Belmond Local News

Harry Webb was home for a few days last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Webb. He returned to his charge at Wallingford on Saturday.

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The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Martin.

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Mrs. Rieke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bettin of the Case hotel, left recently for New York city, where she expects to take a course in music and vocal training. Mrs. Rieke is an accomplished singer and with this extra training will be one of the best. Her two children will remain here with their grandparents.

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Harry Wolle was an over Sunday visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mr. W. H. Wolle, returning with Carl.

—I—

Louis Rierson has resigned his position at the Standard Oil station and Joe Graham is now employed there.

Miss Wallace of Goldfield, who spent the winter with her brother, T. B. Wallace here, was among the out of town visitors present at the Rebekah convention last week, remaining over Sunday with her brother.

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Mr. asd Mrs. Ollie Kleinschrodt and two children from Fairmont, Minnesota, drove to Belmond by auto last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kleinschrodt over Sunday. They returned to their home on Monday by way of Swea City, on the Rock Island as it was his parents' car that he drove down with. They were accompanied here by Olle Kleinschrodt's uncle, D. C. Hunter, a brother of Mrs. P. Kleinschrodt. Both men are farmers so their time was limited. Mrs. Joseph Patton of Rowan was also one of the party on the trip here. She had been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Gill, at Fairmont for the past two months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore returned on Saturday to their home at Lidderdale, after a visit here at the home of their son, Howard, and family.

GREAT WESTERN CHANGES TIME

A new time table goes into effect July 3rd. The time of trains has been adjusted with particular reference to summer tourist traffic, reduced rates for which and special convention arrangements are now in effect.

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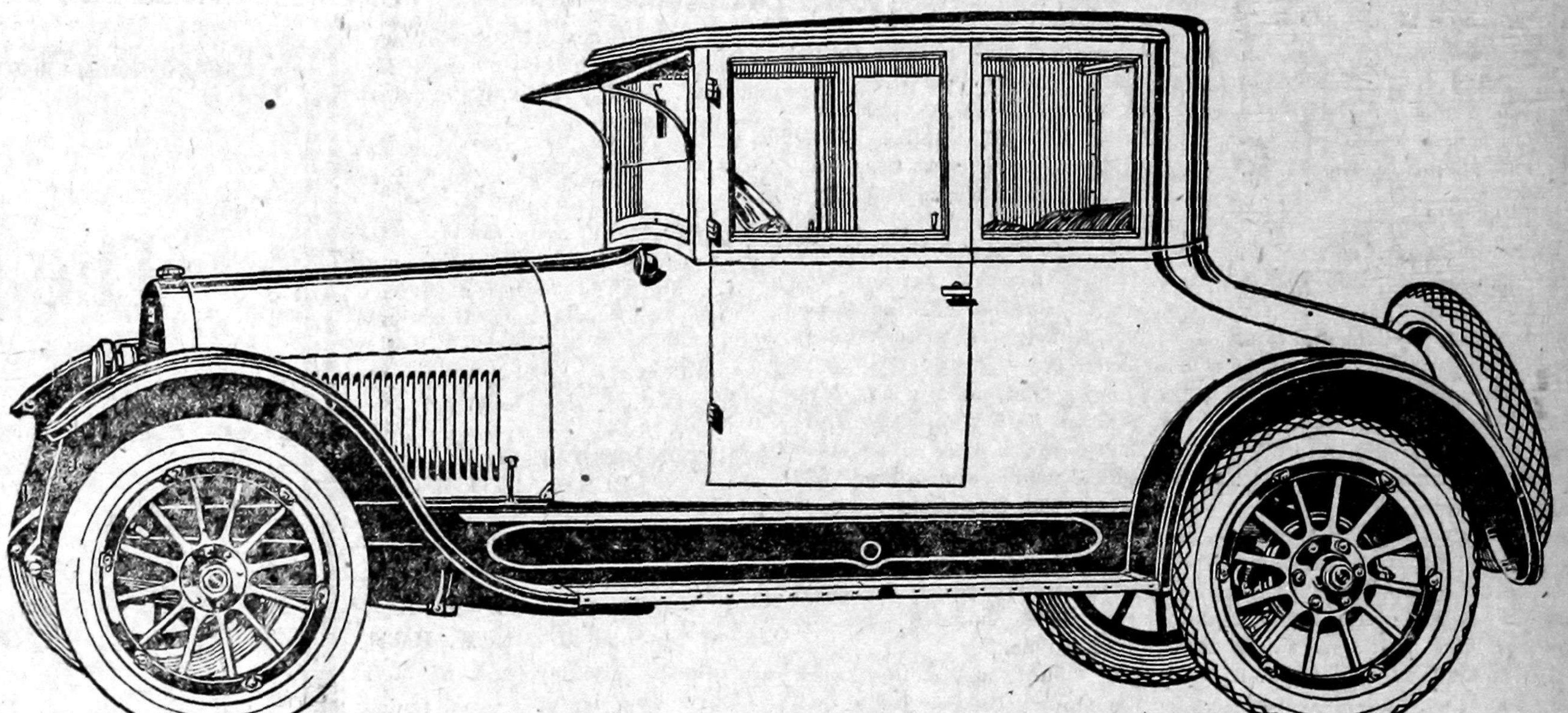

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Alex McGregor of Des Moines was a visitor here last week

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—I—

Miss Hazel Thomas leaves this week for points in Michigan where she plans to spend a few weeks visiting at the homes of relatives and friends.

—I—

Albin Johnson of Hampton was in town one day last week on business matters. He was accompanied by his little son, and the son stayed at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs Gus Johnson, during the day.

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For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

Miss Rowland, who taught music in the school here last year has accepted a position at Topeka, Kansas, teaching music. She is in the employ of the government at that place.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenfild and daughter were Alexander visitors one day last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinbicht and family spent the week end and the Fourth with relatives at Britt.

—I—

Mrs. Amy Peterson and Miss Oralee Brooks returned last Friday from Cedar Falls where they have been attending summer school. They attend the first term.

—I—

Ed. V. Price $60 suits now selling at $30—a big saving to you.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel.

—I—

Paul Northrop, who is employed in the office of the newspaper at Parkersburg, spent the week end in town here with old friends. He celebrated the Fourth at Mason City and Clear Lake with some friends from Parkersburg.

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A couple of auto accidents occurred here the Fourth, neither of them of serious consequences.

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Miss Belle Brewer of Walker, Iowa, is a guest at the home of her brother, Wm. Brewer, and family.

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E. S. Fyler was a business caller at the county seat on Thursday of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis were visitors here the first of the week with relatives and friends. They are now residing at Mason City, moving to that place from here last year.

—I—

The Misses Marie Leavy and Bessie Quigley returned last week from Cedar Falls where they have been attending summer school.

One of the interesting exhibitions at the celebration at Clarion was an exhibit of corn. The prize winning stalk was grown by a young lad on the southeast of that town, and was planted on May 5. It was exactly ten feet five inches tall, which for two months is certainly some corn.

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NOTICE!

There was a mistake in a Panama hat at the Belmond Tailor Shop. Will the party who got the wrong one please call 28?—F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton and family moved Tuesday of this week to the residence on Water street known as the Norm Thompson place.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder of Newton, Iowa, drove to Belmond last Saturday to spend the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder and with other relatives and friends here. Carl returned to his duties on Tuesday and his wife went on to Winona, Minnesota, for a visit there with her folks.

—I—

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—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Bettin were entertaining her brother from Wisconsin one day last week

—I—

Mrs. Robbins returned last week Saturday from her trip to California.

—I—

T. O. Letch of Goodell was a Belmond caller last week on matters of business.

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The Rev. M. O. Insko of Lucknow, India, was a caller at the Methodist parsonage between trains on Saturday of last week. Mr. Insko and his family expect to spend several days on his return with Rev. Edge and family, as they were class mates at college.

Conrad Nissen was a business caller at Mason City on Wedneday of last week.

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Prof. Fyler went to Des Moines on Tuesday afternoon of this week to attend an educational meeting held at that place this week.

—I—

The members of Congregational Sunday school enjoyed a fine picnic at the Hinman farm last week Wednesday.

—I—

A few second hand Fords at real bargains, in first class running order. —Belmond Auto Co.

—I—

Morse Lake is certainly becoming a busy spot these hot evenings and any night will find from fifty to a hundred bathers there. With the erection of more cottages the lake is becoming quite a resort.

—I—

Maude Newgard and Viva Rourk returned last Saturday from their attendance at summer school at Cedar Falls.

—I—

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin, Miss Harriet Martin and Miss Helen Luick spent the Fourth at Clarion, returning to Morse Lake in the evening where they were joined by A. E. Martin and family Mr. and Mrs. Rosecrans, Geo. Elder and family, H. L. Gowdy and family, all enjoying a delicious picnic supper, after which they had their own fireworks display at the lake.

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The Fourth is all over and a lot of Belmond people are recovering from the effects of celebrating. Most local folks went to Clarion to the doings there, a few went to Clear Lake and a number spent the day picnicing at the lake, and these latter ones probably had the best time.

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—I—

Menno Frohling has been enjoying a visit from his uncle from Illinois the past week.

—I—

Word was received here the first of the week of the death at his home in Ionia, Michigan, of Judge Allan B. Morse a brother of Willard and R. C. Morse of this place and well remembered by many of the Belmond people. Judge Morse had been active in poltiics many years and was 81 years of age at his death.

—I—

The local ball team will meet the team from Ackley on the local field this coming Sunday July tenth. The Ackley team has been playing some fast ball, according to reports, winning practically all of their games and the team is composed of all local men with the exception of their pitcher, which makes the two teams line up about the same and should mean a good game.

—I—

E. S. Fyler and wife enjoyed a family reunion and picnic on the Fourth of July at Clear Lake, relatives being there from various parts of the state for the occasion. An enjoyable time is reported.

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

—I—

Melvin Soma who has been working for Ed. Hauge was caught in a mower recently when the team he was driving ran away and the young man was more or less severely cut and bruised.

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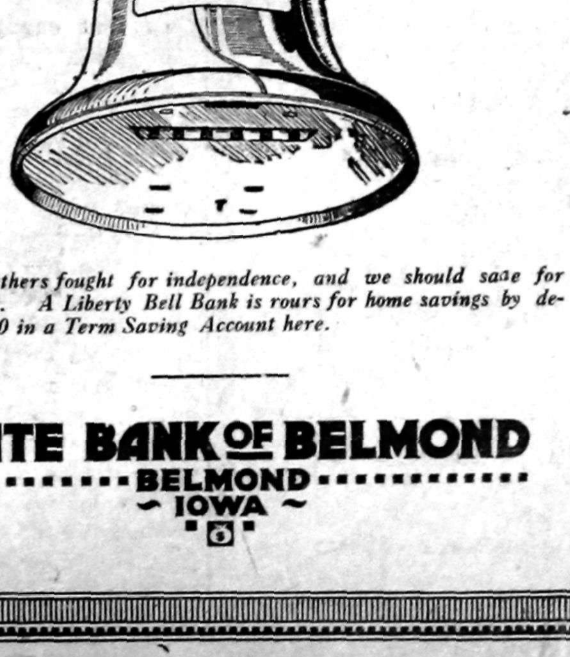

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

POULTRY CULLING SCHOOL

The poultry culling school of instruction which was held at Ames, June 27 to July 1 was attended by nearly every county agent in the state also many other people who are particularly interested in the pountry industry. This school was conducted by some of the ablest poultry experts in the state and the instructions given out were highly beneficial to those in attendance. Any one who took the five day's course of instruction will be equipped to cull the farm flocks and discard the non-laying hens.

The local county agent spent two days taking this course of instructions in the culling work and expects to conduct the culling work himself this season.

JULY BUSY MONTH

July will be a very busy month for the county agent in conducting a series of forty-eight demonstrations in the county. Arrangements have been made to place three poultry culling demonstrations in each township and it has been planned so as to conduct three demonstrations each day, one demonstration in the forenoon beginning at 1:00 o'clock and the second at 3:30.

Those who attend the culling demonsrations are earnestly urged not to come "dolled up" in their best clothes because those who wish to get the most out of the demonstration must necessarily come prepared to handle the birds themselves. Those whose flocks are to be culled are asked to make sure that the rule will be followed in conducting the demonstration. The following sched-birds are in coops on the day of the poultry culling demonstrations:

Belmond, Juy 14; Pleasant township July 15; Iowa July 18; Blaine July 19; Vernon July 20; Wa;ll Lake July 21; Woolstock July 22; Troy July 25; Eagle Grove July 26; Liberty July 27; Boone August 1; Norway August 2; Dayton August 3; Lake August 4 Grant August; 5; Lincoln, August 8.

A complete scedule showing the dates and places for holding the demonstrations will be sent out as soon as all townships have reported back the place for holding the demonstrations.

POOLING WRIGHT COUNTY WOOL

Wool growers in Wright county will be interested to know that arrangements are being made for pooling the entire wool crop of the county on July 28 and 29.

It has been decided that in order to save freight charges on the entire shipment it would be better to ship from one point so as to make up a carload lot in shipping. Since Clarion is the most centrally located shipping point all sonsignors are asked to bring their wool to Clarion for shipment on either July 28 or 29.

A new supply of wool twine and sacks has arrived at the county agent office and those who are still in need of twine or sacks should write or call the county agent.

CREATING THE WRONG IMPRESSION

Certain organizations which are not friendly toward the Farm Bureau and the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., are bending every effort to spread propoganda thru the newspapers and other sources in an effort to creat a wrong impression regarding the amount of money paid the men who have been elected to organize the grain growers movement in each state.

Wild reports have come out to the effect that the state organizers have contracts which provide for salaries ranging from $3,000 to $10,000 per year but the fact of the matter is that each state organizer is to be allowed $10.00 per day and he to pay his own expenses from this amount while he is out engaged in the org tion work.

Let us stop for a moment and think what the actual expenses per day of a man would be in the average city and then think of the small amount which he would have left for his services in carrying on the organization work, and remember also that he is paid only for the days when he is actually engaged in carrying on the organization work.

The organizations which are most bitterly opposed to the U. S. Grain Growers movement have spent many years working out the system which is now used for handling the grain products of the country and they will naturally fight to the last ditch to prevent any change being made in the marketing system of grain in this country Those who believe in the U. S. Grain Growers movement must bear in mind that those organizations which are opposed to this movement have one of the keenest and shrewest writers at the head of their publicity department and in addition to this they have millions of dollars at their disposal for publicity thru the public press to poison the farmers' minds against the .U S. Grain Growers movement, which, if developed, will be a death blow to certain other interests.

COUNTY AGENT LEADER BACK

I. W. Van Nice, assistant county agent leader for northwest Iowa, will be in Wright county July 11 and 12 to address the farm bureau members of Lake and Grant townships.

Grant township farmers are to be favored with an address from Mr. Van Nice on the evening of Monday, July 11, and Lake township on the evening of Tuesday, July 12. Those who have heard Mr. Van Nice before will be glad to know that he is returning to the county. Mr. Van Nice was a practical farmer himself up until a few months ago and for this reason his talks are always interesting and practical.

LINCOLN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

About 250 Lincoln township Farm Bureau members gathered on the lawn of the O. P. Morton home on Friday evening, July 1 to enjoy the ice cream social which had been planned for some time.

The people of Lincoln township decided to make this a strictly social affair and the business part of the meeting was omitted entirely. The evening was unusually cool for this time of year and everyone seemed to enjoy the open air festival immensely.

The feature of the evening was the ice cream eating contest which was arranged to determine which person had the greatest capacity for the frozen product. The laurels for this contest went to Miller Isenhart. We have no report as yet as to the appetite of this man but we presume that he is fed up for a few days.

This meeting of farmers in a community social is strong evidence of the fact that the people in the rural districts are beginning to realize the value of meeting one another and talking over things which are of common interest to all. These community gatherings build for community co-operation and community cooperation means better homes and better citizenship.

LIVE CLUB MEETING

Miss Thora E. Larsen of Dayton township, with the assistance of county agent Edwards and Miss Hazel Spencer, county club leader, organized a girls' club Friday afternoon, July 1 at the home of John Larsen.

The county agent opened the meeting, giving briefly the purpose of the club work in the county and also the advantages to the club member, to the home and to the community. Miss Spencer then took charge of the meeting and explained in detail the general plan of the girls' club schedule which has been arranged for the year's work.

At the close of the meeting the girls elected their own officers and appointed committees for the coming year.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Thora Larsen on Friday, July 15.

Plans for Marketing Grain

A Des Moines news dispatch under date of June 23 has the following information regarding plans of the U. S. Grain Growers Corporation for handling the farmers' grain:

A. L. Middleton, of Eagle Grove, director, and Frank M. Myers, of Fort oDdge secretary of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., have just announced definite plans for the introduction of this farmer-controlled marketing organization to the grain growers of Iowa. Mr. Middleton will act as state organizer and have personal charge of the membership campaign.

A general meeting of heads of the various farm organizations will be held in Des Moines on or about June 29. Arrangements for the active solicitation of co-operative elevators and individual members will be made at this time and each organization will be asked to nominate a number of competent farmers to act as solicitors in this work. Final selection of solicitors will be made by the state organizer.

Mr. Middleton stated further that the preliminary work of speaking at meetings over the state in explaining the U. S. Grain Growers to the stockholders and boards of directors of the co-operative elevators would be handled by a committee consisting of A. W. Carver, Muscatine; B. E. Morton, Rockwell City, and himself.

A state school for training solicitors will be held in Des Moines about July 10 to 15. At this time directors of the U. S. Grain Growers will discuss the aims and policies of the organization. A member of the legal department from Chicago will also attend and explain the contracts and answer all legal questions.

At the completion of the training school the solicitors will be sent out over the state canvassing the co-operative elevators. The elevators will be asked to sign a contract with the U S. Grain Growers agreeing to deliver the grain of the farmers who later become members to its nati[illegible] [illegible] Mr. Middleton intimated that it would take four or five weeks to complete the work with the elevators. As soon as inroads have been made in this phase of the campaign solcitors will canvass the individual grain growers, by which the farmers contract to deliver their grain to the U. S. Grain Growers for a period of five years with an option of four different methods of disposal.

DIG POTATOES EARLY

It pays to dig potatoes early, according to experiments carried on by C. V. Holsinger, horticultural extension specialist of Iowa State college. Mr. Holsinger is of the opinion that even tho the tops are quite green, potatoes can be dug and saved for winter use to advantage.

Mr. Holsinger one year harvested a crop of potatoes from two acres of Early Ohios during the first part of July. They were thrown out with a plow and allowed to remain only long enough for them to dry thoroly before being placed in a dark cellar and spread over the floor to a depth of about 15 inches. They kept well and by fall had shriveled only a little because of a lack of humidity.

At another time Mr. Holsinger dug a crop of potatoes on June 21. They were so mature that the skins slipped in handling. After being dried they were stored in stalled crates in a dark place. This crop kept perfectly.

If early potatoes are not dug until fall, the warm weather during the summer makes them watery and reduces their quality. Scab will work on the skin of the tubers and grub worm and other pests will feed on them.

THINGS TO BE DONE IN JULY

Can garden products now. Don't wait until the garden vegetables are too mature. They should be canned when young and fresh. July is the month to preserve vegetables. Send to the extension service of the state college for bulletins dealing with canning and preserving. Information will be gladly furished.

Hogs, being covered with a thick coat of flesh and not being equipped with sweating processes to cool the body, are in a hard way when the excessively hot weather arrives. Shade, a sanitary hog wallow and plenty of fresh water to drink, will largely help the hog out of his difficulties at this time of year.

Usually it is more profitable to market the surplus cockerals as broilers or fryers rather than to hold them to maturity. The first on the market bring the top prices. In this way, too, the cockerals may be disposed of before they begin to worry the pullets and will do away with the work of separation of sexes. Birds weighing from one to three pounds may be marketed as broilers or fryers. All cull pullets may be disposed of in the same way. July and August are good months to pick out and sell off the early molting hens that have quit laying. To finish off broilers shut up in coops and fed for 10 to 14 days a ration as follows:

3 pounds cornmeal
1 pound middlings
1 pound bran
1 pound ground oats

Milk with one gallon of skimmilk or buttermilk.

Feed twice daily in a trough.

No watering is necessary.

THINGS TO BE DONE IN JULY

Cut the weeds—Save water for next year's crop. Save work for next year's team. Increase the market value of grain by cutting weeds in July, in pastures, fence rows, waste places and along the roads.

Sows need a rest—Sows after weaning need a rest before being rebred. A scant pasture at first to dry up may be advisable. Good alfalfa, sweet clover, or medium red clover, fed in racks, or the same in pastureage, will require very little grain to keep the sows in the resting stage. With this good protein feed, the small amount of grain may consist of ground barley, corn, feed which may be right at hand. Oats if available is fine. When getting ready to re-breed the sows it is advisable to feed a bit heavier and have them on the gain.

Summer time is typhoid time—This terrible disease is caused by germs that find their way from human excrement and urine to food and drinking water. Guard against it by making the privy flyproof. See that no polluted drainage reaches the well or water supply. Boil the drinking water if you have any reason to expect that it may be dangerous.

Watch for army worms—The latter part of July is army work time Keep a close watch in oats and rye fields. An early discovery of the worms many times saves the entire crop as they can be completely controlled by the use of poisoned bran mash if applied in time. Watch for the worms during the latter part of the month as the extra effort will pay big returns in case they show up in damaging numbers.

Market the spring lambs—Market the spring lambs while the milk fat is on. The home butcher shops and best hotels could use several nice milk fat lambs every week for Sunday dinners. Young lamb is the most delicious of meats and properly advertised would be much in demand. Fair sized helpings should be served of roast lamb or thick lamb chops. A 60-pound spring lamb should dress out 25 pounds and cut up very little waste compared with older sheep and should bring the producer $5 to $8 for the lamb and work in dressing.

CUTWORMS ENDANGER CROPS

Iowa's cornfields and clover fields are in danger of severe injury from variegated cutworms, according to reports received from many parts of the state by the entomological section of the Iowa Agricultural Experimental station at Ames. Nearly all of the western sections of the state and the southern tier of counties have reported large swarms of gray moth, about an inch in length, which lay eggs that eventually produce the variegated cutworm.

This pest appeared in Iowa two years ago but only in a small way, attacking the southwestern section of the state.

"These caterpillers," says Fred A. Fenton, entomologist at Iowa State College, "attack clover fields and alfalfa and after eating this material run into the corn fields. They opersate in a manner similar to army worms. Controll is best handled by a poison mash, but in case the outbreak is large a special method is used. All Iowa farmers who suspect this pest should inform the entomology section at once and special control methods will be furnished.

For small areas, poison bran bait can be made according to the forula given below, broadcast over the fields The following formula has been tried and proven successful:

Bran 20 lbs., Paris green 1 lb., salt 1 lb., molasses (cheap grade) 2 qts.

Amyl acetate three-fourths ounce or if this can not be obtained lemons or oranges finely chopped equal to six fruits.

Enough water to make a crumbly mash, usually 2 to 4 gallons.

Mix the bran and Paris green thoroly together while dry. Then put in the amyl acetate or fruit and salt. Dilute the molasses with water and mix with the poison bran until a mash is formed. The salt not essential and may be omitted. If it is possible to obtain this however, it seems to make the bait more attractive and better results are obtained.

Unless wet weather makes a rank growth in clover and alfalfa fields so that the cutworms cannot get the best of them, Iowa will lose much thru the pest this season.

BIG WRESTLING MATCH AT GARNER JULY FIRST

Dr. G. A. Bemis, post commander of the Legion at Garner, landed what will undoubtedly be the greatest of wrestlng matches in the state of Iowa this year when he finally succeeded in getting a match to take place at Garner on July 1 between the two light-heavyweight kings of the wrestling game in Iowa. Both of the Iowa boys will go on the mat at Garner, won high honors in the army, Parcaut winning the light heavy weight for Uncle Sam's boys and Prehn taking all the medals and honors in the middle weight class. Ralph Parcaut is the wrestling coach at the Iowa University and Prehn holds the same position with the University of Illinois. They both claim to be king of this class and the scrap they will put up at Garner will be something out of the ordinary and is attracting state wide attention. Parcaut comes from the town of Spencer and Prehn is a native of Mason City.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

Kelso paused to pour whisky from a jug at his side for those who would take it.

"Let us drink to our friend Abe and his new ambition," he proposed.

"What is it?" Samson asked.

"I am going to try for a seat in the legislature," said Abe.

The toast was drunk, and by some in water, after which Abe said:

"If you have the patience to listen to it, I'd like to read my declaration to the voters of Sangamon county."

"I'd Like to Read My Declaration to the Voters."

Samson's diary briefly describes this appeal as follows:

"He said that he wanted to win the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. This he hoped to accomplish by doing something which would make him worthy of it. He had been thinking of the county. A railroad would do more for it than anything else, but a railroad would be too costly. The improvement of the Sangamon river was the next best thing. He favored a usury law and said, in view of the talk he had just heard, he was going to favor the improvement and building of schools, so that every one could learn how to read, at least, and learn for himself what is in the Bible and other great books. It was a modest statement and we all liked it."

"Whatever happens to Sangamon, one statement in that platform couldn't be improved," said Kelso.

"What is that?" Abe asked.

"It's the one that says you wish to win the regard of your fellows by serving them."

Early in April an Indian scare spread from the capital to the remotest corners of the state. Black Hawk, with many warriors, had crossed the Mississippi and was moving toward the Rock River country. Governor Reynolds called for volunteers to check the invasion.

Abe, whose address to the voters had been printed in the Sangamon Journal, joined a volunteer company and soon became its captain. On the tenth of April he and Harry Needles left for Richland to go into training. Samson was eager to go, but could not leave his family.

Bim Kelso rode out into the fields where Harry was at work the day before he went away.

"I'm going away," the boy said, in a rather mournful tone.

"I hate to have you go. I just love to know you're here, if I don't see you. Only I wish you was older and knew more."

There was half a moment of silence. She ended it by saying:

"Ann and I are going to the spelling school tonight."

"Can I go with you?"

"Could you stand it to be talked to and scolded by a couple of girls till you didn't care what happened to you?"

"Yes; I've got to be awful careless."

"We'll be all dressed up and ready at quarter of eight. Come to the tavern. I'm going to have supper with Ann. She is just terribly happy. John McNeil has told her that he loves her. It's a secret. Don't you tell."

"I won't. Does she love him?"

"Devotedly; but she wouldn't let him know it—not yet. I reckon he'll be plumb anxious before she owns up. But she truly loves him. She'd die for him."

"Girls are awful curious—nobody can tell what they mean," said Harry.

"Sometimes they don't know what they mean themselves. Often I say something or do something and wonder and wonder what it means. Did you ever ride a horse sitting backwards—when you're going one way and looking another and you don't know what's coming?" she asked.

"What's behind you is before you and the faster you go the more danger you're in?" Harry laughed.

"Isn't that the way we have to travel in this world, whether we're going to love or to mill?" the girl asked, with a sigh. "We cannot tell what is ahead. We see only what is behind us. It is very sad."

Harry looked at Bim. He saw the tragic truth of the words and suddenly her face was like them. Unconsciously in the midst of her playful talk this thing had fallen. He did not know what to make of it.

"I feel sad when I think of Abe," said Harry. "He don't know what is ahead of him, I guess. I heard Mrs. Traylor say that he was in love with Ann."

"I reckon he is, but he don't know how to show it. He's never told her. I reckon he's mighty good, but he don't know how to love a girl. Did you ever see an elephant talking with a cricket?"

"Not as I remember," said Harry.

"I never did myself, but if I did, I'm sure they'd both look very tired. It would be still harder for an elephant to be engaged to a cricket. I don't reckon the elephant's love would fit the cricket or that they'd ever be able to agree on what they'd talk about. It's some that way with Abe and Ann. She is small and spry; he is slow and high. She'd need a ladder to get up to his face, and I just tell you it ain't purty when ye get there. She ain't got a chance to love him."

"I love him," said Harry. "I think he's a wonderful man. I'd fight for him till I died. John McNeil is nothing but a grasshopper compared to him."

"That's about what my father says," Bim answered. "I love Abe, too, and so does Ann, but it ain't the hope to die, marryin' love. It's like a man's love for a man or a woman's love for a woman. John McNeil is handsome—he's just plumb handsome, and smart, too. He's bought a big farm and is going into the grocery business. Mr. Rutledge says he'll be a rich man."

"I shouldn't wonder. Is he going to the spelling school?"

"No, he went off to Richland today with my father to join the company. They're going to fight the Injuns, too."

The shell sounded for dinner. Bim started for the road at a gallop, waving her hand. He unhitched his team and followed it slowly across the black furrows toward the barn.

He did not go to the spelling school. Abe came at seven and said that he and Harry would have to walk to Springfield that night and get their equipment and take the stage in the morning. Abe said if they started right away they could get to the Globe tavern by midnight. In the hurry and excitement Harry forgot the spelling school. To Bim it was a tragic thing. Before he went to bed that night he wrote a letter to her.

CHAPTER IX.

In Which Bim Kelso Makes History, While Abe and Harry and Other Good Citizens of New Salem Are Making an Effort to That End in the Indian War.

In the midst of springtime there came cheering news from the old home in Vermont—a letter to Sarah from her brother, which contained the welcome promise that he was coming to visit them and expected to be in Beardstown about the fourth of May. Samson drove across country to meet the steamer. He was at the landing when the Star of the North arrived. He saw every passenger that came ashore, and Eliphalet Biggs, leading his big bay mare, was one of them, but the expected visitor did not arrive. There would be no other steamer bringing passengers from the East for a number of days.

Samson went to a store and bought a new dress and sundry bits of finery for Sarah. He returned to New Salem with a heavy heart. Sarah stood in the open door as he drove up.

"Didn't come," he said mournfully.

Without a word, Sarah followed him to the barn, with the tin lantern in her hand. He gave her a hug as he got down from the wagon. He was little given to like displays of emotion.

"Don't feel bad," he said.

"I've given them up—I don't believe we shall ever see them again," said Sarah, as they were walking toward the door. "I think I know how the dead feel who are so soon forgotten."

"Ye can't blame 'em," said Samson. "They've probably heard about the Injun scare and would expect to be massacreed if they came."

Indeed the scare, now abating, had spread through the border settlements and kept the people awake o' nights. Samson and other men, left in New Salem, had met to consider plans for a stockade.

"And then there's the fever an' ague," Samson added.

"Sometimes I feel sorry I told 'em about it, because they'll think it worse than it is. But we've got to tell the truth if it kills us."

"Yes; we've got to tell the truth," Samson rejoined. "There'll be a railroad coming through here one of these days and then we can all get back and forth easy. If it comes it's going to make us rich. Abe says he expects it within three or four years."

Sarah had a hot supper ready for him. As he stood warming himself by the fire she put her arms around him and gave him a little hug.

"You poor tired man!" she said. "How patient and how good you are!"

There was a kind of apology for this moment of weakness in her look and manner. Her face seemed to say: "It's silly but I can't help it."

"I've been happy all the time, for I knew you was waiting for me," Samson remarked. "I feel rich every time I think of you and the children. Say, look here."

He untied the bundle and put the dress and finery in her lap.

"Well, I want to know!" she exclaimed, as she held it up to the candlelight. "That must have cost a pretty penny."

"I don't care what it cost—it ain't half good enough—not half," said Samson.

As he sat down to his supper he said:

"I saw that slaver, Biggs, get off the boat with his big bay mare. There was a darky following him with another horse."

"Good land!" said Sarah. "I hope he isn't coming here. Mrs. Onstot told me today that Bim Kelso has been getting letters from him."

"She's such an odd little critter and she's got a mind of her own—anybody could see that," Samson reflected. "She ought to be looked after purty careful. Her parents are so taken up with shooting and fishing and books they kind o' forget the girl. I wish you'd go down there tomorrow and see what's up. Jack is away, you know."

"I will," said Sarah.

It was nearly two o'clock when Samson, having fed and watered his horses, got into bed. Yet he was up before daylight, next morning, and singing a hymn of praise as he kindled the fire and filled the tea kettle and lighted his candle lantern and went out to do his chores while Sarah, partly reconciled to her new disappointment, dressed and began the work of another day. So they and Abe and Harry and others like them, each under the urge of his own ambition, spent their great strength in the building and defense of the republic and grew prematurely old. Their work began and ended in darkness and often their days were doubled by the burdens of the night. So in the reckoning of their time each year was more than one.

Sarah went down to the village in the afternoon of the next day. When Samson came in from the fields to his supper she said:

"Mr. Biggs is stopping at the tavern. He brought a new silk dress and some beautiful linen for Mrs. Kelso. He tells her that Bim has made a new man of him. Claims he has quit drinking and gone to work. Bim and her mother are terribly excited. He wants them to move to St. Louis and live on his big plantation in a house next to his—rent free."

Samson knew that Biggs was the type of man who weds Virtue for her dowry.

"A man's judgment is needed there," said he. "It's a pity Jack is gone. Biggs will take that girl away with him sure as shooting if we don't look out."

"Oh, I don't believe he'd do that," said Sarah. "I hope he has turned over a new leaf and become a gentleman."

"We'll see," said Samson.

They saw and without much delay the background of his pretensions for one day within the week he and Bim rode away and did not return. Soon a letter came from Bim to her mother, mailed at Beardstown. It told of their marriage in that place and said that they would be starting for St. Louis in a few hours on the Star of the North. She begged the forgiveness of her parents and declared that she was very happy.

"Too bad! Isn't it?" said Sarah when Mrs. Waddell, who had come out with her husband one evening to bring this news, had finished the story.

"Yes, it kind o' spyles the place," said Samson. "I'm afraid for Jack Kelso—'fraid it'll bust his fiddle if it don't break his heart. His wife is alone now. We must ask her to come and stay with us."

"The Allens have taken her in," said Mrs. Waddell.

"That's good," said Sarah. "I'll go down there tomorrow and offer to do anything we can."

When Mr. and Mrs. Waddell had gone Sarah said: "I can't help thinking of poor Harry. He was terribly in love with her."

"Well, he'll have to get over it—that's all," said Samson. "He's young and the wound will heal."

It was well for Harry that he was out of the way of all this, and entered upon adventures which absorbed his thought. As to what was passing with him we have conclusive evidence in two letters, one from Col. Zachary Taylor, in which he says:

"Harry Needles is also recommended for the most intrepid conduct as a scout and for securing information of great value. Compelled to abandon his wounded horse he swam a river under fire and under the observation of three of our officers, through whose help he got back to his command, bringing a bullet in his thigh."

With no knowledge of military service and a company of untrained men, Abe had no chance to win laurels in the campaign. His command did not get in touch with the enemy. He had his hands full maintaining a decent regard for discipline among the raw frontiersmen of his company.

When the dissatisfied volunteers were mustered out late in May, Kelso and McNeil, being sick with a stubborn fever, were declared unfit for service and sent back to New Salem as soon as they were able to ride. Abe and Harry joined Captain Iles' company of Independent Rangers and a month or so later Abe re-enlisted to serve with Captain Early, Harry being under a surgeon's care. The latter's wound was not serious and on July third he too joined Early's command.

This company was chiefly occupied in the moving of supplies and the burying of a few men who had been killed in small engagements with the enemy. It was a band of rough-looking fellows in the costume of the frontier farm and workshop—ragged, dirty and unshorn. The company was disbanded July tenth at Whitewater, Wisconsin, where, that night, the horses of Harry and Abe were stolen. From that point they started on their long homeward tramp with a wounded sense of decency and justice. They felt that the Indians had been wronged, that the greed of land grabbers had brutally violated their rights. This feeling had been deepened by the massacre of the red women and children at Bad Ax.

A number of mounted men went with them and gave them a ride now and then. Some of the travelers had little to eat on the journey. Both Abe and Harry suffered from hunger and sore feet before they reached Peoria, where they bought a canoe and in the morning of a bright day started down the Illinois river.

They had a long day of comfort in its current with a good store of bread and butter and cold meat and pie. The prospect of being fifty miles nearer home before nightfall lightened their hearts and they laughed freely while Abe told of his adventures in the campaign. To him it was all a wild comedy with tragic scenes dragged into it and woefully out of place. Indeed he thought it no more like war than a pig sticking and that was the kind of thing he hated.

They Had a Long Day of Comfort in Its Current.

Harry had not heard from home since he left it. Abe had had a letter from Rutledge which gave him the news of Bim's elopement. The letter said:

"I was over to Beardstown the day Kelso and McNeil got off the steamer. I brought them home with me. Kelso was bigger than his trouble. Said that the ways of youth were a part of the great plan. 'Thorns! Thorns!' he said. 'They are the teachers of wisdom and who am I that I should think myself or my daughter too good for the like, since it is written that Jesus Christ did not complain of them?'"

"Have you heard from home?" Abe asked as they paddled on.

"Not a word," said Harry.

"You're not expecting to meet Bim Kelso?"

"That's the best part of getting home for me," said Harry, turning with a smile.

"Let her drift for a minute," said Abe. "I've got a letter from James Rutledge that I want to read to you. There's a big lesson in it for both of us—something to remember as long as we live."

Abe read the letter. Harry sat motionless. Slowly his head bent forward until his chin touched his breast. Abe said with a tender note in his voice as he folded the letter:

"This man is well along in life. He hasn't youth to help him as you have. See how he takes it and she's the only child he has. There are millions of pretty girls in the world for you to choose from."

"I know it, but there's only one Bim Kelso in the world," Harry answered mournfully. "She was the one I loved."

"Yes, but you'll find another. It looks serious, but it isn't—you're so young. Hold up your head and keep going. You'll be happy again soon."

"Maybe, but I don't see how," said the boy.

"There are lots of things you can't see from where you are at this present moment. There are a good many miles ahead o' you, I reckon, and one thing you'll see plainly, by and by—that it's all for the best. I've suffered a lot myself but I can see now it has been a help to me. There isn't an hour of it I'd be willing to give up."

They paddled along in silence for a time.

"It was my fault," said Harry presently. "I never could say the half I wanted to when she was with me. My tongue is too slow. She gave me a chance and I wasn't man enough to take it. That's all I've got to say on that subject."

Some time afterward in a letter to his father the boy wrote:

"I often think of that ride down the river and the way he talked to me. It was so gentle. He was a big, powerful giant of a man who weighed over two hundred pounds, all of it bone and muscle. But under his great strength was a woman's gentleness; under the dirty, ragged clothes and the rough, brown skin grimy with dust and perspiration, was one of the cleanest souls that ever came to this world. I don't mean that he was like a minister. He could tell a story with pretty rough talk in it, but always for a purpose. He hated dirt on the hands or on the tongue. He loved flowers like a woman. He loved to look at the stars at night and the colors of the sunset and the morning dew on the meadows. I never saw a man so much in love with fun and beauty."

They reached Havana that evening and sold their canoe to a man who kept boats to rent on the river shore. They ate a hot supper at the tavern and got a ride with a farmer who was going ten miles in their direction. From his cabin some two hours later they set out afoot in the darkness.

"Going home is the end of all journeys," said Abe as they tramped along. "Did it ever occur to you that every live creature has its home? The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field and forest, the creepers in the grass, all go home. Most of them turn toward it when the day wanes. The call of home is the one voice heard and respected all the way down the line of life. And, ye know, the most wonderful and mysterious thing in nature is the power that fool animals have to go home through great distances, like the turtle that swam from the Bay of Biscay to his home off Van Dieman's Land. Somehow, coming over in a ship, he had blazed a trail through the pathless deep more than ten thousand miles long. It's the one miraculous gift—the one call that's irresistible. Don't you hear it now? I never lie down in the darkness without thinking of home when I am away."

"And it's hard to change your home when you're wonted to it," said Harry.

"Yes, its a little like dying when you pull up the roots and move. It's been hard on your folks."

This remark brought them up to the greatest of mysteries. They tramped in silence for a moment. Abe broke in upon it with these words:

"I reckon there must be another home somewhere to go to after we have broke the last camp here, and a kind of a bird's compass to help us find it. I reckon we'll hear the call of it as we grow older."

He stopped and took off his hat and looked up at the stars and added:

"If it isn't so I don't see why the long procession of life keeps harping on this subject of home. I think I see the point of the whole thing. It isn't the place or the furniture that makes it home, but the love and peace that's in it. By and by our home isn't here any more. It has moved. Our minds begin to beat about in the undiscovered countries looking for it. Somehow we got it located—each man for himself."

For another space they hurried along without speaking.

"I tell you, Harry, whatever a large number of intelligent folks have agreed upon for some generations is so—if they have been allowed to do their own thinking," said Abe. "It's about the only wisdom there is."

He had sounded the keynote of the new Democracy.

So, under the lights of heaven, speaking in the silence of the night of impenetrable mysteries, they journeyed on toward the land of plenty.

"It's as still as a graveyard," Harry whispered when they had climbed the bluff by the mill long after midnight and were near the little village.

"They're all buried in sleep," said Abe. "We'll get Rutledge out of bed. He'll give us a shakedown somewhere."

His loud rap on the door of the tavern signalized more than a desire for rest in the weary travelers, for just then a cycle of their lives had ended.

BOOK TWO.

CHAPTER X.

In Which Abe and Samson Wrestle and Some Raiders Come to Burn and Stay to Repent.

Within a week after their return the election came off and Abe was defeated, although in his precinct two hundred and twenty-seven out of a total of three hundred votes had been cast for him. He began to consider which way to turn. Maj. John T. Stuart, a lawyer of Springfield—who had been his comrade in the "war"—had encouraged him to study law and, further, had offered to lend him books. So he looked for an occupation which would give him leisure for study. Offut, his former employer, had failed and cleared out. The young giant regarded thoughtfully the scanty opportunities of the village. He could hurl his great strength into the axhead and make a good living, but he had learned that such a use of it gave him a better appetite for sleep than study.

John McNeil, who for a short time had shared his military adventures, had become a partner of Samuel Hill in a store larger and better stocked than any the village had known. But Hill and McNeil had no need of a clerk. Roman Herndon and William Berry had opened a general store. Mr. Herndon offered to sell his interest to Abe and take notes for his pay. It was not a proposition that promised anything but loss. The community was small and there were three other stores, and there was no other "Bill" Berry, who was given to drink and dreams, as Abe knew.

Abe Lincoln had not been trained to weigh the consequences of a business enterprise. The store would give him leisure for study and New Salem could offer him nothing else save consuming toil with the ax or the saw. He could not think of leaving the little cabin village. There were Ann Rutledge and Jack Kelso and Samson Traylor and Harry Needles. Every ladder climber in the village and on the plain around it was his friend.

Upon these people who knew and respected him Abe Lincoln based his hopes. Among them he had found his vision and failure had not diminished or dimmed it. He would try again for a place in which he could serve them and if he could learn to serve Sangamon county he could learn to serve the state and, possibly, even the republic. With this thought and a rather poor regard for his own interest his name fell into bad company on the signboard of Berry and Lincoln. Before he took his place in the store he walked to Springfield and borrowed a law book from his friend Major Stuart.

The career of the firm began on a hot day late in August with Bill Berry smoking his pipe in a chair on the little veranda of the store and Abe Lincoln sprawled in the shade of a tree that partly overhung its roof, reading a law book. The face of Mr. Berry suddenly assumed a look of animation. A small, yellow dog which had been lying in repose beside him rose and growled, his hair rising, and with a little cry of alarm and astonishment fled under the store.

"Here comes Steve Nuckles on his old mare with a lion following him,"

"Here Comes Steve Nuckles on His Old Mare."

said Berry. "If we ain't careful we'll git prayed for plenty."

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A Man for the Ages

A Story of the Builders of Democracy

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"If the customers don't come faster I reckon we'll need it," said Abe.

"Howdy," said the minister as he stopped at the hitching bar, dismounted and tied his mare. "Don't be skeered o' this 'ere dog. He were tied when I left home but he chawed his rope an' come a'ter me. I reckon if nobody feeds him he'll patter back tonight. Any plug tobacco?"

"A backload of it," said Berry, going into the store to wait on the minister.

When they came out the latter carved off a corner of the plug with his jack-knife, put it into his mouth and sat down on the doorstep.

"Where do Samson Traylor live?"

Abe took him to the road and pointed the way.

"There be goin' to be a raid," said Nuckles. "I reckon, by all I've heard, it'll come on tonight."

"A raid! Who's going to be raided?" Abe asked.

"Them Traylor folks. Thar be a St. Louis man, name o' Biggs, done stirred up the folks from Missourey and Tennessee on the south road 'bout the Yankee who holps the niggers out o' bondage. They be goin' to do some regulatin' tonight. Ol Satan'll break loose. Ef you don't wa'ch out they'll come over an' burn his house sartin."

"We'll watch out," said Abe. "They don't know Traylor. He's one of the best men in this county."

"I've heered he were a he man an' a right powerful, God-fearin' man," said the minister.

"He's one of the best men that ever came to this country and any one that wants to try his strength is welcome to; I don't," said Abe. "Are you going over there?"

"I were goin' to warn 'em an' help 'em ef I cain."

"Well, go on, but don't stir 'em up," Abe cautioned him. "Don't say a word about the raid. I'll be over there with some other fellers soon after sundown. We'll just tell 'em it's a he party come over for a story-tellin' an' a rassle. I reckon we'll have some fun. Ride on over and take supper with 'em. They're worth knowing."

In a few minutes the minister mounted his horse and rode away followed by his big dog.

"If I was you I wouldn't go," said Berry.

"Why not?"

"It'll hurt trade. Let the rest of Traylor's friends go over. There's enough of 'em."

"We must all stand as one man for law and order," said Abe. "If we don't there won't be any."

As soon as Abe had had his supper he went from house to house and asked the men to come to his store for a piece of important business. When they had come he told them what was in the wind. Soon after that hour Abe and Philemon Morris, and Alexander Ferguson, and Martin Waddell and Robert Johnson and Joshua Miller and Jack Kelso and Samuel Hill and John McNeil set out for the Traylor cabin. Samson greeted the party with a look of surprise.

"Have you come out to hang me?" he asked.

"No just to hang around ye," said Abe.

"This time it's a heart warmin'," Jack Kelso averred. "We left our wives at home so that we could pay our compliments to Mrs. Traylor without reserve, knowing you to be a man above jealousy."

"It's what we call a he party, on the prairies," said Ferguson. "For one thing I wanted to see Abe and the minister have a rassle."

The Reverend Stephen Nuckles stood in front of the door with Sarah and Harry and the children. He was a famous wrestler.

"I cain't rassle like I used to could, but I be willin' to give ye a try, Abe," said the minister.

"You'd better save your strength for ol' Satan," said Abe.

"Go on, Abe," the others urged. "Give him a try."

Abe modestly stepped forward. In the last year he had grown less inclined to that kind of fun. The men took hold of each other, collar and elbow. They parried with their feet for an instant. Suddenly Abe's long right leg caught itself behind the left knee of the minister. It was the hip lock as they called it those days. Once secured the stronger man was almost sure to prevail and quickly. The sturdy circuit rider stood against it for a second until Abe sprang his bow. Then the heels of the former flew upward and his body came down to the grass, back first.

"That ar done popped my wind bag," said the minister as he got up.

"Call in," said John McNeil and the others echoed it.

"I call in Samson Traylor," said the minister.

At last the thing which had long been a subject of talk and argument in the stores and houses of New Salem was about to come to pass—a trial of strength and agility between the two great lions of Sangamon county. Either of them would have given a month's work to avoid it.

"Now we shall see which is the son of Peleus and which the son of Telemon," Kelso shouted.

"How shall we rassle?" Samson asked.

"I don't care," said Abe.

"Rough and tumble," Ferguson proposed.

Both men agreed. They bent low intently watching each other, their great hands outreaching. They stood braced for a second and suddenly both sprang forward. Their shoulders came together with a thud. It was like two big bison bulls hurling their weight in the first shock of battle. For a breath each bore with all his strength and then closed with his adversary. Each had an under hold with one arm, the other hooked around a shoulder. Samson lifted Abe from his feet but the latter with tremendous efforts loosened the hold of the Vermonter, and regained the turf. They struggled across the dooryard, the ground trembling beneath their feet. They went against the side of the house, shaking it with the force of their impact. Samson had broken the grip of one of Abe's hands and now had his feet in the air again but the young giant clung to hip and shoulder and wriggled back to his foothold. Those lesser men were thrilled and a little frightened by the mighty struggle. Knowing the strength of the wrestlers they felt a fear of broken bones. Each had torn a rent in the coat of the other. If they kept on there was danger that both would be stripped. The children had begun to cry. Sarah begged the struggling men to stop and they obeyed her.

"If any of you fellers think that's fun you can have my place," said Abe. "Samson, I declare you elected the strongest man in this county. You've got the muscle of a grizzly bear. I'm glad to be quit o' ye."

"It ain't a fair election, Abe," Samson laughed. "If you were rassling for the right you could flop me. This little brush was nothing. Your heart wasn't in it, and by thunder, Abe, when it comes to havin' fun I rather guess we'd both do better to let each other alone."

"'Tain't exactly good amusement, not for us," Abe agreed.

It was growing dark. Ann Rutledge arrived on her pony, and called Abe aside and told him that the raiders were in the village and were breaking the windows of Radford's store because he had refused to sell them liquor.

"Don't say anything about it," Abe cautioned her. "Just go into the house with Sarah Traylor and sit down and have a good visit. We'll look after the raiders."

Then Abe told Samson what was up. The men concealed themselves in some bushes by the roadside while the minister sat close against an end of the house with his bloodhound beside him. Before they were settled in their places they heard the regulators coming. There were eight men in the party according to Abe's count as they passed. The men, in concealment, hurried to the cabin and surrounded it, crouched against the walls. In a moment they could see a big spot, blacker than the darkness, moving toward them. It was the massed raiders. They came on with the stealth of a cat nearing its prey. A lionlike roar broke the silence. The preacher's bloodhound leaped forward. The waiting men sprang to their feet and charged. The raiders turned and ran, pell mell, in a panic toward their horses. Suddenly the darkness seemed to fill with moving figures. One of

Suddenly the Darkness Seemed to Fill With Moving Figures."

the fleeing men, whose coat tails the dog had seized, was yelling for help. The minister rescued him and the dog went on roaring after the others. When the New Salemites got to the edge of the grove they could hear a number of regulators climbing into the treetops. Samson had a man in each hand; Abe had another, while Harry Needles and Alexander Ferguson were in possession of the man whom the dog had captured. The minister was out in the grove with his bloodhound that was barking and growling under a tree. Jack Kelso arrived with a lantern. One of Samson's captives began swearing and struggling to get away. Samson gave him a little shake and bade him be quiet. The man uttered a cry of fear and pain and offered no more resistance. Stephen Nuckles came out of the grove.

"The rest o' that ar party done gone upstairs to roost," said the minister. "I reckon my dog'll keep 'em thar. We better jest tote these men inter the house an' have a prayin' bee. I've got a right smart good chanct, now, to whop ol' Satan."

They moved the raiders' horses. Then the party—save Harry Needles, who stayed in the grove to keep watch—took its captives into the cabin. Three of them were boys from eighteen to twenty years of age. The other was a lanky, bearded Tennesseean some forty years old. One of the young lads had hurt his hand in the evening's frolic. Blood was dripping from it. The four sat silent and fearful and ashamed.

Sarah made tea and put it with meat and milk and doughnuts and bread and butter on the table for them. Samson washed and bandaged the boy's wound. The captives ate as if they were hungry, while the minister went out to feed his dog. When the men had finished eating Samson offered them tobacco. The oldest man filled his pipe and lighted it with a coal. Not one of the captives had said a word until this tall Tennesseean remarked after his pipe was going:

"Thankee, mister. You done been right good to us."

"Who told you to come here?" Samson demanded.

"'Twere a man from St. Louis. He done said you hated the South an' were holpin' niggers to run away."

"And he offered to pay you to come here and burn this house and run Traylor out of the county, didn't he?" Abe asked.

"He did—yes, suh—he suah did," answered the man—like a child in his ignorance and simplicity.

"I thought so," Abe rejoined. "You tackled a big job, my friend. Did you know that every one of you could be sent to prison for a term of years, and I've a good mind to see that you go there. You men have got to begin right now to behave yourselves mighty proper or you'll begin to sup sorrow."

Stephen Nuckles returned as Abe was speaking.

"You jest leave 'em to me, Mr. Lincoln," he said. "These be good men, but ol' Satan done got his hooks on 'em. Mis' Traylor, ef you don't mind, I be goin' to do a job o' prayin' right now. Men, you jest git down on yo' knees right hyar along o' me."

It is recorded later in the diary that the rude Shepherd of the prairies worked with these men on their farms for weeks until he had them wonted to the fold.

CHAPTER XI.

In Which Abe, Elected to the Legislature, Gives What Comfort He Can to Ann Rutledge in the Beginning of Her Sorrows—Also He Goes to Springfield for New Clothes.

Radford's grocery had been so wrecked by the raiders that its owner was disheartened. Reinforced by John Cameron and James Rutledge he had succeeded in drawing them away before they could steal whisky enough to get drunk. But they had thrown much of his goods into the street. Radford mended his windows and offered his stock for sale. After a time Berry and Lincoln bought it, giving notes in payment and applied for a license to sell the liquors they had thus acquired.

Late that autumn a boy baby arrived in the Traylor home. Mrs. Onstott, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Kelso came to help and one or the other of them did the nursing and cooking while Sarah was in bed and for a little time thereafter. The coming of the baby was a comfort to this lonely mother of the prairies.

There is a letter from Sarah to her brother dated May, 10, 1833, in which she sums up some months of history in the words that follow:

"The Lord has given us a new son. I have lived through the ordeal—thanks to His goodness—and am strong again. The coming of the baby has reconciled us to the loss of our old friends as much as anything could. It has made this little home dear to us and proved the quality of our new friends. Nothing is too much for them to do. I don't wonder that Abe Lincoln has so much confidence in the people of this country. They are sound at heart, both the northerners and the southerners. Harry Needles is getting over his disappointment. He goes down to the store often to sit with Abe and Jack Kelso and hear them talk. He and Samson are getting deeply interested in politics. Abe lets Harry read the books that he borrows from Major Stuart of Springfield. The boy is bent on being a lawyer and improving his mind. Bim Kelso writes to her mother that she is very happy in her new home but there is something between the lines which seems to indicate that she is trying to put a good face on a bad matter. Abe has been appointed postmaster. Every time he leaves the store he takes the letters in his hat and delivers them as he gets a chance. We have named the new baby Samuel."

One evening, of that summer, Abe came out to the Traylors' with a letter in his hat for Sarah.

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Belmond Local News

Last Thursday evening a very pleasant surprise was perpetrated on Mrs. Floyd Thayer, nee Jenison, when about twenty of her girl friends assembled at the home of Miss Rhea Campbell the occasion being a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Thayer.

It was a complete surprise to the bride altho she recovered sufficiently to answer numerous questions asked her by those present. She received many useful presents from her friends as a token of their esteem. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess after which every one departed feeling that they had had a "full evening and a delightful time."

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Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

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Unless we get some rain immediately the gardens around here are going to be pretty nearly a total loss, especially in the potatoe line. No rain of any amount has fallen here for several weeks and the crops and gardens are suffering. Crops in the country are generally pretty good, in better shape and further ahead than last year, but in town the lack of rain has effected growing things to a large extent. Corn is away ahead of any year for a long time and small grain is about a week to two weeks ahead.

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A number of local people went to Garner last week Friday to attend the American Legion day at that place.

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BELMOND WINS ANOTHER FROM THORNTON

Sunday the Belmond base ball team added another victory to their string when they defeated the Thornton nine on the local diamond by 9 to 4. The game was nothing extra, both teams playing loosely, and making a variety of errors, the Thornton team having the worst of that end. Thornton used two pitchers in the endeavor to get away with the game, the first one being driven from the box in the first inning. Thornton put up a good enough game, and made it interesting for the boys a few times, but they were traveling in too fast company.

Sunday of next week, July 10, the team from Ackley plays here. The Ackley team is composed of all home men except the pitcher, the same as the local team, and have been winning consistently all season. The game between the two teams ought to be a good one.

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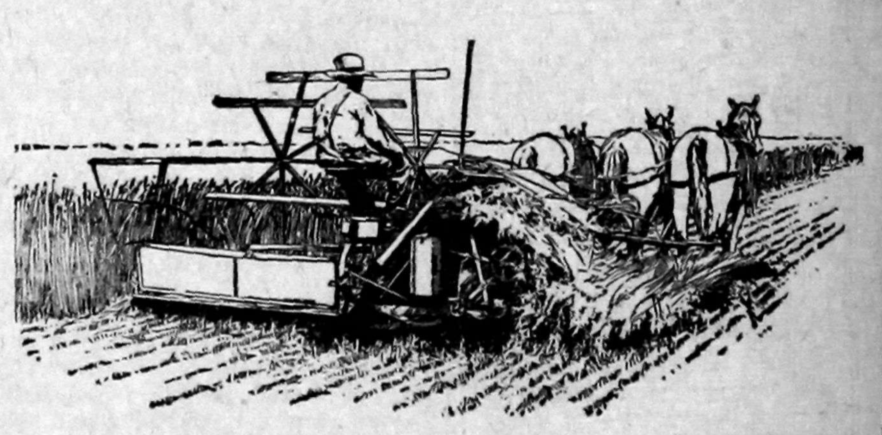

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BELMOND MAN FATALLY INJURED SUNDAY

Belmond Hands Game To Ackley And Beg 'Em To Take It

Polish Silver Platter Place Game On It And Present With Errors

The local team presented the team from Ackley with a nice little game Sunday when they lost to that team by the score of five to four.

The game started all wrong in the first place, Ackley scoring one run in the first inning before one man was out. Then some real ball playing on the part of Baldridge put two men out at the plate, with the bases loaded and not a man out.

Pillmer did not throw the game he is capable of, and a bunch of bonehead plays all thru the game gave it to the visitors on a silver platter, and fairly begged them to take it.

The Ackley bunch also had some awful errors charged up to them, notably in the seventh inning, when a combination of errors allowed a man to score on a measly little single base hit. Caught flatfooded off first, he started for second; the pitcher threw to first, who threw to second; second muffed the ball, the shortstop done the same, and then booted it further out in field, and the runner scored.

Belmond scored three runs in the sixth, when they managed to bunch a couple of hits along with some errors and crossed the pan three times.

The Ackley team, however, outplayed the home boys, and secured nine hits to the local boys' six. Two of the Belmond hits were for three bases while the Ackley team secured one homer.

The Belmond team should have won the game about four to two, and if they failed to do so it was just one of the breaks that "happen in the best regulated families."

They play Ackley at Ackley on this coming Sunday.

Wednesday at the county seat there was a red hot battle. The two teams were fighting tooth and toenail from the very beginning, and both pitchers were going strong. Clarion had got as far as first and Belmond as far as the home plate when the Belmond team quit at the end of the seventh inning.

The local manager and players claimed that the umpire was so bad they couldn't see him. A Belmond runner ws put out at the plate on a very close decision, and the local bunch claim he was safe. The decision was accepted, however, and the game went on for another inning, when the ump started arguing with the local players. A new ump was demanded; the Clarion manager refused; and Belmond quit. As a team has the right to demand a new umpire, the game can not be called forfeited.

Belmond was playing real ball, and had it on the county seaters during the game, making less errors, getting more hits, and if the game had gone on to a finish would probably have secured the bacon.

The merits of the dispute the deponeth knoweth not, but according to the reports the only kick to register was on the ump, and also according to reports the kick was justified. However, it is too bad that the game did not go on to the end for the result then would very likely have been on the side of Belmond.

Owing to the fact that some of the local players were unable to go to the game, a player from Kanawha was on third base for Belmond.

PARTY

The Thos. Brooks family entertained a number of relatives and friends at a picnic dinner and supper at their home, Sunday, for Arthur Nelson, who returned from New Orleans last Thursday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Torger Nelson and daughters, Bessie and Thelma, of Jewell, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Eckstrom, of Moline, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Mons Skouge and Oren, of Kanawha; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson and Loraine, Arthur Skouge, Henry Eide and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin and family.

SURPRISE PARTY

A big surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Luick, Sunday, when twenty-five of the relatives came in with well filled baskets to spend the day. Those present were Harry Huntley and family, of Clear Lake; W. E. Huntley and family, of Clear Lake; J. A. Jensen and family, of Clear Lake; Hans Hansen and family, of Clarion; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lakerse, of Clarion; and Miss Jewell and Mr. Johnson, of Clear Lake. A pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

MRS. L. E. WICKHAM

Mrs. L. E. Wickham passed away at the home in north Belmond on Monday of this week, death being due to tuberculosis, from which she had been a sufferer for some time, and the past seven weeks had been very ill. She was twenty-three years of age, and leaves her husband, two children having died in infancy. Her mother is dead, her father, Andrew Munson, residing at Lake Mills. Funeral services were held at the Klemme undertaking parlors on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, Rev. Jensen in charge, and interment was made in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and help in the illness and death of our beloved wife, daughter and sister.

L. E. Wickham,
Andrew Munson,
Mrs. C. F. Kemp.

NEW AUTO LAW EFFECTIVE NOW

Motor vehicle laws, which became effective in Iowa July 1, and require that drivers in all instances observe regulations with reference to speed and laws which superced others on the statute books, are as follows:

Thirty miles an hour if the weight of the vehicle and load is less than three tons and the vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires and twenty-five miles an hour if the vehicle is equipped with solid rubber tires.

Twenty-five miles an hour if the weight of the vehicle and load is more than three tons and less than six tons and the vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires; and twenty miles an hour if the vehicle is equipped with solid rubber tires.

Sixteen miles an hour if the weight of the vehicle and load is more than six tons, and the vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires; and twelve miles an hour if the vehicle is equipped with solid rubber tires.

Ten miles an hour if the vehicle or any trailer is equipped with two or more metal tires.

Provision is made that local authorities of any city or town may establish a suburban district in which the maximum speed of any vehicle shall not exceed twenty miles an hour, and a business district in which the maximum speed of any vehicle shall not exceed fifteen miles an hour.

The total maximum load on any one wheel of any motor vehicle including the weight of the vehicle, and the load it carries, shall be four tons, provided the total maximum weight of the vehicle and load shall not in any event exceed fourteen tons.

The total load on any wheel of any motor vehicle is limited to eight hundred pounds per inch width of tire, measured between flanges of the rims. The enforcement of this provision is entrusted to the state highway commission.

The maximum width of any motor vehicle and its load is limited to eight feet, except loads of loose hay, straw and similar materials of farm production.

"PUG" OBRECHT MARRIES

Altho "Pug" tried to keep it quiet, friends here learned of the marriage of that young man to Miss Mable DeWolf, of Spirit Lake the first of the week. They drove thru Belmond on Monday on their way to Thornton, where Clorence is cashier of the bank, and called on a few friends here. Rumors of Pugs taking unto himself a better half have floated around for some time, but nothing definite was forthcoming. The many friends in Belmond of Pug wish him every success of married life and a long and happily married life with his new mate.

Clarion Folks Sore About Failure Of Fourth Fireworks

County Seat Folks Much Peeved At Way 4th Fireworks Failed To Work

News: The fireworks display did not come up to expectations nor did it come up to the promise of the salesman who sold the program to the committee in charge. Several big pieces bought were not included and several of the set pieces sent here were not successfully fired, either because defective materials were used or inexperienced handlers were sent from the factory.

Clarion wants it distinctly understood that the fault did not lie with the town or committees pushing the celebration. The committee selected the highest program offered, at $500, and we should have had a display that was larger and better than any had last year during fair week. But the display as delivered was a disappointment. The American Legion set piece was not a success. Neither was the "Hello Buddies" piece. The waterfall was just about half what it should have been. Some of the skyrockets were beautiful, but at least a third were defective and went off practically on the ground. The Red Cross set piece was good, so was the American flag set piece.

Then, too, the committee had ordered the display to start at nine o'clock but it was nearer ten before the workmen got it going. This vexed the crowd. But it was not the fault of local people.

However, the committee is not going to pay the $500 for the display given us. It wasn't worth half of it, not to mention the unfavorable opinion created in the minds of our guests for the evening who were promised in the best of faith one of the finest fireworks displays ever attempted here. The committee has taken the matter up with the firm selling the display, but has yet to learn where the blame should be placed. It is thought perhaps the firm oversold, and slighted some of its customers at the last minute. But Clarion folks are sore about the display, and regret that nothing can be done to make good the crowd's disappointment.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

The board of supervisors will meet in regular session Monday, July 11. The usual monthly meeting date fell on July 4th.

Dr. G. H. Steele, of Belmond, has brought suit against Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heinisch to recover the sum of $296.50 for two operations performed upon Mrs. Heinisch.

A rehearing on drainage district No. 183, located at Dows, will be held by the board of supervisors today, after which they will offer for sale $27,500 county road funding bonds.

M. C. and J. J. Barry, of Belmond have filed suit against the Belmond Sugar Company and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, in the sum of $961.12 which plaintiffs allege to be due for rent of ground for the purpose of raising sugar beets.

The farm bureau office has received the first consignment of wool blankets belonging to its members, who are members of the Iowa Fleece Wool Growers' association. The blankets were made from wool shipped by the association to Chicago. The lot consists of forty-seven pairs and contains both the strip and plaid variety. One of the members, Ralph Smith, of Dayton township ordered ten pairs.

News: There isn't very much doing in district court right now, for it is evidently too hot for law suits. F. M. Clough is suing W. H. Clough to recover $1170.15, alleged to be due on a note originally for $737.42.

M. C. and J. J. Barry are suing the Belmond Beet Company, at partnership of Belmond men, H. J. Holt, J. A. Brock, H. C. Weiss and Geo. A. Beard and the Iowa Valley Sugar Company, to recover a balance of $961.12, alleged to be due on rent for a tract of land leased to the Belmond Beet Company. The beets were sold to the sugar company, it is claimed, and the latter refused to make good the plaintiff's claim for unpaid rent, although it is alleged the company was previously advised of this claim.

Dr. George H. Steele is suing Carl and Mary Heinisch to recover $269.50 alleged to be due on an unpaid bill for medical and hospital services. Garnishee papers were issued and served Sunday, the plaintiff claiming that the defendants were about to move from the state and the only way his claim could be protected was to serve the papers Sunday.

In probate court F. B. Sheldon has been appointed executor of the estate of the late Harriet M. Evans, and bond fixed at $14,000.

The collateral inheritance tax appraisers, Messrs. Richardson, of Eagle Grove, Resse of Belmond and Stewart, of Clarion, met Monday for the purpose of appraising the property of the late Hugo Cornelson, of Goldfield. His estate consisted of two vacant lots and a house and lot, which were valued at $3800. The property was bequeathed to an alien, a sister residing in Germany. Clerk Goslin informs us that through a treaty with that country the state of Iowa will receive only a five per cent tax, the same as would have been paid if the heir was a resident of America. This looks like a shrewd agreement on the part of Germany for the reason that she doubtless has far more of her people who are residents of the United States than of American born residing in that country. Where no treaty exists between this and other countries the tax payable to the state is ten per cent when left to a more distant relative.

The next job for the collateral inheritance tax appraisers in that of the estate of J. D. Stryker in Troy township. Mr. Stryker was the owner of 360 acres of good farm land which at $300 per acre would amount to $108,000. He also had over $18,000 in personal property, $12,000, of which was cash in bank.

Another estate, or rather a small portion of it, to come under the inheritance tax commission is that of the late W. W. Courson. The amount involved is only $2000, which was bequeathed to a brother and sister. The Courson estate is one of the largest in the county.

Sheriff Lang reports that a new scheme was put into execution a short time ago for the purpose of obtaining a supply of booze and it worked to perfection. Some half dozen of the thirsty residents of the Kanawha neighborhood learning of the location of a still sallied forth under cover of darkness to lay in a supply for the Fourth of July. They had little trouble in purchasing several quarts at the agreed price of $80, for which amount one of the fellows wrote a check. It was taken to a bank a couple of days later, where the holder was politely informed it was no good. Owing to the nature of the business his claim would have no standing in court, besides the revenue officers would assess him a good sized fine. Previous to this episode this same bootlegger took a quantity of whiskey to Kanawha to sell. He hid the bulk of it while he peddled the balance. The boys found nineteen quarts of the stuff and stole the whole smear. Verily, the path of the bootlegger is a thorny one.

The old fire proof safe, which did duty in the auditor's office for these many years, in fact since few can remember to the contrary, was removed some months ago and sold to the Jones Hardware Company at Woolstock for $25. It was loaded onto an auto truck yesterday and taken to its new location.

Miss Bock, county superintendent, has on file in her office blue prints and specifications for the four new school houses to be erected in Norway township this season.

Ralph Fisher and Mrs. Frank Fisher, administrators of the estate of the late Bert Fisher have filed suit against R. W. J. H. Frank to recover $3,000 on their promissory note.

Theo. Hansen, a Rowan merchant, has begun suit against S. A. Ferguson to recover on two notes aggregating $376.86.

HOWARD LUICK DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES

Young Man Dies At Waverly After Three Days Of Intense Suffering

Two Others To Recover -- Car Turns End Over End And Is Total Wreck

Howard Luick was fatally injured in an automobile wreck on Sunday evening when the car in which he and two other men were riding smashed into a bridge near Bremer.

A cousin of Howard's, Donald Brooks of Waverly, and a frieind of Brooks, Barney Eichman, came down on Sunday afternoon after Howard, who was going to Waverly to work for his uncle. The three had reached Waverly and were on their way to Bremer, a small town near there, about nine o'clock in the evening. The car which they were using belonged to Eichman, who was quite a bit older than the boys, and Eicman was driving. They attempted to pass a Buick car which was traveling slowly, at the approach to a bridge, and in some manner the Ford roadster of the boys' hit the corner of the bridge, smashed thru the railing, and turned over and over into some rocks and a wire fence.

The Buick car never stopped, but kept right on without stopping to see whether anyone was hurt. The boys do no know whether they skidded and hit the bridge, or whether the Buick hit their car and threw them over.

Another car following behind stopped and rescued the boys. Howard was taken out of the wreck unconscious, and but for a brief period was never conscious until the time of his death at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. His chest had been crushed in, one lung mashed beyond hope and a few ribs broken, one of which had gone thru the other lung. Donald Brooks was picked up unconscious and did not regain consciousness until 8:00 o'clock the next morning. Eichman, beyond a few bruises and scratches was not hurt.

Howard fought bravely for his life but there never was a chance for him to pull thru. His lungs were injured so badly that he could not secure the air he struggled for and the end came Tuesday afternoon.

Word was received here of the accident at about 11:00 o'clock Sunday night, and Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W Luick, left immediately by auto for Waverly where Howard was in the hospital.

The body was brought back to Belmond on Wednesday morning via the Great Western, relatives here meeting the party at Rowan.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o clock at the house, Rev. Lenbach in charge, and interment will be made in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

Howard would have been 21 years of age in September He graduated from the local high school last year, and had been taking the normal training course the past year in the local school. He was a young man with a host of friends, industrious and very well liked, and his sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss. Mr. Luick did not want Howard to go on the trip, stating that he had a premonition that Howard would be injured if he did, but the youth wanted to go so much that he was finally permitted to go.

An agtiation has been started to have Wall Lake, in this county, made a state park, a man from Blairsburg starting the agitation. He claims in a letter to the Webster City paper that private parties from Waterloo are seeking to gain control of the lake shore for their own private purposes and selfish interests, and he urges the state to make the lake into a state park and keep it for the benefit of the public.

FREE AIR!

Talking about the heat—we haven't but everybody is anyway—how many times during the past two or three weeks have you heard that nice sensible question:

"Is it hot enough for you?" asked?

Why not pull something original, like "gosh, ain't it cold?"

Anyway, it's been so hot that there isn't much of any news; too hot for folks to be traveling around much.

Or maybe they haven't recovered from celebrating the glorious Fourth yet.

Being dog days, probably Dorg of Kanawha will be frothing at the mouth again this week.

Let him bark and snarl and growl around. We aren't going to fuss with him all summer long; what's the use when the poor fellow is so hot?

Asd now even Dows feels that they are capable of traveling in the higher society, and the Independent of that place takes occasion to remark that they can puntchure the Air and trim the Dorg any ol' time they feel like it.

Funny how they get jealous of the upper crust, isn't it?

But by the looks of it, the upper crust needs a little more baking, or else we have the best-hearted bunch of ball tossers in the country, for the other day they polished up the silver platter, placed the game on it with nice juicy trimmings, and handing it to the Ackley team begged 'em to accept.

And Ackley did.

Ho, hum; how much like last summer the weather seems.

Folks don't realize how many things a newspaper does not do.

Of course they take care to point out the things that aren't done and which they want done. But they never know the things that could be done and aren't.

Last week this little paper left out of its columns three perfectly legitimate news items. Because to have printed them would have caused some folks more unhappiness than the news would have been worth to the rest of the readers.

It happens in the best regulated families, as the cartoonist says, and there is never a week goes by but what something is left out that could have been in.

Ever think of that?

Then there's the queer requests that are made to a newspaper. Some of the oddest ones you could imagine. Last week one fellow wanted us to say something about the road south of town, how badly it was cut up, and so forth.

And he isn't a subscriber, either.

Why, do you s'pose, he asked us?

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By the time you have reached the happy medium—of which there ain't no such animal—you are in a stew and sweat and your head aches and your brain is woozy and you feel like something the cat has dragged in and the dog worried around.

And then the next day somebody comes in and says what the ding ding did you put that in for? or what the ding ding did you leave that out for? or why, what, who, where, when, why and how the ding ding did you do this, that or the other?

But once in a while somebody says say, that was good, or I enjoyed that, or you're doing fine, and then we cheer up and grin and think maybe it's all right after all.

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SHALL AMERICA DISARM?

One of the greatest and foremost questions of the present day is the question of whether or not America shall disarm, whether we shall destroy our armies and navies as a signal that we stand ready to place the safety of our national welfare in the keeping of our fellow nations, believing in their trustworthiness and good will.

There is no question but what the great majority of the nations are ready for world disarmament, but the fact is equally evident that none of them are willing to take the first and vital step toward it. None of them but what want it, and none of them but what are afraid to go ahead.

Shall America take the lead? Is is our place to start the ball rolling that will eventually mean world government by world agreement?

There are some who say that America should do this; that we, as the greatest and most powerful nation of the earth beyond all question, should set the example, dismantle our army and navy, and then the rest of the world will follow suit.

That idea is pretty, but it places too much faith in the willingness of some nations to follow suit. It is more than probable that just about the time America had dismantled her forces, some of the nations who have very little love for America would be apt to consider that it was time to play trumps instead of following suit. America as the greatest and strongest has the enemies which the greatest and strongest always have, who in a favorable circumstance would not hesitate to use force to break us. To place too much trust in their soft words and willing promises would be folly. If they are so ready for the disarmament of nations, why do they not say "Here, We'll scrap six of our guns if you'll scrap six of yours; then nether of us will have enough to start a fight on the other, but just enough to maintain order at home." But to do that seems out of their range of vision; they say "You start it and then we'll see about it."

America should disarm whenever the rest of them agree to disarm at the same time. To destroy all our means of defense and then depend on the rest to do likewise is placing the country too much at the mercy of its enemies. Just so long as the rest of them keep on with their building of large navies and armies, America is forced to maintain her own defenses. To do otherwise would be to invite aggression on the part of those countries whom we know to be unfriendly toward us.

But if the nations of the earth—the "big" nations, those who have the balance of power—England, Japan, France, Italy—would get together and agree to limit armaments, it would be the greatest blessing that the world has had since the Prince of Peace came to earth. The billions of money now spent on weapons of destruction for our fellowmen could be turned to ways of bettering mankind, of improving the social conditions of the world, and the peoples of the earth would advance five hundred years closer to that universal brotherhood toward which mankind has ever been working.

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CHURCH NOTES

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The hot dry weather had somewhat of a depressing influence upon our number last Sunday, but we were still above our mark for the previous quarter in our Sunday School attendance.

The evening services at Ira Christies' were better than anyone had anticipated. The evening was perfect and it was nice and cool out on the beautiful lawn. There were sixteen cars and seventy people present and everyone was well repaid for all the effort which it took to stir out a hot night. It was a meeting full of inspiration and it bespeaks much for the good things which are in store for us during the coming weeks.

We hope that each one will feel an individual responsibility resting upon him to see that the attendance upon all the services are kept up to the high mark even though the weather be dry an hot. The best way to forget your troubles is to go to the services of the sanctuary.

Sabbath school at 10:00 every Sunday morning. The morning worship at 11:00. The evening services will e held at Mr. William Tyrrell's Sunday evening at 8:00. Miss Carroll Tyrrell is the leader and the whole evening will be in charge of the young people. Those who have no way of getting out meet at the church at 7:30 and you will find a way. We expect to have at least one hundred present next Sunday evening. Come and enjoy these services with us.

The Ladies' Aid will hold a business meeting on Thursday afternoon in the parlors of the church.

Several articles were left at the picnic, among which is a blanket and a pair of auto chains. Speak to the Superintendent and he will tell you where you can get them.

UNITED STATES IS NATION OF SIXTH GRADERS

If the American business man were to place the astounding conclusion that "the United States is a nation of sixth graders," we should soon have a complete change in both our system and the efficiency of our education. Thus argues Dean John S. Nollen, of Grinnell College in a leading article in the July-August number of The Grinnell Review. This conclusion was heached by Frank E. Spalding, who made a thorough investigation of the American educational system, and Dean Nollen presents some of the reasons why we have not advanced beyond the sixth grade. One of the most important of these, argues Dr. Nollen, is the fact that the home is no longer the educational influence that it has been. Parents are depending upon the already overworked public school teacher to give their children satisfactory training in all the requirements of live, whereas, the child spends most of its waking hours in and around the home and is much more susceptible to instruction from his parents.

Another reason is the completely disorganized condition of the American educational system. Dean Nollen cites the fact that in the state of Illinois there are "33,000 school trustees conducting the rural and ungraded schools, with 12,000 teachers and an annual expenditure of $500,000 so that each one of these important public officials has one-third of a teacher, and $15 in public funds to look after." The writer advocates a national Department of Edeucation which will help to centralize and coordinate the educational work of the entire country. This department will also be able to aid those schools which are less developed than the average schools in our country.

Finally, Dean Nollen insists that the present condition will not be improved until the teaching profession is placed in the position it deserves. He claims that it has been the Yankee tradition to get schoolmasters "as cheap as possible or something "cheaper," and that the time has come to recognize that the builders of our young manhood must have a living wage and a satisfactory status in their communities.

This will have a two-fold result. It will enable the teacher to spend all of his energies for the wefare of the students and it will enable men with greater educational training and greater ability to enter the teaching profession.

Mrs. T. D. Rankins spent a few days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Leonard, near Swaledale.

Mrs. Theo. Wright and Miss Iva Trumbell, of Des Moines, left the first of the week for Okoboji, where they plan to spend a few days' vacation at the lake

CLIPPINGS

"Well, Pat," said Bridget, "what kind of a bird have you brought home in a cage?"

"It's a raven," replied Pat.

"A raven! An' what do ye bring home a raven for?"

"Well, I read in the paper the ither night that a raven has been known to live for three hundred years. I don't believe it, an' I'm goin' to put it to a test!"—Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Papousek of Belmond were in Garner and Duncan July 4 Chas. returned to his business at Belmond Tuesday morning. Mrs. Papousek remained over for another day to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jacobs. In order to be on the job to get Charles' breakfast Wednesday morning Chris took her to Belmond via auto.—Garner Leader.

G. R. Walrath, a rural carrier out of Blairsburg is sounding the clarion call to all sportsmen who have in the past enjoyed the hunting and fishing at Wall Lake in Wright county to band together and have the state take over the shore front in an effort to make the lake a state park. He alleges Waterloo parties are trying to organize a club sorely for their own benefit, getting control of the private property which now abuts the lake and making it a closed place to the general public.—News.

I. F. Montgomery of Tacoma, Washington, came Saturday to visit his sister Mrs. L. Jones a few days. He went to Belmond, Tuesday, to visit with other relatives before returning home.—Meservey Register.

W. C. Tyrrell of Beaumont, Texas, was renewing old friendships in Clarion on the Fourth. Cap. is enjoying better health this summer than for over two years which his friends will be glad to know.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis motored to Belmond, Wednesday, to visit relatives.—Register.

Dick Barkema and family of Belmond spent Sunday at te parental H. Barkema home.—Register.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Burk of Belmond were visiting in Klemme, Friday.—Times.

Miss Laura Maitland of Belmond was a Klemme visitor last Wednesday.—Times.

John E. Harriott spent a few days during the past week with friends and relatives in Belmond.—Times.

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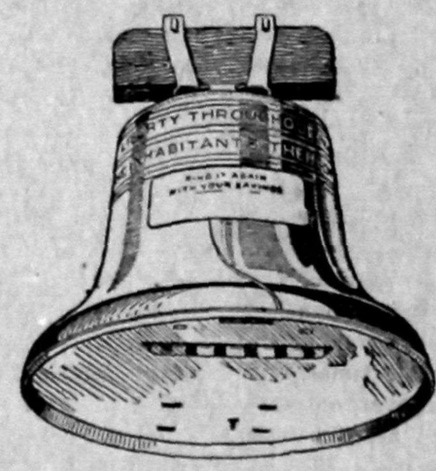

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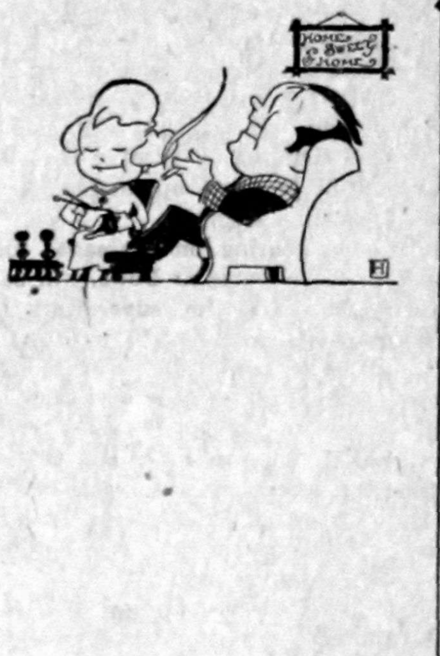

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BUT ORDERS is orders.
FROM FRIEND wife.
AND "GEE," I said.
"THIS IS a bum life."
THEN THE phone rang.
AND THE party was off.
I CLIMBED out quick.
FROM THE soup and fish.
INTO THE easy clothes.
AND SAT by the fire.
TOASTING MY toes.
AND WATCHING my wife.
QUIETLY KNITTING away.
IN THE firelight.
AND I heard the rain.
BEAT AT the windows.
AND THE winter wind.
HOWL AROUND.
AND I stretched out.
IN THE old arm chair.
TOOK UP a book.
LIT ONE of those cigarettes.
THAT "SATISFY."
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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gene Sprague spent Sunday with her husband who is overseeing the hauling of cement to the new state road which is being built thru Rowan.

Miss Freida Zander of Mason City spent the Fourth with her friends, Miss Vinnie Whitten and Mrs. Mary Williams, returnisg home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howell were Clarion callers Tuesday.

Mrs. L W. McCallum and children LaVonne and Jackie went to Amboy, Minn., Tuesday, to visit at the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, for a couple of weeks.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion caller Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and children were Clarion callers Wednesday evening

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks motored to Clarion, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Brooks' mother, Mrs. M. Snyder, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Smith at that place, returned to her home with them. Miss Fannie Reed also returned with them and will stay with Mrs. Snyder for the present. The many friends of Mrs. Snyder are glad to welcome her back and hope she may be fully restored to health before the summer is past.

Miss Jeanette Kervink who was formerly a teacher in the Rowan school, spent a few days in town this week. She has been attending school at Cedar Falls the past year and expects to go back again next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, Mrs. Harold Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph motored to Fort Dodge on Thursday to shop

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and grand daughter Clara Jane Howell were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval on Friday in honor of Mrs. Bingham's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sullivan of Fort Dodge came Thursday to visit at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou was a Dows shopper between trains Saturday.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Virden, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Christian and baby, Mr. and Mrs George Pritchett and the Misses May and Frances Virden and Izetta Fletcher spent the evening at Morse Lake.

Mrs. Fred Brooks, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, Edgar, Thelma and Marjorie Brooks, Mrs. J. F. Howell and daughter Clara Jane, motored to Clarion on Saturday to shop.

Mrs. R. Virden went to Waterloo on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard McCallum when they returned home from visiting relatives in Rowan. Mr and Mrs. Harry Robinson also returned to their home in Waterloo Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Christian of Stratford, South Dakota, returned from Roland Tuesday and accompanied the rest to Waterloo for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Virden eturned to Rowan Thursday. Mr. and Mrs Christian left for their home Monday

John Larson who has been visting his brother Alfred returned to his home in De Smet, South Dakota, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howell, who have been visiting relatives in this section for the past month, returned to their home in Napoleon, Ohio, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris returned from Minnesota, Friday where they have been spending their vacation.

Margaret Keith has been suffering the past week from poisoning caused from poison ivy. She was confined to her bed for several days but is better at the present writing

Mrs. Jessie Box Agnew and sons arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C Box Friday. She will teach the primary room of the Rowan school next year. Her many friends are glad to have her among them again. She has been teaching in Wilmington, Del., the past year.

A small company met at the home of Mrs. Keith, Friday afternoon, to tie a comforter. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon is reported.

Thursday night Fred Hacking, Bert Pelly, Joe Patton and D. W Whitten attended a Business Men's [illegible]it Association meeting at Bel[illegible] dau

Mrs. Georgie Rowen recent[illegible]d her knee last Tuesday. It h[illegible] Nelson's very painful but is commer[illegible] N. Amb[illegible] get some better.

Mrs. Coulter went resides in [illegible]ville on Thursday to vi[illegible]s a guest at [illegible]over Sunday. She will [illegible]ge with Rev. [illegible] to Sibley. She will [illegible]nd. [illegible]r a short time and [illegible]gh-

more, S. D., where she expects to stay some time.

Mrs. Lew Vennum and son of Fort Dodge came Saturday and spent over Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cliff Steffens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher went to Clarion, Sunday, to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs, Roy Fitz.

Mrs Jesse Steffens visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Packard of Belmond, Tuesday.

A painter from Coulter is busy redecorating the interior of the M. E. church in Rowan. He will be here for about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kelsey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simkins and the Misses Eva Hackley and Ward of Sioux Falls, S. D., motored to Rowan a week ago Sunday and have been visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hackley, and other relatives. Sunday five car loads went to Clear Lake to hold a family picnic. All the family were present and they report a fine time.

Jesse Steffens spent Wednesday at Clarion with friends.

Mrs. Raymond Yeakle of Vinton visited at the home of Mr and Mrs. Sim Stout, Saturday.

Miss Leona Pepper who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Kehler, and Mrs. Blanche Jennings, returned to her home in Dows on Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Williams and son Ivan and Miss Vinnie Whitten visited at the home of their sister Mrs. Chas. Peddle at Coulter, Wednesday evening.

Clifford Liming of Oskaloosa is visiting at the home of his brother, Geo. and family here.

The Misses Wilda and Frieda Whitten were Dows shoppers Saturday.

The north section of the Iowa township farm bureau community club entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Veeder on Friday night. About 125 people enjoyed this evening. A very nice program was given. R. E. Lee Aldrich and the county agent gave talks. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The next meeting of this club will be a box social at the Rowan school house for all three sections. The date will be on August 12. Ladies be thinking about your box and come.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen motored to Coulter, Friday to see the bank building after the robbery in the morning. Mr. Hansen's father and brother are cashiers in the bank. They report the building as being wrecked. They drove on to Mason City before coming home.

J. F. Howell was a Fort Dodge business caller Monday.

Wednesday evening the following people gave a picnic at Lake Cornelia in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ziegler and Mr. and Mrs. Tobey of Sioux City: Mr. and Mrs. Walt Whitten and daughter Frieda, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rietz, and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and family They report a fine time. The Sioux City folks went home Thursday.

Mrs. Will Farmer and children of Steubenville, Ohio, are visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Rowen. Mrs. Farmer will be remembered by a great many Rowan folks as Miss Noa Dean who used to teach around Rowan.

Mrs. Cady Templeton of Clarion visited over the week end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen, returning to Clarion Monday.

Mrs. Fred Jensen was a Fort Dodge caller Monday. Mr. Jensen is employed on the extra gang which is laying ties on the C. G. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Robinson and daughters Iva and Barbara of Detroit, Mich., came by motor Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French. Mrs. Robinson is a niece of Mrs French Mr. French and Mr. Robinson left Mosday for three or four days fishing trip at the lakes in northern Iowa.

Miss Grace Dayton of Cedar Rapids came Thursday to spend her vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. A. French.

Miss Frances Farran had the misfortune to step on a nail Tuesday and run it into her foot. It is causing her quite a little suffering and trouble.

Donald Farren was a Belmond caller Monday.

Mrs. Jessie Agnew and sons spent Monday with friends in Dows.

The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Frank Kercheval on Wednesday with Mrs. Keith as leader. The subject was "Alien Yet Friends." Mrs. Carr had charge of the devotional part and Mrs. Ryder had the enigmas. There were fourteen present at this meeting and a good meeting is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and family of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder.

Miss Celia Azeltine went to Superior Saturday to visit for a short time.

Mrs. Chester Bailey spent Monday at Belmond visiting relatives.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Morning services at 11:00.

Sunday School at 12:00.

Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m.

Evening Service at 8:00.

The pastor, Rev. W. H. Nye will deliver an address at the evening service on the question, "What is the Unpardonable Sin?" There will be special music at both morning and evening services.

Everybody is invited to attend these services Sunday.

The Junior Christian Endeavor meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the church.

The Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:00.

The Rev. H. Tomkinson gave an address at the union service last Sunday evening on "The Sin of Treachery." There was a good crowd to hear this fine address an many helpful thots were left with the people.

The Rowan Congregational Church will hold an ice cream social under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society on the church lawn Tuesday evening. Commence serving at 7:30. Be sure and come and enjoy the social gathering.

Remember the Young Ladies' Mission Study Club Picnic Monday, July 18th. Everyone is invited to come and be sure to remember your own dishes and silverware.

There was a large attendance of Endeavors at the Sunrise prayer meeting last Sunday and the spirit manifest in this large attendance of Endeavors shows by their good spirit and in not being afraid to turn out in the morning that they were willing to do their best as Endeavors, for the best interest of their church and society. There were two delegates elected at this meeting to attend the Convention at Cedar Falls July 14th to 21st.

Vacation Trips

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowels and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ralston, and son Paul, of Laconia, Iowa, stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers Sunday on their way to Minnesota for an outing. Mr. and Mrs. Myers accompanied them on this trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon and children, Rev. and Mrs. Tomkinson and children left Monday morning for a trip thru Minnesota. They will also visit a brother of Mr. Sheldon's while gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten and daughter, Gladys, Mrs. Lew Vennum and Dan Fletcher left early Monday morning for Bruce, Wisconsin to visit at the home of Mr. Fletcher's daughter, Mrs. Tim Weld and family.

A pick up team from Rowan played the Galt team Saturday, meeting sad defeat. The score stood 15 to 8 in favor of Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carmon returned from Prescott, Wisconsin Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, cousins of Mrs. Carmon returned with them for a visit.

Mr. Thompson, of Milwaukee, Minnesota, father of Mrs. G. G. Boonee, Miss Mildred Thompson, a former teacher of our school and Mr. G. G. Boone, of Randolph, Nebraska, called at the home of Miss Mary Braden Thursday of last week. They were motoring from Randolph to Milwaukee. Mrs. Boone has been visiting her mother at Milwaukee for some time.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher returned from Ft. Dodge Monday night where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Morris Sullivan.

Play Tennis At Eagle Grove

Rev. Tomkinson, Will Rietz, Guy Sheldon, Donald Farren and Clarence Williams went to Eagle Grove Thursday to play tennis on the new tennis court. The boys have not received the score board so it is impossible to give the score. They are planning a County Tournament to be held at Eagle Grove about the first week in August.

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All kinds of movies, good, bad, and indifferent are shown every day in Iowa but not very many people know that a considerable number of the motion picture films that are exhibited in the state are furnished by the visual instruction department of the Iowa State College.

Some 500 films dealing with questions of agriculture and of the farm home are available through this department of the college and can be obtained from Charles Roach, in charge of this work. No charge is made for the films.

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MESERVEY NEWS

Too late for last week.

Miss Viola Thomas of CedarFalls came home Saturday to spend the Fourth with the home folks. Two of her friends accompanied her.

Mr. C. E. Brogan and family are spending a few days at Charles City this week

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Ruigh and daughter Ida spent Sunday and Monday with relatives near Austinville.

Miss Grace Pals and sister Wilma returned home Monday after visiting in the vicinity of Ackley for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lewis returned home Saturday after a week's vacation in Winconsin.

Miss Kathryn Gruis visited with Belmond friends Monday.

A. J. Nissen motored to Clear Lake Monday evening.

Quite a few Meservey people celebrated the Fourth at Hampton.

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

Miss Theresa Peterson who is employed at Laurel, Nebraska, came on Friday and will spend a two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends here.

F. I. Bush was a business caller at Garner, Monday.

Miss Mable Knoll returned to Fort Dodge, Sunday after spending a very pleasant week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Knoll.

James Shaw was a Belmond visitor the first of the week.

Miss Lydia Stueland of Fort Dodge returned home Saturday after a weeks visit at the James Shaw home.

Messrs. Albert Severson and Miller of Albert Lea were business callers here last week.

Messrs. Lew Kalvig and James Shaw were Des Moines callers the latter part of this week.

C. C. Lucas was a business caller at Algona, Friday.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the church this week Thursday afternoon.

Professor Waalkes, of Meekin, Illinois is spending his vacation at the home of his brother, Rev. A. H. Waalkes.

Miss Nora Finn, of Belmond spent the past week at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Dzlewanowski.

The Fred and W. A. Gartz families were Sunday afternoon visitors at the John Halfpop home.

The Poultry Culling Demonstration will be held in Pleasant township Friday of this week.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Cornelius Stoffer was a caller at Hampton Saturday evening.

Little Orvel Arends, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks is reported better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buss, of Port Arthur, Texas, came for a few weeks' visit at the home of their sister, Mrs. Peter Pals and other relatives.

George Latch, of Luverne, autoed here Sunday and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son, Fredrick spent the last of the week with friends at Dumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy and daughter, Virgie, of Hampton were visitors in town last Saturday.

Miss Alice Peters was a Hampton caller one day last week.

Miss Oranna Kinseth, of Belmond visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Bohlen several days the past week.

Misses Addie and Esther Larsen left last Wednesday for a few days visit with relatives at Sutherton.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell, Monday, July 11th.

Miss Alice McCallum, of Hazle Green, spent the past week at the Bernard McCallum home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clark and two sons have been visiting with relatives at Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs Vernon Finkle and daughter, Leona, of Hampton visited at the Lewis Bell home last Sunday.

Albin Johnson of Hampton was a business caller at Alexander last Monday.

Mrs. Anna Bell Marble, of Waterloo is visiting relatives and friends at Alexander this week.

Herman Modderman who was taken to the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota for the treatment of blood poison is recovering nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson and children spent the first of the week with relatives at Waterloo.

Mr and Mrs. Chas. Bell visited with relatives at Alexander the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and children autoed to Iowa Falls last Friday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Fredrick were visitors at Belmond Thursday evening.

Mrs. Sylvia Thelmy, of CaoDora, South Dakota, is visiting at the Green and Hall homes this week.

Miss Vivian Meierbachtol, of Springfield, Minnesota, former domestic science teacher of this place, has been visiting her friend, Miss Nellie Bell the past week.

Miss Lelia Klinefelter who has been attending school at Mason City is visiting at the home of her brother Clay Klinefelter and family.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT GARNER BEING TALKED

Signal: Whether Garner is to have a ball tournament this year is being quite freely talked of at present.

If we are to hold one it seems to the writer of this article that such decision should be made at once, so that the teams could be contracted, dates set, etc.

The logical time for this year's tournament would seem to be in August right after the Mason City Fair, and four very logical teams would be Kanawha, Lake Mills, Belmond and the Mason City Independents. Furthermore it is the belief of the writer that this should be a baseball tournament and nothing else with the possible exception of a dance and band concert each evening. Carnivals and ball tournaments do not mix well.

There has been some talk of a tournament in Belmond, to be held in August, but so far no definite plans have been arranged. Garner's tournaments have always been paying affairs and doubtless one could be made successful in Belmond.

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS CHANGED

Iowa has a new vital statistics law on its statute books and the new law takes away from the clerk of courts the registration of births and hs, and places it in the hands of district registrars, one registrar for each township and city, as a rule, except that in some instances there may be a consolidation of districts. Under the new law the county will pay a fee of 25c to each registrar for every birth and death regstered in his district. At the present time bsrthi are registered without any fee being provided.

The new law will add to the troubles of the physicians in that they will be required to have a list of township registrars in the territory in which they may practice and until they become familiar with these names it will be bothersome.

The registration of births is broadened under the new act to include all still-born children who have advanced to the firth month of uterogestation. Such still births shall also be registered as "deaths." A burial permit shall also be required for such stillborn children and the cause of the premature birth shall also be recorded, if known. Midwives are not permitted to sign certificates of birth in such instances but such deaths shall be treated as deaths without medical astendance as provided for.

Indefinite and unsatisfactory terms denoting only symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease, will not be held sufficiest for issuance of a burial or removal permit; and any certificate containing only such terms as defined by the state registrar, shall be returned to the physician or officer making the medical certificate for correction and more definite statement

The body of any person whose death occurs in the state or which shall be found dead there, shall not be interred deposited in a vault or tomb, or cremated or otherwise disposed of, or removed from or into any registration district r be temporily held pending further disposition more than 72 hours after death, unless a permit for burial, removal or other disposition thereof shall have been properly issued by the local registrar of the registration district in which the death occured or the body was found.

Physicians, midwives, undertakers and casket dealers must register their local registrar of the district in which name, address and occupation with the place they reside. In turn the local registrar forwards to the state registrar a record of such persons registered in his district No fees are charged for this registration.

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Lost—At Clarion on the Fourth, a ladies gold watch, Elgin make. Finder please return to Independent office, or to Mrs. Kate Lubey, Goldfield, Iowa.

Chambermaid wanted, to assist in dining room during meals.—Hotel Case 1t*

LOCAL BOYS MAY TAKE MILITARY TRAINING

Applications for admission to the Citizens' Military Training Camps must be in the office of the Military Training Camp association before July 10th, in order to receive consideration, it was anounced in a communication received in Belmond Saturday. This time limit is set in order that the office will not be flooded with applications at the last moment, thus congesting the work.

The association has a representative among the ex-service men in every county in Iowa. The matter of enrollment in the camp for the month of August has been takes up with the American Legion posts, the schools the Boy Scouts and other boys' organizations.

Iowa boys will be sent to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Some of the best instructors in the country not only in military affairs, but health education, correction of minor defects, sports and other branches, have been scred to at this camp during the month's encampment.

It is understood that some of the Belmond boys have made application for admission. Here is a fine chance for ambitious fellows who prefer work of this kind to an outing at some summer resort.

NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE ON JULY FOURTH

Several important laws passed by the last general assembly became effective on Monday, July 4. We give below a summary of probably the most important ones:

Cigarets—Sale of cigarets to persons 21 years old or over legalized. Heavy penalties for sales to minors. Dealers must obtain licenses and put state revenue stamp on all cigarets sold.

Blue sky—Iowa corporations wishing to sell securities must obtain permit from secretary of state and comply with requiremests formerly fastened only on foreign companies. Birddog bankers penalized. Resale contract, abuse eliminated. State officials prohibited from engaging in promotions. Heavy penaltiesfixed for violations of the law or for fraud of any kind.

Vital statistics—All births and deaths must hereafter be registered with county recorder.

Campaign expenses—Candidates limited in their expenses in either primary or general election to onehalf the amount of annual salary of the office to which they aspire.

Junkets—State officials are to be required to secure advance consent from executive council before they may make trips outside Iowa at state expense.

Healers — Chiropractors, osteopaths and pediatrists are to have state examining boards and all practioners must pass strict examination.

School head pay—Salaries of county superintendents of schools raised to minimum of $1,800 and maximum of $3,000.

HAMPTON LEGION RAFFLES OFF CAR THE FOURTH

Recorder: The George A. Aldinger Post, No.183, gave a dance at the Coonley Hotel Monday evening, July 4th, that in point of attendance distanced anything of the kind ever held in Hampton.

To encourage a liberal patronage the committee in charge of the affair sold tickets at $1.00 each that entitled the holder to admittance to the hop and a chance to win without further cost a new Ford five passenger car.

Members of the post have been busy selling tickets for ten days. The time limit expired Monday night at when the drawing took place. At the appointed hour stubs from 1,305 sold tickets were placed in a box and given a good shaking after which a little girl was blindfolded and told that the first number drawn out would win the Ford. The little tot dropped her hand into the box and produced ticket No. 1835 with the name of "G. E. Dourte, Iowa Falls," written plainly on the same. Mr. Dourte was notified of his good luck by telephone and appeared here in person at noon and was soon riding home in the new car. Mr. Dourte was among the visitors from the 'Scenic City" who came here Monday to take in the celebration and just to help out the American Legion post purchased a ticket for the dance with no thought of winning the car.

The local post cleared over $600 from the dance.

The Lyric theatre is now showing but four times a week, as will be seen by the program. The shows are now given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

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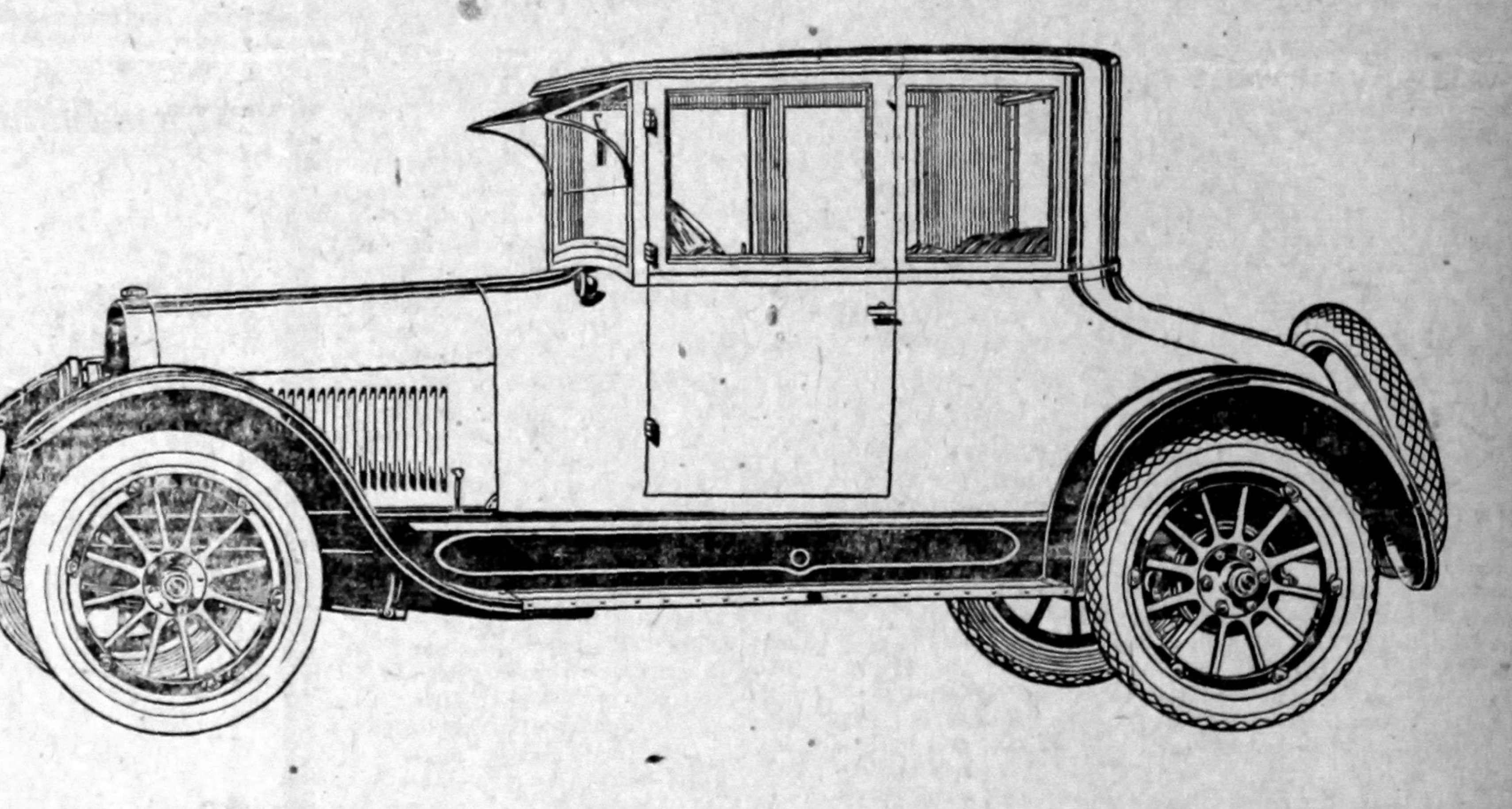

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Ray P. Morris Alfred Swensen

Phone 97

Belmond Local News

Everrett Parsons has been attending the Gregg shorthand and typewriting school in Chicago for ahe past few weeks, taking stenography. He will be there for several weeks yet, and upon his completion of the course expects to teach the study.

—I—

Mrs. E. L. Warneke, of Oelwein, was a visitor last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. P. Buchanan, returning home to Oelwein the last of the week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Nihoof have returned from their trip to Minnesota, where they spent a few days visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Nelson.

—I—

Miss Iva Trumbell came up from Des Moines last week for a visit at the home of relatives here. She is superintendent of a hospital in the Capital City.

—I—

Mrs. T. B. McCauley returned on Friday of last week to her home in Des Moines after spending five weeks at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Groh.

—I—

Clarion folks are very much dissatisfied at the way the fireworks at their Fourth celebration failed to explode, and the News of that place has considerable to say about it.

—I—

Miss Nell Luick arrived last week from Los Angeles for a visit at the homes of various relatives in this vicinity. She expects to remain here for about two months, or until the first of September, when she will return to Los Angeles to resume her teaching duties in the schools there. Miss Nell was joined on the trip here at Hastisgs, Nebraska, by Miss Bonnie Luick, who will remain here for about two weeks visiting various relatives and friends before returning home.

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Mrs. E. L. Gaunt, of Little Rock, Arkansas, arrived last week for a visit at the home of her father, Mr. Betten, at the Case hotel. Mrs. Gaunt epects to remain here for several weeks.

—I—

Mrs. Del Hake and two children from Minot, North Dakota, came last week for an extended visit at the D. H. Hake home here.

—I—

Bert Trumbell came down from Clear Lake where he is workink to spend Sunday at the home of relatives and friends here.

—I—

D. Conlin and wife, of Goodell were in town Sunday at the ball game with Ackley.

—I—

C. A. Palmer and wife, of Sioux City were visitors over the Fourth at the home of Mrs. Palmer's father, D. Betten, at the Hotel Case.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Aul and son, George, Jr., of Courtland, New York, came last week for a visit at the home of her father, D. H. Hake. Mrs. Aul expects to remain for about two months.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs Eugene Curtiss and two little daughters from Canon City, Colorado, arrived last week for a visit at the home of W. D. Schlieffarth, and with other relatives and friends in this vicinity. Mrs. Curtiss is a former resident of this vicinity, and is a sister of Mr. Schlieffarth. They made the trip by auto, camping out on the way, and report a splendid trip and enjoyable time.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rathbun left Wednesday for Mitchell, South Dakota. They expect to stop enroute at Dell Rapids for a visit with the parents of Mrs. Rathbun.

—I—

E. S. Fyler and wife were among a family group who enjoyed a reunion at Clear Lake on the Fourth.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Tomson are visiting this week with relatives in Wisconsin.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay spent the week end with relatives and friends at Garner, where they were joined by their daughter, Ruth, who had been visiting the Stebbleton family at Britt.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. James Cullinan, of St. Paul have been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cullinan.

—I—

Mrs. Nelson and little daughter, from Eage Grove were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Amble.

—I—

N. F. Forsyth, who resides in Whiting, Indiana, was a guest at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. Edge over the week end.

Henry Saatoff, of Kanawha drove down on Thursday evening of last week on some business matters.

—I—

W. O. Butterfield was a Mason City visitor on Friday of last week, visiting his son at that place.

—I—

Mrs. Pernell reports that the affliction on her face, with which she has been bothered for some time, has been cured thru the use of the Xray by Dr. Steele.

—I—

Tom Finn, who resides at Ackley, accompanied the team from that place to Belmond, Sunday, when Ackley played ball with Belmond. Tommy was right out among those present rooting for his adopted town.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Larson, and Miss Dike, all of Eagle Grove, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton last week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Browne Bullard and family, from Mason City, have been spending a few days here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullard.

—I—

It is reported that J. D. Wallace is suffering from a slight attack of appendicitis the past few days. He is reported better at this writing, however.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jensen have removed to the Enger house, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton.

—I—

Miss Savogue, Howard Strieby and Miss Strieby of Garner were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Strieby of this palce.

—I—

The public library is being remodiled this week, the interior being decorated and repainted. Mr. Cowles of Fort Dodge has charge of the work.

—I—

The little Light Bearers are planning on holding a picnic on Friday afternoon of this week, the picnic to be held in the city park.

—I—

James Shaw of Kanawha was a visitor here the first of the week, looking after some business interests and greeting friends and relatives.

—I—

Attorney Bullard is making some improvements on his office on Spruce street, raising the building higher and placing a higher foundation under it.

—I—

The vicinity west of Belmond, near Morse Lake, was visited by a heavy local shower of rain on Sunday afternoon, which, it is reported, was so heavy that autos going to the lake had to plow thru mud. There was a single cloud hung over the vicinity for about 45 minutes, over a narrow strip of territory, and the water simpy poured down, while a half mile on either side the roads were dusty and in town there was nothing doing at all.

—I—

Win Sands has been making some improvements on his property on the main street by installing connections with the sewer and rearranging the water main connections.

—I—

The Independent can vouch for the service rendered by the local telephone company, especially on long distance calls. Last week the Independent had occasion to put in a call to Albert Lea, Minnesota one day last week and the call was put thru in less than five minutes. Various other long distance calls have been handled equal ly satisfactorily.

—I—

That Morse Lake holds attractions worth while is evidenced on any old night of the week, when from one hundred and fifty to two hundred of the local people and people from the surrounding territory seek its waters to cool off from the heat of the day. Any evening from six to eight in deed later than that, even up to ten o'clock, there are all the way from one hundred to a hundred and fifty bathers can be seen splashing in the the waters, while about as many more are watching the fun from the shore. As a bathing place Morse Lake has it all over any of the surrounding ponds, with the beach smooth and sandy, with a gradual slope to deep water, and any depth of water that the swimmer desires. A local man remarked the other evening at the lake, "how long before Morse Lake will be a real resort?" One season, if the local people would co-operate and get together on the things that the lake needs to make it one. It can be done, at little expense, by an united effort.

—I—

W. J. Morse attended the funeral of his brother, Judge Morse, held at Ionia, Michigan, last week.

—I—

Ole Thompson and wife were recent visitors at Fort Dodge at the home of their daughter at that place.

Miss Rena Purdy was among the local people who attended the recent educational meeting held at Des Moines.

—I—

Rain, rain, pretty nearly every other place but here, but so far none of it here. Rain on all sides of the town have been reported, even as close as a mile on all sides, but not a drop in the town. If we don't get some wet pretty quick the gardens about town are going to make a fine memory of what might have been. Numerous threats of rain have been made, but they all turned out bluff.

—I—

Mrs. Wm. Scooler returned on this week Tuesday from her trip to Woodward, Iowa, where she has been spending the past couple of weeks visiting at the home of her parents. She also visited in Des Moines with the parents of Mr. Schooler.

—I—

Willete Breightspiecker of Fort Dodge spent several days the past week at the homes of relatives and friends in Belmond, returning to her home in Fort Dodge on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stadtlander and children of Meservey visited at the Earnest Stadtlander home on Sunday of this week.

—I—

Robin and Gladys Bohning of Mason City have been recent guests at the Harm Steenblock home in Belmond.

—I—

Ole Thompson left last week Friday for Dakota, to look after his farming interests there. He received a telegram last week reporting a bad storm in the vicinity of his land.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were visitors here on Friday of last week with relatives and friends.

—I—

Earnest Stadtlander Jr. is on the sick list this week, having been taken ill last Saturday.

—I—

Carl Gruis of Meservey was a caller here on Thursday evening of last week, visiting with friends.

—I—

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

—I—

According to the best "dope" available, the local post of the American Legion is planning on staging a day in the fall similar to the recent big day the American Legion at Garner had, the observation of the day to be an initiation into the mysteries of the "40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux" This is an order that applies to the Legion somewhat in the same way that the Shriners do to the Masons. The initiation here it is understood will be in co-operation with the Legion from Rowan, and some of the ex-service men from other points in the county may be taken into the mysteries of the society. A big day is reported as being planned, to be held about the middle of September.

—I—

Rev. Jensen was a business caller the first of this week at Mason City.

—I—

Raymond Hill spent the week end at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Clarence Scott, at Olaf.

—I—

Mrs. Clyde Jennings returned on Tuesday of this week from her trip to Dakota, where she has been spending the past few weeks visiting at the homes of various relatives and friends in different points.

Donald Farren of Rowan was a visitor here on Monday of this week.

—I—

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

—I—

Howard Moore was a recent caller at Carroll, where he was looking after some business interests.

—I—

Harry Wolle was in town on Wednesday of this week, enroute from Minburn, Iowa, to Minnesota. He has had charge of a big ditching job at Minburn, which he has just completed, and was on his way to the northern state to start on another job of a similar nature.

—I—

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

—I—

Sailor and Panama hats cleaned and reblocked at the New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of the Case Hotel. Phone 28.

—I—

A few second hand Fords at real bargains, in first class running order. —Belmond Auto Co.

—I—

We clean all kinds of straw hats and Panamas.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. F. J. Tuffree.

—I—

Let us do your fancy dry cleaning and pressing. Having added new equipment we are prepared to handle rush orders. Satisfaction guaranteed. —New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of Case Hotel. Phone 28.

—I—

Editor Jorgenson of the Klemme Times was a visitor here on Tuesday of this week, and the Independent acknowledges a very pleasant call and hopes that Brother Jorgenson will drop in again the next time he comes to town.

—I—

Mrs. Geo. Dipple underwent a severe operation at the local hospital last week, but is reported much better now and able to return to her home the latter part of this week.

—I—

The new milk ordinance which has been before the council and which it is probable will be passed at the next meeting, has been causing considerable comment.

—I—

Fred Aldrich, of Rowan, recently purchased a new binder from Chris Rise.

—I—

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

F. C. Aldrich has been helping with the harvesting on his farm near Rowan this week

—I—

Orvall Anderson, the six year old son of J. C. Anderson of near Alexander, has been in the hospital here with an attack of lockjaw. It is supposed that the attack was caused by some scratches on his feet. He is recovering nicely, however, and will soon be able to return home.

—I—

Mr. and Mrs. W. H White returned last week from Clear Lake, where they have a cottage and where they have been spending the past month of six weeks

—I—

The country club building is now well under way and it is thought that another thirty days will see te club house practically completed. There has been some talk of a big blow out when the club house is finished.

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If you haven't visited our pavilion, by all means arrange to attend one of these dances. Your pleasure and comfort is assured.

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A 5-reel Metro Comedy

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"Love, Honor and Behave"

A 5-reel Mack Sennett Comedy

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A GOOD DINNER

Is made complete with a dessert of pure, delicious ice cream. We have it---your choice of two or more flavors. We sell both the Iowa Falls and Mason City ice cream. They are both favorites. We have reduced the price to 50c per quart---good news, is'nt it?

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HEARINGS

The American Farm Bureau federation has arranged county agricultural hearings all over the United States to gather information to be presented to the Congressional Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry which will begin its hearings in Washington, D. C. July 11.

Representative farmers of Wright county have been asked to meet in conference at the county agent's office to express their opinions regarding the present agricultural status which opinions are ot be stated to the Congressional Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry.

The Commission is working under the following authorization, quoted from the Congressional Record:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a joint commission is hereby created, to be known as the joint commission of agricultural inquiry, which shall consist of five senators, three of whom shall be members of the majority party and two of whom shall be members of the minority party, to be appointed by the president of the senate, and five representatives, three of whom shall be members of the majority party and two of whom shall be members of the minority party, to be appointed by the speaker.

Said commission shall investigate and report to the congress within 90 days after the passage of this resolution upon the following subjects:

1. The causes of the present condition of agriculture.
2. The cause of the difference between the prices of agricultural products paid to the producer and ultimate cost to the consumer.
3. The comparitive condition of industries other than agriculture.
4. The relation of prices of commodities other than agriculture.
5. The banking and financial resources and credits of the country especially as affecting agricultural credits.
6. The marketing and transportation facilities of the country.

The commission shall include in its report recommendations for legislation which in its opinion will tend to remedy existing conditions and shall sepcifically report upon the limitations of the powers of congress in enacting relief.

The commission is composed of the following: Representative Sydney Anderson of Minnesota, chairman; Representatives Frank H. Funk of Illinois, Ogden L. Mills of New York, Peter G. Ton Eyck of New York, Hatton W. Summers of Texas. Senators Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin, Arthur Capper of Kansas, Charles L. McNary of Oregon, Joseph T. Tobinson of Arkansas, and Pat Harrison of Mississippi.

IOWA ENJOYS SOCIAL

A real old time community gathering was held at the Leo Veeder home northeast of Rowan Friday evening, July 8, and judging from all reports the farmers who attended this social enjoyed a rip-roaring good time.

Since everyone was so busy with the haying and harvesting work at this season no attempt was made to prepare a program for this occasion. However short talks were given by the county agent and by R. E. Lee Aldrich.

Mr. Aldrich who is one of the progressive farmers of Iowa township, seemed somewhat modest to appear before his own people but his address proved to be very interesting and very instructive. Mr. Aldrich is a man who makes a thoro study of world conditions and has the faculty of being able to talk on such occasions. Mr. Aldrich has been called upon on several different occasions to talk at township farm bureau meetings and in every case he delivered the goods.

After the splendid address by Mr. Aldrich ice cream and cake were served by the good housewives of Iowa township and everyone who had the pleasure of attending the social seem to have enjoyed themselves.

BELMOND WILL PICNIC

Farmers of Belmond township have decided to take time out and enjoy the picnic at the home of M. R. Pierce, Thursday afternoon, July 14.

Arrangements are being made for an outside speaker and a special effort is being made to secure A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove, who has taken such an active part on the "Committee of Seventeen," and who has finally been appointed organizer for Iowa in this great grain marketing movement.

County agent Edwards will conduct a poultry culling demonstration at the Pierce farm some time during the afternoon's entertainment. It was originally planned to hold three demonstrations in the township, one at the Ira L. Christie home, one at the A. E. Martin home and one at the Pierce home, but since the picnic comes on the same day as the demonstrations it was thought best to combine the three demonstrations at the Pierce home.

The general plan of this picnic is to spend the afternoon listening to the speaker and attending the poultry culling demonstration and then enjoy the big feed which is being prepared for the picnic supper on the lawn of the Pierce home.

SOCIAL IN PLEASANT

The farmers of Pleasant township are planning a social gathering at the home of Adolph Meinders for Friday evening, July 15, when everyone will gather for a good old visit with neighbors and friends.

R. E. Lee Aldrich of Iowa township has been secured for the speaker of the evening and with plans completed for a good speaker and good eats everyone is expecting a grand and glorious time at this community gathering. Mr. Aldrich is well known among the farmers of Pleasant township and his ability to speak is known to all. As a practical farmer and as a speaker who makes a thoro study of world problems, Mr. Aldrich will have a message for the Pleasant township farmers.

This is the second of the socials held in Pleasant township and it is hoped that every man, woman and child will turn out and help make the social a success in the community.

HOGS POISONED FROM EATING COCKLEBURS

Uremic poisoning as a result of eating young cockleburs is responsible for the loss of quite a number of hogs in South Dakota.

The poison in the weed causes a nephritis or an inflamation of the kidneys. After the kidneys cease to function properly a uremic poison soon developes and this may kill the hog.

A case of this kind recently developed in Jackson county, that state. A small patch of ground near the hog lot was being prepared for alfalfa. The owner stated that he was sowing late and was thoroly preparing the ground beforehand for the reason that it was exceptionally weedy the year before. Close inspection of this piece of ground revealed that it was badly infested with young cockleburs. The hogs were eating large quantities of these weeds.

When a hog was first noticed to be sick he would refuse to eat and drink. Very little fever developed. After a few hours the animal would develope convulsions and would usually die in 10 or 12 hours. Some few would vomit. Many would develope a reddish condition of the skin.

Post mortem examination revealed an inflamation of the kidneys and bladder. The liver was larger than normal and the body fat showed a yellowish tinge.

Naturally the poisoning was stopped as soon as the hogs were shut away from the weeds.

Evils of Constipation

Perhaps the most serious of the diseases caused by constipation is appendicitis. If you would avoid this dangerous disease, keep your bowels regular. For this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent, easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy. Chamberlain's Tablets Are Mild and

SOME RULES FOR CARING FOR DOBBIN

The horse, one of man's best and most faithful friends, is in many cases inhumanely treated, either through carelessness or base cruelty. Neither is excuseable. During hot weather horses suffer unmeasureably from such things as overloading, fast driving, lack of or too much water when warm, too little care and no thought of their comfort.

A man if asked to pull a load as correspondingly great as that pulled by some horses would strenuously object and refuse to undertake it. Yet that same man would think nothing of it if he saw a horse exerting every ounce of energy to move a load, sweating in the hot sun, without a chance to stop and rest in the shade.

The moral is, load the horse lightly and whenever possible let him rest in the shade and there will be fewer horses overcome by the heat.

There are some simple rules which if followed will make life more pleasant for the horse popuation. Load lightly and drive slowly, stop in the shade if possible; a wet sponge or cloth on the head is good to keep the horse cool, but is worse than useless when dry; water your horse as often as possible, but let him drink only a few swallows if he is going to stand still; (water in small quantities will not hurt him as long as he is working. After coming from work sponge him off, wash his feet, but not his legs; if the thermometer is at 75 degrees or higher sponge him all over with a damp sponge, using vinigar water if possible, but do not wash the horse at night; Saturday night give him a luke warm bran mash and add a tablespoonful of saltpetre.

If the horse suddenly stops sweating, or he breathes short and quick, or if his ears droop, or he stands with his legs bracer sideways, he is in danger of becoming sunstroke or overheated; if a horse is overcome by the heat get him into the shade, remove the harness and bridle, wash out his mouth, sponge him all over, shower his legs and give im two ounces of aromatic spirits of ammonia, or two ounces of sweet spirits of nitre in a pint of water, or give him a pint of warm coffee; cool his head at once, using cold water, or, if necessary, chopped ice wrapped in a cloth; if he is off his feed try him with two quarts of oats mixed with bran and a little water, and add a little salt or sugar. Or give him oat meal gruel of barley and water to drink; clean him thoroly at night so that he can rest well, and clean him thoroly. The salt dandruff drying on his skin makes him uncomfortable, and often produces sores under the harness; do not fail to water him at night after he has eaten his hay. If you do not he will be thirsty all night. if it is so hot in the stable at night the horse sweats, tie him outside with bedding under him. Unless he cools off during the night he cannot well stand the day's heat and his efficiency will be impaired.

FARMERS' INFLUENCE FELT IN CONGRESS

The agrarian bloc in congress, which is making the power of farmers felt in national affairs as seldom before, has mapped out an extensive program of proposed legislation and is pressing for immediate action thereon.

One of the most important bills on the program is the Capper bill authorizing associations of agricultural producers. Explaining this measure, Senator Capper says:

"Under existing statutes, the legality of co-operation is constantly questioned. Co-operative associations have been prosecuted and harassed by selfish business interests. This bill does not ask for class legislation. It does not seek to exempt co-operative farm organizations from the provisions of the anti-trust laws, but its purpose is only to clearly define the rights of these organizations so that there will be no misunderstanding as to where they stand. Our system of marketing is the costliest and most inefficient in the world."

Belmond Local News

Mrs. C. J. Boughton, who has been ailing for some months past, is reported as being somewhat better at the present writing, which will be good news to her many friends in Belmond.

C. H. Tyrrell, from Sioux Rapids was a visitor at the home of his brother, Tom Tyrrell on Wednesday of last week.

J. M. Dubois, of Oxford Junction, Iowa, has been a guest the past few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyrrell.

Harry Forrestall was a caller at the Twin Cities on last week Thursday where he was attending to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brewer were visitors at Stanhope, Iowa, one day last week at the home of Mr. Brewer's brother and family.

Mrs. George Peterson, from Ames was a recent visitor with relatives here, returning to her home on Thursday of last week.

Leo Kenefick left last week for Crystal Lake, where he will "make hay while the sun shines" on the farm of his brother-in-law, Charles Engstler.

The picture at the Lyric theatre last week, "Madame X," was widely commented upon, and universally pronounced one of the best Manager Hake has shown here for some time. To those who had read the story it was especially appealing.

Roy French has been spending a few days the past week visiting at the home of his father in Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brewer, from Stanhope were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brewer, the first of this week.

W. C. "Cap." Tyrrell, of Beaumont, Texas, was greeting old friends here on the Fourth. Mr. Tyrrell was looking fine, and stated that he was enjoying better health than for some time.

Mrs. H. G. Nordschow left last week for Lake Mills, where she was called by the serious illness of her mother. Her mother is seventy-seven years of age, and but little hopes are held for her recovery. Harry Nordschow drove up on Sunday to spend the week-end there.

ROBINSON'S

Bread, three 10c loaves	25c
Black Tea, per lb.	40c
Sugar	$7.00
Rolled Oats, bulk, 5 pounds for	25c
Fancy Prunes, per lb.	10c
Extra Fancy Prunes	12½c
Corn and tomatoes, per can	10c
Pears, No. 2½ can	20c
Apricots, No. 2½	20c
Coffee	15c

To the Housewives:

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Every kind of Home Made Bake Stuffs made in my kitchen and sent direct to you warm from the oven. Phone in orders at any time and in any quantity.

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A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

"How's business?" Samson asked.

"Going to peter out, I reckon," Abe answered with a sorrowful look. "It will leave me badly in debt. I wanted something that would give me a chance for study and I got it. By jing! It looks as if I was going to have years of study trying to get over it. Have you got any work to give me? You know I can split rails about as fast as the next man and I'll take my pay in wheat or corn."

"You may give me all the time you can spend outside the store," said Samson.

That evening they had a talk about the whisky business and its relation to the character of Eliphalet Biggs and to sundry infractions of law and order in their community. Samson had declared that it was wrong to sell liquor.

"All that kind of thing can be safely left to the common sense of our people," said Abe. "The remedy is education, not revolution. Slowly the people will have to set down all the items in the ledger of common sense that passes from sire to son. By and by some generation will strike a balance. That may not come in a hundred years. Soon or late the majority of the people will reach a reckoning with John Barleycorn. If there's too much against him they will act. You might as well try to stop a glacier by building a dam in front of it. They have opened an account with slavery, too. By and by they'll decide its fate."

Such was his faith in the common folk of America whose way of learning and whose love of the right he knew as no man has known it.

In this connection the New Englander wrote in his diary:

"He has spent his boyhood in the South and his young manhood in the North. He has studied the East and lived in the West. He is the people—I sometimes think—and about as slow to make up his mind. As Isaiah says: 'He does not judge after the sight of his eyes neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.' Abe has to think about it."

In April Abe wrote another address to the voters announcing that he was again a candidate for a seat in the legislature. Late that month Harry walked with him to Pappsville where a crowd had assembled to attend a public sale. At one place there were men in the crowd who knew Harry's record in the war. They called on him for a speech. He spoke on the need of the means of transportation in Sangamon county with such insight and dignity and convincing candor that both Abe and the audience hailed him as a coming man. Abe and he were often seen together those days.

In New Salem they were called the disappointed lovers. It was known there that Abe was very fond of Ann Rutledge, although he had not, as yet, openly confessed to any one—not even to Ann—there being no show of hope for him. Ann was deeply in love with John McNeil—the genial, handsome and successful young Irishman. The affair had reached the stage of frankness, of an open discussion of plans, of fond affection expressing itself in caresses quite indifferent to ridicule.

For Ann it had been like warm sunlight on the growing rose. She was neater in dress, lovelier in form and color, more graceful in movement and sweeter-voiced than ever she had been. It is the old way that Nature has of preparing the young to come out upon the stage of real life and to act in its moving scenes. Abe manfully gave them his best wishes and when he spoke of Ann it was done very tenderly. The look of sadness, which all had noted in his moments of abstraction, deepened and often covered his face with its veil. That is another way that Nature has of preparing the young. For these the roses have fallen and only the thorns remain. They are not lured; they seem to be driven to their tasks, but for all, soon or late, her method changes.

On a beautiful morning of June, 1834, John McNeil left the village. Abe Lincoln and Harry and Samson and Sarah and Jack Kelso and his wife stood with the Rutledges in the dooryard of the tavern when he rode away. He was going back to his home in the East to return in the autumn and make Ann his bride. The girl wept as if her heart would break

The Girl Wept as If Her Heart Would Break.

when he turned far down the road and waved his hand to her.

"Oh, my pretty lass! Do you not hear the birds singing in the meadows?" said Jack Kelso. "Think of the happiness all around you and of the greater happiness that is coming when he returns. Shame on you!"

"I'm afraid he'll never come back," Ann sobbed.

"Nonsense! Don't get a maggot in your brain and let the crows go walking over your face. Come, we'll take a ride in the meadows and if I don't bring you back laughing you may call me no prophet."

So the event passed.

Harry traveled about with Abe a good deal that summer, "electioneering," as they called it, from farm to farm. Abe used to go into the fields, with the men whose favor he sought, and bend his long back over a scythe or a cradle and race them playfully across the field of grain cutting a wider swath than any other and always holding the lead. Every man was out of breath at the end of his swath and needed a few minutes for recuperation. That gave Abe a chance for his statement of the county's needs and his plan of satisfying them. He had met and talked with a majority of the voters before the campaign ended in his election in August.

At odd times that summer he had been surveying a new road with Harry Needles for his helper. In September they resumed their work upon it in the vicinity of New Salem and Abe began to carry the letters in his hat again. Every day Ann was looking for him as he came by in the dim light of the early morning on his way to work.

"Anything for me?" she would ask.

"No mail in since I saw you, Ann," was the usual answer.

Often he would say: "I'm afraid not, but here—you take these letters and look through 'em and make sure."

Ann would take them in her hands, trembling with eagerness, and run indoors to the candlelight, and look them over. Always she came back with the little bundle of letters very slowly as if her disappointment were a heavy burden.

"There'll be one next mail if I have to write it myself," Abe said one morning in October as he went on.

To Harry Needles, who was with him that morning, he said:

"I wonder why that fellow don't write to Ann. I couldn't believe that he has been fooling her, but now I don't know what to think of him. I wonder what has happened to the fellow."

The mail stage was late that evening. As it had not come at nine Mr. Hill went home and left Abe in the store to wait for his mail. The stage arrived a few minutes later. Abe examined the little bundle of letters and newspapers which the driver had left with him. Then he took a paper and sat down to read in the firelight. While he was thus engaged the door opened softly and Ann Rutledge entered. The postmaster was not aware of her presence until she touched his arm.

"Please give me a letter," she said.

"Sit down, Ann," said he, very gently, as he placed a chair in the fire-glow.

She took it, turning toward him with a look of fear and hope. Then he added:

"I'm sorry, but the truth is it didn't come. It is terrible, Ann, that I have to help in this breaking of your heart that is going on. I seem to be the head of the hammer that hits you so hard, but the handle is in other hands. Honestly, Ann, I wish I could do the suffering for you—every bit of it—and give your poor heart a rest. Hasn't he written you this summer?"

"Not since July tenth," she answered. Then she confided to Abe that her lover told her before he went away that his name was not McNeil but McNamar; that he had changed his name to keep clear of his family until he had made a success; that he had gone East to get his father and mother and bring them back with him; lastly she came to the thing that worried her most—the suspicion of her father and mother that John was not honest. "They say that he probably had a wife when he came here—that that is why he don't write to me."

Then after a little silence she pleaded: "You don't think that, do you, Abe?"

"No," said the latter, giving her the advantage of every doubt. "John did a foolish thing, but we must not condemn him without a knowledge of the facts. The young often do foolish things and sickness would account for his silence. You go home and go to sleep and stop worrying, Ann. You'll get that letter one of these days."

A day or two later Abe and Harry went to Springfield. Their reason for the trip lay in a talk between the postmaster and Jack Kelso the night before as they sat by the latter's fireside.

"I've been living where there was no one to find fault with my parts of speech or with the parts of my legs which were not decently covered,' said Abe. "The sock district of my person has been without representation in the legislature of my intellect up to its last session. Then we got a bill through for local improvements and the governor has approved the appropriation. Suddenly we discovered that there was no money in the treasury. But Samson Traylor has offered to buy an issue of bonds of the amount of fifteen dollars."

"I'm glad to hear you declare in favor of external improvements," said Kelso. "We've all been too much absorbed by internal improvements. You're on the right trail, Abe. You've been thinking of the public ear and too little of the public eye. We must show some respect for both."

"Sometimes I think that comely dress ought to go with comely diction," said Abe. "But that's a thing you can't learn in books. There's no grammarian of the language of dress. Then I'm so big and awkward. It's a rather hopeless problem."

"You're in good company," Kelso assured him. "Nature guards her best men with some sort of singularity, not attractive to others. Often she makes them odious with conceit or deformity or dumbness or garrulity. Dante was such a poor talker that no one would ever ask him to dinner. If it had not been so I presume his muse would have been sadly crippled by indigestion. If you had been a good dancer and a lady's favorite, I wonder if you would have studied Kirkham and Burns and Shakespeare and Blackstone and Starkie, and the science of surveying and been elected to the legislature. I wonder if you could even have whipped Jack Armstrong."

"Or have enjoyed the friendship of Bill Berry and acquired a national debt, or have saved my imperiled country in the war with Black Hawk," Abe laughed.

In the matter of dress the postmaster had great confidence in the taste and knowledge of his young friend, Harry Needles, whose neat appearance Abe regarded with serious admiration. So he asked Harry to go with him on his new mission and help to choose the goods and direct the tailoring, for it seemed to him a highly important enterprise.

"Our appropriation is only fifteen dollars," said Abe as they came in sight of "the big village" on a warm bright day late in October. "Of course, I can't expect to make myself look like the President of the United States with such a sum, but I want to look like a respectable citizen of the United States, if that is possible. I'll give the old Abe and fifteen dollars to boot for a new one and we'll see what comes of it."

Springfield had been rapidly changing. It was still small and crude, but some of the best standards of civilization had been set up in that community. Families of wealth and culture in the East had sent their sons and a share of their capital to this little metropolis of the land of plenty to go into business. Handsome, well-groomed horses, in silver-mounted harness, drawing carriages that shone "so you could see your face in them," to quote from Abe again, were on its streets.

The two New Salem men stopped and studied a big sign in front of a large store on which this announcement had been lettered:

"Cloths, cassinettes, cassimeres, velvet silks, satins, Marseilles waistcoating, fine, calf boots, seal and morocco pumps for gentlemen, crepe lisse, lace veils, Thibet shawls, fine prunella shoes."

"Reads like a foreign language to me," said Abe. "How would you like a little Marseilles waistcoating?"

Suddenly a man touched his shoulder with a hearty "Howdy, Abe?"

It was Eli, "the Wandering Jew," as he had been wont to call himself in the days when he carried a pack on the road through Peter's Bluff and Clary's Grove and New Salem to Beardstown and back.

"Dis is my store," said Eli.

"Your store!" Abe exclaimed.

"Ya, look at de sign."

The Jew pointed to his sign-board, some fifty feet long under the cornice, on which they read the legend:

"Eli Fredenberg's Emporium."

Abe looked him over from head to foot and exclaimed:

"My conscience! You look as if you had been fixed up to be sold to the highest bidder."

The hairy, dusty, bow-legged, threadbare peddler had been touched by some miraculous hand. The lavish

The Jew Pointed to His Signboard.

hand of the West had showered her favors on him. They resembled in some degree the barbaric pearl and gold of the East. He glowed with prosperity. Diamonds and ruffled linen and Scotch plaid and red silk on his neck and a blue band on his hat and a smooth-shorn face and perfumery were the glittering details that surrounded the person of Eli.

"Come in," urged the genial proprietor of the Emporium. "I vould like to show you my goots and introduce you to my brudder."

In the men's department after much thoughtful discussion they decided upon a suit of blue jeans—that being the only goods which, in view of the amount of cloth required, came within the appropriation. Eli advised against it.

"You are like Eli already," he said. "You haf got de pack off your back. Look at me. Don't you hear my clothes say somet'ing?"

"They are very eloquent," said Abe.

"Vell, dey make a speech. Dey say 'Eli Fredenberg he is no more a poor devil. You cannot sneeze at him once again. Nefer. He has climb de ladder up.' Now you let me sell you somet'ing vat makes a good speech for you."

"If you let me dictate the speech I'll agree," said Abe.

"Vell—vat is it?" Eli asked.

"I would like my clothes to say in a low tone of voice: 'This is humble Abraham Lincoln, about the same length and breadth that I am. He don't want to scare or astonish anybody. He don't want to look like a beggar or a millionaire. Just put him down for a hard-working man of good intentions who is badly in debt.' "

That ended all argument. The suit of blue jeans was ordered and the measures taken. As they were about to go Eli said:

"I forgot to tell you dot I haf seen Bim Kelso de odder day in St. Louis. I haf seen her on de street. She has been like a queen so grand! De hat and gown from Paris and she valk so proud! But she look not so happy like she usit to be. I speak to her. Oh my, she vas glad and so surprised! She tolt me dot she vould like to come for a visit but her husband he does not vant her to go dere—nefer again. My jobber haf tolt me dot Mr. Biggs is git drunk efery day. Bim she t'ink de place no good."

"Poor child!" said Abe. "I'm afraid she's in trouble. Her parents have begun to suspect that something is wrong. They have never been invited to go down there and visit the girl. I reckon we'd better say nothing to any one of what we have heard, at present."

They reached New Salem in the middle of the night and went into Rutledge's barn and lay down on the haymow between two buffalo hides until morning.

CHAPTER XII.

Which Continues the Romance of Abe and Ann Until the Former Leaves New Salem to Begin His Work in the Legislature. Also It Describes the Coloneling of Peter Lukins.

The next day after his return, Abe received a letter from Ann. She had come over to the store on the arrival of the stage and taken her letter and run home with it. That Saturday's stage brought the new suit of clothes from Springfield.

It was an Indian summer day of the first week in November. That afternoon Abe went to the tavern and asked Ann to walk out to the Traylors' with him. She seemed to be glad to go. She was not the cheerful, quick-footed, rosy-cheeked Ann of old. Her face was pale, her eyes dull and listless, her step slow. Neither spoke until they had passed the Waddell cabin and were come to the open fields.

"I hope your letter brought good news," said Abe.

"It was very short," Ann answered. "He took a fever in Ohio and was sick there four weeks and then he went home. In two months he never wrote a word to me. And this one was only a little bit of a letter with no love in it. I don't believe he cares for me now or, perhaps, he is married. I don't know. I'm not going to cry about it any more. I can't. I've no more tears to shed. I've given him up."

"Then I reckon the time has come for me to tell you what is on my heart," said Abe. "I love you, Ann. I have loved you for years. I would have told you long ago but I could not make myself believe that I was good enough for you. I love you so much that if you can only be happy with John McNamar I will pray to God that he may turn out to be a good and faithful man and come back and keep his promise."

She looked up at him with a kind of awe in her face.

"Oh, Abe!" she whispered. "I had made up my mind that men were all bad but my father. I was wrong. I did not think of you."

"Men are mostly good," said Abe. "But it's very easy to misunderstand them. In my view it's quite likely that John McNamar is better than you think him. I want you to be fair to John. If you conclude that you can not be happy with him give me a chance. I would do my best to bring back the joy of the old days. Sometimes I think that I am going to do something worth while. Sometimes I think that I can see my way far ahead and it looks very pleasant, and you, Ann, are always walking beside me in it. Before we take another step I wish you could give me some hope to live on—just a little straw of hope."

"You are a wonderful man, Abe," said Ann, touched by his appeal. "My father says that you are going to be a great man."

"I can not hold out any such hope to you," Abe answered. "I'm rather ignorant and badly in debt, but I reckon that I can make a good living and give you a comfortable home. Don't you think, taking me just as I am, you could care for me a little?"

"Yes; sometimes I think that I could love you, Abe," she answered. "I do not love you yet, but I may—some time. I really want to love you."

"That is all I can ask now," said Abe as they went on. "Do you hear from Bim Kelso?"

"I have not heard from her since June."

"I wish you would write to her and tell her that I am thinking of going down to St. Louis and that I would like to go and see her."

"I'll write to her tomorrow," said Ann.

They had a pleasant visit and while Ann was playing with the baby she seemed to have forgotten her troubles. They stayed to supper, after which the whole family walked to the tavern with them. When Ann began to show weariness, Abe gently lifted her in his arms and carried her.

That evening Mrs. Peter Lukins called upon Abe at Sam Hill's store where he sat alone, before the fire, reading with two candles burning on the end of a dry goods box at his elbow.

"I wanted to see you private 'bout Lukins," she began. "There's them that call him Bony Lukins, but I reckon he ain't no bonier than the everidge run o' men—not a bit—an', if he was, I don't reckon his bones orto be throwed at him every time he's spoke to that away."

"What can I do about it?" Abe asked.

"I've been hopin' an' wishin' some kind of a decent handle could be put on to his name," said Mrs. Lukins, with her eye upon a knot hole in the counter. "Something with a good sound to it. You said that anything you could do for the New Salem folks you was goin' to do an' I thought maybe you could fix it."

Abe smiled and asked: "Do you want a title?"

"If it ain't plum outrageous I wish he could be made a colonel."

"I'll see what can be done, but if he gets that title he'll have to live up to it."

"I'll make him walk a chalk line—you see," the good woman promised as she left the store.

That evening Abe wrote a playful commission as colonel for Peter Lukins, which was signed in due time by all his friends and neighbors and presented to Lukins by a committee of which Abe was chairman.

Coleman Smoot—a man of some means who had a farm on the road to Springfield—was in the village that evening. Abe showed him the commission and asked him to sign it.

"I'll sign on one condition," said Smoot.

"What is that?" Abe asked.

"That you'll give me a commission. I want to be your friend."

"You are that now, aren't you?" Abe asked.

"Yes, but I haven't earned my commission. You haven't given me a chance yet. What can I do to help you along?"

Abe was much impressed by these kindly words.

"My friends do not often ask what they can do for me," he said. "I suppose they haven't thought of it. I'll think it over and let you know."

Three days later he walked out to Coleman Smoot's after supper. As they sat together by the fireside Abe said:

"I've been thinking of your friendly question. It's dangerous to talk that way to a man like me. The fact is, I need two hundred dollars to pay pressing debts and give me something in my pocket when I go to Vandalia. If you can not lend it to me I shall think none the less of you."

"I can and will," said Smoot. "I've been watching you for a long time. A man who tries as hard as you do to get along deserves to be helped. I believe in you. I'll go up to Springfield and get the money and bring it to you within a week or so."

Abe Lincoln had many friends who would have done the like for him if they could, and he knew it.

"Every one has faith in you," said Smoot. "We expect much of you and we ought to be willing to do what we can to help."

"Your faith will be my strength, if I have any," said Abe.

On his way home that night he thought of what Jack Kelso had said of democracy and friendship.

On the twenty-second of November a letter came to Ann from Bim Kelso, which announced that she was going to New Orleans for the winter with her husband. Six days later Abe took the stage for the capital, at Rutledge's door, where all the inhabitants of the village had assembled to bid him good-

The Village Had Assembled to Bid Him Goodby.

by. Ann Rutledge, with a flash of her old playfulness, kissed him when he got into the stage. Abe's long arm was waving in the air as he looked back at his cheering friends while the stage rumbled down the road toward the great task of life upon which he was presently to begin in the little village of Vandalia.

CHAPTER XIII.

Wherein the Route of the Underground Railroad Is Surveyed and Samson and Harry Spend a Night in the Home of Henry Brimstead and Hear Surprising Revelations Confidentially Disclosed.

Early in the autumn of that year the Reverend Elijah Lovejoy of Alton had spent a night with the Traylors on his way to the North. Sitting by the fireside he had told many a vivid tale of the cruelties of slavery.

"I would not have you think that all slaveholders are wicked and heartless," he said. "They are like other men the world over. Some are kind and indulgent. If all men were like them slavery could be tolerated. But they are not. Some men are brutal in the North as well as in the South. If not made so by nature they are made so by drink. To give them the power of life and death over human beings, which they seem to have in parts of the South, is a crime against God and civilization."

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"I agree with you," said Samson.

"I knew that you would," the minister went on. "We have already had some help from you but we need more. I take it as a duty which God has laid upon me to help every fugitive that reaches my door. You can help the good work of mercy and grace. If you hear three taps upon your window after dark or the hoot of an owl in your dooryard you will know what it means. Fix some place on your farm where these poor people who are seeking the freedom which God wills for all His children, may find rest and refreshment and security until they have strength to go on."

Within a week after the visit of Mr. Lovejoy, Samson and Harry built a hollow haystack about half-way from the house to the barn. The stack had a comfortable room inside of it about eight feet by seven and some six feet in height. Its entrance was an opening near the bottom of the stack well screened by the pendant hay. But no fugitive came to occupy it that winter.

Soon after the new year of 1835 Samson and Harry moved the Kelsos to Tazewell county. Mr. Kelso had received an appointment as land agent and was to be stationed at the little settlement of Hopedale near the home of John Peasley.

Late in the afternoon Harry and Samson left the Kelsos and their effects at a small frame house in the little village of Hopedale. The men had no sooner begun to unload than its inhabitants came to welcome the newcomers and help them in the work of getting settled. When the goods were deposited in the dooryard Samson and Harry drove to John Peasley's farm. Mr. Peasley recognized the big, broad-shouldered Vermonter at the first look.

"Do I remember you?" he said. "Well, I guess I do. So does my barn door. Let me take hold of that right hand of yours again. Yes, sir. It's the same old iron hand. Marry Ann!" he called as his wife came out of the door. "Here's the big man from Vergennes who tossed the purty slaver."

"I see it is," she answered. "Ain't ye comin' in?"

"If you try to pass this place I'll have ye took up," said Peasley. "There's plenty of food in the house an' stable."

"Look here—that's downright selfish," said his wife. "If we tried to keep you here Henry Brimstead would never forgive us. He talks about you morning, noon and night. Any one would think that you was the Samson that slew the Philistines."

"How is Henry?" Samson asked.

"He married my sister and they're about as happy as they can be this side the river Jordan," she went on. "They've got one o' the best farms in Tazewell county and they're goin' to be rich."

"Yes, sir; I didn't think o' that," said Peasley. "Henry and his wife would holler if we didn't take ye over there. It's only a quarter of a mile. I'll show ye the way and we'll all come over this evening and have a talkin' bee."

Samson was pleased and astonished by the look of Brimstead and his home and his family and the account of his success. The man from the sand flats was cleanly shaved, save for a black mustache, and neatly dressed and his face glowed with health and high spirits. A handsome brown-eyed miss of seventeen came galloping up the road on her pony and stopped near them.

"Annabel, do you remember this man?" Brimstead asked.

The girl looked at Samson.

"He is the man who helped us out of Flea valley," said the girl. "Would you mind if I kissed you?"

"I would be sorry if you didn't," said Samson. "Here's my boy, Harry Needles. You wouldn't dare kiss him, I guess."

"I would be sorry, too, if you didn't," Harry laughed as he took her hand.

"I'm afraid you'll have to stay sorry," said Annabel turning red with embarrassment. "I never saw you before."

"Better late than never," Samson assured her. "You don't often see a better fellow."

The girl laughed with a subtle look of agreement in her eyes. Then came up from the barn the ragged little lad of No Santa Claus Land—now a sturdy, bright-eyed, handsome boy of twelve.

The horses were put out and all went in to supper.

After supper Brimstead showed models of a mowing machine with a cut bar six feet long, and a plow which would turn two furrows.

"That's what we need on these prairies," said Samson. "Something that'll turn 'em over and cut the crop quicker."

"Say, I'll tell ye," said Brimstead as if about to disclose a secret. "These great stretches of smooth, rich land just everlastingly ram the spurs into you and keep your brain galloping. Mine is goin' night and day. The prairies are a new thing and you've got to tackle 'em in a new way. I tell you the seeding and planting and mowing and reaping and threshing is all going to be done by machinery and horses. The wheel will be the foundation of the new era."

"You're right," said Samson.

"How are you gettin' along?"

"Rather slow," Samson answered. "It's hard to get our stuff to market down in the Sangamon country. Our river isn't navigable yet. We hope that Abe Lincoln, who has just been elected to the legislature, will be able to get it widened and straightened and cleaned up so it will be of some use to us down there."

"I've heard of him. They call him Honest Abe, don't they?"

"Yes; and he is honest if a man ever was."

"Is he going to marry the Rutledge girl?" was the query of Mrs. Brimstead.

"I don't think so," Samson answered, a little surprised at her knowledge of the attachment. "He's as humly as Sam Hill and dresses rough and ain't real handy with the gals. Some fellers are kind o' fenced in with humliness and awkwardness."

"The boys around here are all fenced in," said Annabel. "There's nobody here of my age but Lanky Peters, who looks like a fish, and a redheaded Irish boy with a wooden leg."

The Peasleys arrived and the men and women spent a delightful hour traveling without weariness over the long trail to beloved scenes and the days of their youth. Every day's end thousands were going east on that trail, each to find his pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow of memory.

Before they went to bed that night Brimstead paid his debt to Samson, with interest, and very confidentially.

It was a long, wearisome ride back to the land of plenty, over frozen ground, with barely an inch of snow upon it, under a dark sky, with a chilly wind blowing.

"After all, it's home," said Samson, when late in the evening they saw the lighted windows of the cabin ahead.

"After All, It's Home," Said Samson.

When they had put out their horses and come in by the glowing fire, Samson lifted Sarah in his arms again and kissed her.

"I'm kind o' silly, mother, but I can't help it—you look so temptin'," said Samson.

CHAPTER XIV.

In Which Abe Returns From Vandalia and Is Engaged to Ann, and Three Interesting Slaves Arrive at the Home of Samson Traylor, Who, With Harry Needles, Has an Adventure of Much Importance on the Underground Road.

Abe came back from the legislature to resume his duties as postmaster. The evening of his arrival he went to see Ann. The girl was in poor health. She had had no news of McNamar since January. Her spirit seemed to be broken. They walked together up and down the deserted street of the little village that evening. Abe told her of his life in Vandalia and of his hopes and plans.

"My greatest hope is that you will feel that you can put up with me," he said. "I would try to learn how to make you happy. I think if you would help me a little I could do it."

"If you want me to, I will marry you, Abe," said she. "I cannot say that I love you, but my mother and father say that I would learn to love you, and sometimes I think it is true. I really want to love you."

They were on the bluff that overlooked the river and the deserted mill. They were quite alone looking down at the moonlit plains. A broken sigh came from the lips of the tall young man. He wiped his eyes with his handkerchief. He took her hand in both of his and pressed it against his breast and looked down into her face and said:

"I wish I could tell you what is in my heart. There are things this tongue of mine could say, but not that. I shall show you, but I shall not try to tell you. Words are good enough for politics and even for the religion of most men, but not for this love I feel. Only in my life shall I try to express it."

He held her hand as they walked on in silence for a moment.

"About a year from now we can be married," he said. "I shall be able to take care of you then. I think. Meanwhile we will all help you to take care of yourself. You don't look well."

She kissed his cheek and he kissed hers when they parted at the door of the tavern.

"I am sure I shall love you," she whispered.

"Those are the best words that ever came to my ears," he answered, and left her with a solemn sense of his commitment.

Soon after that Abe went to the north line of the county to do some surveying, and on his return, in the last week of May, came out for a talk with the Traylors.

That was the 26th of May, 1835, a date of much importance in the calendar of the Traylors. It had been a clear, warm day, followed by a cloudless, starry night, with a chilly breeze blowing. Between eleven and twelve o'clock Sarah and Samson were awakened by the hoot of an owl in the dooryard. In a moment they heard three taps on a window pane. They knew what it meant. Both got out of bed and into their clothes as quickly as possible. Samson lighted a candle and put some wood on the fire. Then he opened the door with the candle in his hand. A stalwart, good-looking mulatto man, with a smooth-shaven face, stood in the doorway.

"Is the coast clear?" he whispered.

"All clear," Samson answered, in a low tone.

"I'll be back in a minute," said the negro, as he disappeared in the darkness, returning presently with two women, both very black. They sat down in the dim light of the cabin.

Harry, who had been awakened by the arrival of the strangers, came down the ladder.

"These are fugitive slaves on their way north," said Samson. "Take them out to the stack. I'll bring some food in a few minutes."

Harry conducted them to their hiding place, and when they had entered it, he brought a ladder and opened the top of the stack. A hooped shaft in the middle of it led to a point near its top and provided ventilation. Then he crawled in at the entrance, through which Samson passed a pail of food, a jug of water and some buffalo hides. Harry sat with them for a few moments in the black darkness of the stack room to learn whence they had come and whither they wished to go.

"We are from St. Louis, suh," the mulatto answered. "We are on our way to Canada. Our next station is the house of John Peasley, in Tazewell county."

"Do you know a man of the name of Eliphalet Biggs, who lives in St Louis?" Harry asked.

"Yes, suh; I see him often, suh," the negro answered.

"What kind of a man is he?"

"Good when he is sober, suh, but a brute when he is drunk."

"Is he cruel to his wife?"

"He beats her with a whip, suh."

"My G—!" Harry exclaimed. "Why don't she leave him?"

"She has left him, suh. She is staying with a friend. It has been hard for her to get away. She has been a slave, too."

Harry's voice trembled with emotion when he answered:

"I am sure that none of her friends knew how she was being treated."

"I suppose that she was hoping an' praying, suh, that he would change."

"I think that one of us will take you to Peasley's tomorrow night," said Harry. "Meanwhile I hope you get a good rest."

With that he left them, filled the mouth of the cave with hay and went into the house. There he told his good friends of what he had heard.

"I shall go down to St. Louis," he said. "I read in the paper that there was a boat Monday."

"The first thing to do is to go to bed," said Sarah. "There's not much left of the night."

They went to bed, but the young man could not sleep. Bim had possession of his heart again.

Fortunately, the spring's work was finished and there was not much to be done next day. Samson went to "Colonel" Lukins' cabin and arranged with him and his wife to come and stay with Sarah and made other preparations for the journey to the north. Soon after nightfall they put their guests on a small load of hay, so that they could quickly cover themselves, if necessary, and set out for Peasley's farm. As they rode along Samson had a frank talk with Harry.

"I think you ought to get over being in love with Bim," he said.

"I've told myself that a dozen times, but it don't do any good," said the boy.

"She's another man's wife and you have no right to love her."

"She's another man's slave, and I can't stand the thought of it," Harry answered. "If a man's sister were in such trouble, I think he'd have the right to help her; and she's more than a sister to me."

"I'll stand with you on the sister platform," said Samson.

At sunrise they stopped to give their horses a moment to rest. In the distance they could see Brimstead's house and the harrowed fields around it. The women were lying covered by the hay; the man was sitting up and looking back down the road.

"They're coming," he exclaimed, suddenly, as he got under the hay.

Samson and Harry could see horsemen following at a gallop half a mile or so down the road. Our friends hurried their team and got to Brim-

(Continued next week)

Belmond Local News

Wm. O. Butterfield was an over Sunday visitor at Mason City.

The Chamberlin and Claussen families are entertaining an aunt and cousins this week, the relatives arriving Saturday.

The road running south of town past the sugar factory is one awful rocky road to Dublin these days, with every mile a series of bumps and jerks. Formerly one of the best roads in the county, smooth as a floor, it is now one continuous bumpity bump all the way to Solsburg. The heavy trucks used to haul gravel for the road leading from Solsburg to the county seat, have cut the road to ribbons, leaving hollows and bumps all along. After the road to the county seat if fixed it might be a good idea to give this road a little attention.

STILL ANOTHER STILL FOUND AT HAMPTON

Chronicle: Another "still" was rounded up in Hampton last week. It was discovered at the Charles E. Schoppe place in the southwest part of the city. The still was a crude affair but sheriff Atkinson and deputy sheriff Millett gathered up a quan of liquor and a good supply of mash.

Mr. Schoppe was taken before Judge Parks and after pleading guilty to breaking the prohibition laws he was fined $56, including the costs of the case. County attorney Staurt handled the case for the state.

Sheriff Atkinson and Deputy Sheriff Millett each made a haul at Dows last Friday night. At the place of Henry Welzein they rounded up a large supply of mash, but did not find any of the machinery with which t finished product is made. The stuff did not seem to have the necessary kick, so the defendant was discharged in Judge Park's court in Hampton las Saturday.

At the Fred Malnory place, also i Dows, 120 quarts of the "home brew" was confiscated by the officers from the sheriff's office. The still was not to be found, but it is evident t defendant himself believed that he had the real stuff as he was not to be found in court here to pay any fine which might have been assessed against him. However, a sample of the brew was examined at the chemical department of the Marschall drug store, and it was announced no traces of the real stuff could be found. As a result the case against Mr. Malnory was dismissed.

The Value of Money

If you would know the value of money, try to borrow some." A volume of good advice on the subject of saving would fail to convince as would this simple teat. 'Tis better though to banish the necessity for borrowing by saving.

START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TODAY

Belmond Savings Bank

FORD PLANT BUILDS 108,962 IN JUNE

Demand Exceeds Output As Ford Breaks All Previous Records

During the month of June, the Ford Motor Company, thru its Detroit Factories and 22 Assembly Plants thruout the country reached the production of 108,962 Ford cars and trucks, setting up a new high record for one month.

Production of Ford cars and trucks has been steadily increasing since early spring, and shows substantial gains over the same period last year. The second quarter of 1921, viz., April, May and June, shows an output of 301,796 Ford cars and trucks against 220,878 for hte same three months of last year, or a net increase of 80,918.

Despite the fact, however, that the Ford Plants have been running at maximum capacity, the demand for Ford cars and trucks is not being met, and at the present time, many thousand unfilled orders have been piled up ahead so that Ford sales are still limited by manufacturing facilities rather than marketing possibilities. Particularly is this true with respect to enclosed cars, for which the demand has been unusually heavy.

One reason cited by Ford officials for the unprecedented demand for Ford cars is the present tendency toward economy. Many of those whose names have been added to the long list of buyers might have afforded larger and more costly cars than the Ford, but it is the belief that most prospective motor car buyers are investgating all of the costs incident to motoring much more carefully than at any period during the past five years.

The estimated output of the Ford factories for July calls for 10,000 cars and trucks, or a production of 4,360 a day for 25days. Since the assembling of cars is being handled during an eight hour work day only, the hourly output will be 545 cars. In other words one Ford car or truck leaves the assembly room every six and one-half seconds.

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MILK ORDINANCE TO BE EXPLAINED FRIDAY

Belmond Township Farm Bureau Picnic Held Thursday

Enjoyable Affair Held At Home Of M. R. Pierce Draws Large Attendance

DEMONSTRATION IS GIVEN

About 200 farmers of Belmond township took time out last Thursday afternoon, July 14, and enjoyed an afternoon social and even picnic at the home of M. R. Pierce on the west edge of Morse Lake.

A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove who was scheduled for this meeting was unable to meet with the Belmond farmers because of his appointment with a committee in Des Moines. The county agent substituted for Mr. Middleton and gave a short talk on general farm bureau work.

The greater part of the afternoon was given to the poultry culling demonstration which was conducted by the county agent. Several crates of hens were handled and culled and the slacker hens thrown out. The points in culling were explained in detail and those who are interested in poultry work gathered enough informaaion so as to be able to go back to their own farms and pick out the star boarders in their flocks. About thirty percent of the hens culled were discarded as non-layers.

After the poultry culling demonstration the picnicers sat down to a most sumptuous picnic supper, which was spread on the rustic tables which were arranged in the grove of the Pierce farm. Everyone ate until completly satisfied then ate some more and then finished up with ice cream.

The last thing was boating on the lake and the joyful crowd broke up after everyone had enjoyed an evening ride.

FARM BUREAU SOCIAL AT MEINDERS HOME

On of the largest social gatherings ever held in Pleasant township was held at the Adolph Meinders home four miles south of Belmond on Friday evening, July 15. Automobiles were packed into the farm yard and the road in front of the home was lined on both sides for several rods.

Pleasant township farmers have caught the spirit of community socials and have decided to hold regular monthly gatherings at various of the homes over the township throout the entire year.

The first number on the program was a short talk from the county agent who reviewed the farm bureau work that has been carried on during the last year. He spoke of the social developement of the farm bureau and explained in detail some of the legislative measures which have been accomplished during the past few months. He also explained what is being done by the farm bureau in an effort to reduce freight rates.

The principal address of the evening was given by R. E. Lee Aldrich of Iowa township who talked for an hour or more on farm bureau work and world problems in general. Mr. Aldrich's talk indicated that he is a man who makes a thoro study of our present day conditions. He is well known to the farmers of the township and his address seemed to be interesting and to the point.

Ice cream and cake were served and the evening's program closed at 11:30.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The St. Olaf Lutheran [illegible] will hold a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Emerson, [illegible] place east of the church, on the north side of the road, instead of the regular Sunday evening program.

ERNEST HOWARD LUICK

Ernest Howard Luick, second son of E. W. and Grace Luick, was born in Belmond, Iowa, September 1, 1900, and died in the hospital at Waverly, Iowa, July 12, 1921, from injuries received in an auto accident on July 10.

Howard attended the Belmond public school and graduated in the class of 1920. He was very popular with all his school mates and his teachers admired him for his frankness and honesty. If he were one's friend he would be true to one always. Two of his school mates have written of him that he was their 'pal' every place they went and that he was loved by all his school mates.

The characteristic of being a "pal" existed not only with his class mates but also with his father and mother. They always shared each others confidences.

Howard's Sunday school teacher has said of him "that no matter what she asked him to do he did it and did it well. He entered whole souled into whatever he undertook; he could enter into social activities with the same life and enthusiasm that he put into athletics.

His life was an open book. His frankness was a characteristic that may be well admired and patterned after. He was always considerate of older folks. As a small boy when delivering milk he would often visit for a prolonged time with Belmond's oldest residents, enjoying himself as much with them as with friends of his own age and giving his boyish ideas with as much abandon.

He loved his grandmother Brande with all his heart, not letting a day pass without doing some gallant little deed for her. He worked industriously with his father on their new home, taking great pride in carrying out their plans.

To his father and mother, little sister and little brother, relatives and companions we would leave these words of Whittier:

"To weary hearts, to mourning homes,
God's meekest Angel gently comes;
No power has he to banish pain,
Or give us back our lost again;
And yet in tenderest love our dear
And Heavenly Father sends him here.

There's quiet in that Angel's glance,
There's rest in his still countenance!
He mocks no grief with idle cheer,
Nor wounds with words the mourner's ear;
But ills and woes he may not cure,
He kindly trains us to endure.

Angel of Patience! sent to calm
Our feverish brows with cooling palm;
To lay the storms of hope and fear,
And reconcile life's smile and tear;
The throbs of wounded pride to still,
And make our own our Father's will!

O thou who mournest on the way,
With longings for the close of day—
He walks with thee, that Angel kind,
And gently whispers, "Be resigned:
Bear up, bear on, the end shall tell
The dear Lord ordereth all things well."

A Friend.

Funeral services were held at the home in east Belmond on Friday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev S. U. Leinbach in charge, and interment was in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

The out-of-town relatives who were present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Glidden of Henry, South Dakota; Mrs. Cora Evans and Russell Benton of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brooks and sons John, Donald, Richard and Robert, and daughter Elizabeth of Waverly; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brooks and family of Jessup; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brande of Iowa Falls; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brande of Alden; and Mike Highberger from Rockwell City.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the sympathy and acts of kindness shown to us in our great bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Luick and family.

Mrs. Lucy Brande.

Mrs. A. L. Luick was called to Dubuque last week by the serious illness of her mother, who later died at her home there.

Belmond Farmer Is Held Up By Three Men With Guns

Men Asleep In School House Near Davenport Farm Grow Abusive

THREATEN TO BURN HOME

D. C. Abels, a farmer residing south and west of Belmond, had a hair-raising experience on Wednesday morning of last week when three men trained three guns on him and made him walk the chalk line.

The three men, strangers, were at the Davenport school house south of town, asleep. Abels, coming along, noticed that they had several shocks of his oats, which they were using for pillows. He stopped and asked them to return the shocks after they had finished their snooze, and the strangers became sassy about it, saying that they would if they felt like it, and he could go chase himself.

Abels went back to his house, got his gun and drove back to the school house. He had the gun on the car seat beside him. The men were at the school house yet, and Abels once more requested them to return the bundle of oats to the field. The men again became abusive, and Abels started to reach for his gun. He only had time to start, however, when each of the strangers got into action and Abels was looking down the business end of three hefty revolvers.

The men ordered him to throw up his hands, which he did immediately. They then took his gun away, broke it open and threw the cartridges in the weeds, then they politely handed the gun back to him and said that if he did not go home and stay there, and keep his mouth shut for an hour, they would return and burn him out. Abels thought that the odds were too great to take a chance on, so followed directions to the letter.

The strangers then hopped into their car, a Ford badly broken down and in desripit condition, and traveled.

Who they were, where they were going and what their business was nobody seems to know, but the fact that they each carried a good-sized gun makes it look suspicious.

FIRM OF NISSEN & HARBISON DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP

The firm of Nissen & Harbison was dissolved last week when Mr. Harbison sold out to his partner. The future plans of Mr. Harbison are not known, but it is understood he has been offered several positions since disposing of his interests here, one of the offers being from Mason City. Belmond folks will hope that he decides to stay here, for his many local friends will hate to see him move. Mr. Nissen is now conducting the business alone.

LEGION SHOCKS OATS FOR MEMBER

Elmer Larson was called to Radcliff last week by the death and funeral of his sister, Mrs. Lars Severeid. He had just cut his oats, and was up against it. During his absence the local post of the American Legion, of which Larson is a member, got busy, and a gang of them went out to the Larson farm on last Thursday and shocked some thirty acres of oats, some of the neighbors out that way helping. The Legion is right on the firing line when it comes to helping out. Some one of the boys left a pair of gloves in the field and he can secure them by calling at the Independent office, where they were left to be called for.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gregory and family of Chicago were recent guests at the home of their friends here, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Luick.

LUELLA MAY GREEN

Luella May, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green, was born at Belmond, Iowa, March 10, 1920, and died July 15, 1921, of summer complaint, after an illness of only 98 hours. To the sorrowing parents and relatives we would commend the following beautiful words:

"Only a home so sad and drear
Shadowed by Sorrow's dark pall—
Only a rain of the heart felt tears
That in bitterest anguish fall.
Only a tiny waxen form
From which the sweet life has sped—
Only awed whispers, hushed and low—
'The little baby is dead.'

"Only all this the world can see
In its passing to and fro,
Only God knows a father's grief,
And the mother's anguished woe.
Only He knows the bright fond hopes
From their hearts forever fled,
Only He knows the aching void
When their little baby is dead.

"Only from God can comfort come,
Sweet hope and surcease from pain—
Only He in His infinite power
Can measure the baby's gain.
Only He knows the blessed release
Never to weep or to mourn.
Hark! dear parents, Angels are whispering,
'Thy little one's safely at home.'"

Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Leinbach officiating, after which the little body was laid away in Franklin Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy in the illness and death of our beloved one, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green.
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Green.

BELMOND WINS ANOTHER— BEAT HAMPTON 10 TO 9

In a wild and sensational ten-inning game the Belmond team took the third straight victory from the fast-improving Hampton team.

It was nobody's game the whole game thru, seesawing back and forth from one side to the other. Hampton started out bravely in the first inning and scored twice. Belmond in their half failed to make the way round. In the second Hampton put in three more, giving them a five to nothing lead. That was the way the boys were in the first Kanawha game, however, and then they won out, and they started out to do the same thing yesterday. In their half of the second they pounded in six runs, a lot of costly bungles by Hampton helping things along.

In the third each side scored one, leaving Belmond still one to the good. The fourth and fifth were runless on both sides, but in the sixth Belmond shut Hampton out and made one run themselves, which made the score 8 and 6.

In the seventh Hampton pounded a couple of runs over, which made the score even eight apiece.

Belmond couldn't make the riffle in their half, and there the old game stood, ready to be picked.

The eighth found both sides unable to complete the circuit, and the game went into the nineth with an even score of eight to eight. Hampton got as far as first, but couldn't get any further. Belmond made it as far as second, and died there. So the battle went into extra innings, with everybody on their toes and pulling for life.

Hampton took all the joy out of life when a walk, a hit, and some errors put one big run over the pan for them.

Belmond's chances looked pretty gloomy when the first man up fanned the breeze. But the next one got on, and a hit advanced him to third base. The old squeeze play was gotten out, dusted off, and put into action, and a bunt left the bases loaded, the man on third being unaple to get home. Another bunt put a run over and tied the score, and then Fulton laid down a pretty little bunt for the winning run.

The game was featured by numerous errors on both sides.

STATE DAIRY INSPECTOR TO BE HERE THEN

Proposed Ordinance Regulating Sale Of Milk Thoroly Explained

OTHER COUNCILS COMING

Clarion And Dows Councils To Hear Address By Dr. O. P. Thompson

Dr. O. P. Thompson of Waterloo, State Dairy Inspector for Iowa, will be in Belmond on Friday evening of this week and will deliver an address in the city hall explaining in detail the proposed ordinance dealing with the regulating of selling milk within the city limts of the town.

The address will be given at 8:00 o'clock, and the public, both retailers of milk and anyone who is interested in the subject, is invited to be present and learn the whys and wherefores of the proposed ordinance.

The ordinance as it has been reported to the council of Belmond, is the same as those which are being placed before the city dads of every incorporated town in the state, and the councils from Clarion and Dows are to be here Friday evening to hear the address by Dr. Thompson.

The proposed ordinance is exceptionally strict and far-reaching, and will have a large effect on anyone in Belmond who retails milk, either in quantities or in just pint lots, so that it would seem that everyone who sells milk would profit greatly by attending the address Friday evening and having the ordinance thoroly explained to them.

The council proposes to pass the ordinance at the next meeting, and the consequences will be of considerable range.

AUTO HITS CALF AT MORSE LAKE--VEAL

Out near Morse Lake on Wednesday evening of last week, a calf was called hence with great neatness and dispatch, when a Paige car, driven by Thomas O'Toole of Eagle Grove, son of a doctor at that place, met said young bovine head on while the car was going fifty miles more or less—mostly more—an hour. Young O'Toole and a party of friends from his town had been at the lake, and in going down the hill west of the lake they met three calves in the road. The big Paige smashed into one of the poor innocent things and proceeded to mess things up generally. The calf was turned into vial pronto, and the car into scrap, more or less, the top radiator and windshield being demolished. Outside of a few bruises and the jarring up, the occupants were not injured to speak of, altho the car turned over. A little less speed and more sense would do a lot of people good when they meet an animal in the road, for going at a good gait it does not require much to turn a car over or into the ditch.

BOLLER-LETCH

Mr. Anton John Bohler and Miss Faye Letch were united in marriage by the Rev. S. U. Leinbach of the Congregational church on Saturday evening of last week, July 16, the ceremony taking place at the home of Rev. Leinbach.

Both contracting parties have been making their homes here, altho they are originally from Goodell. They expect to reside here for the present.

The Independent joins with their many friends in extending best wishes for a long and happily married life.

Charley Peterson and family of Hampton came over with their ball team Wednesday.

FREE AIR!

Out at the lake.
* * *
The other night.
* * *
There was a guy.
* * *
From some other town.
* * *
And he was about.
* * *
Six cubits.
* * *
Whatever that is.
* * *
Around the center.
* * *
And he was about.
* * *
Eight axe handles high.
* * *
More or less.
* * *
And he put on a suit.
* * *
And went in the water.
* * *
And then we shuddered.
* * *
And held our breath.
* * *
In horrified suspense.
* * *
Because he stumbled.
* * *
And almost fell.
* * *
And if he had tumbled.
* * *
And fallen flat.
* * *
There would have been.
* * *
Several drownding.
* * *
Because the waves he would make.
* * *
If he ever fell flat.
* * *
Would have swamped the bathers.
* * *
But he didn't fall.
* * *
And just waded in.
* * *
And the water rose.
* * *
About two feet.
* * *
And he paddled round.
* * *
And seemed to have.
* * *
A good time.
* * *
Just the same as others.
* * *
And we were glad.
* * *
Because we knew.
* * *
Just how he felt.
* * *
And there were two girls.
* * *
Went in the water.
* * *
And as they went.
* * *
One of them said.
* * *
To the other one.
* * *
"Be careful what you say.
* * *
Because there's a lot.
* * *
Of men around."
* * *
And ever since.
* * *
We've been wondering.
* * *
What she meant?
* * *
Most any old night.
* * *
Of the week.
* * *
You can have fun.
* * *
By the bushel at the lake.
* * *
Just lookin' on.
* * *
And watchin' the bathers.
* * *
And listening to the talk.
* * *
But sometimes you get
* * *
An awful hankerin'.
* * *
To splash around too.
* * *
Ain't it the truth?

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GET TOGETHER

The daily press reports that the various nations whom President Harding has asked to meet in a conference to limit armaments, have agreed to the meeting, and that the conference is soon to take place.

Let's all hope that it does, and that the nations at the conference will be able to reach a mutual understanding and agreement on the limiting of the world's armaments, for it will be the greatest step forward that the world has taken in two thousand years.

The war bill of the big nations is now totalling ten billion dollars every year. This is a sum that cannot be comprehended by the human mind. It is the great bulk of the world's expenditures for government, and if the limitation of armaments can be mutually agreed upon this stupendous sum will be reduced by half if not more, and the money which is now spent in building up armies and navies for the purpose of destruction will be turned into the channels of education, better government and better living conditions and homes, into a thousand one different avenues of betterment to mankind. And this immense sum, now taken from the pockets of the people for maintaining the fighting forces, in the way of heavy taxes, will be greatly reduced, for by far the largest share of the tax money goes toward paying for wars past, present and future.

Of the nations asked, England appears glad, as does Italy, while France is skeptical and Japan watchfully waiting. Japan apparantly will insist on completing her present naval program. She appears to be the one nation who may hold back when the time comes to compromise.

President Harding has taken a big step forward in inviting this conference, and should it be successfully concluded will be numbered as one of the greatest figures of all history.

AIN'T IT AWFUL, MABLE?

It does beat the cars—and it has to go some nowadays to beat 'em—that the Clarion News cannot get things straight? And doesn't it beat the cars that they hate to see the Belmond ball team get away with a game?

In the write up of the Fourth game the news, as the Herald-Press so aptly put it, crowded 20 inches of type full of errors and incorrect statements, but in its write up of the game last Wednesday the News gives anything but the news. It says Belmond got sore and quit over a decision at the plate, when as a matter of fact the boys quit because they would not put in another umpire. And on this umpire business there is considerable to say. The Clarion dispatches to the Globe-Gazette grossly mistated the facts of the game and appeared to deliberately libel the team and town.

Belmond quit because the umpire was rotten in his decisions. After Belmond had accepted his decision on home and had gone on playing, he made it a point to come over to the boys after the next inning and start arguing and talking about the decision, altho none of them had given him cause to start talking. The Belmond manager asked for a new umpire, which he had a perfect right to do. The Clarion manager agreed, as we only asked that another man, any one from any place be put in. But the Clarion pitcher then steps in and declared he wouldn't play if they put in a new ump. As the pitcher rather than the manager seemed to manage the team, the Belmond boys decided they would rather forfeit the game than have it stolen from them, they quit, altho they wanted to continue the game for they were playing better ball than Clarion.

The News says it was Clarion's game, mostly because Wilson had 15 strikeouts to Pillmer's nine. But not the strikeouts count, brother King. Belmond had four hits to Clarion's two; Belmond had five men left on bases to Clarion's two; and Belmond had not made an error in the entire game, while Clarion had, a beautiful bonehead play wherein three men stood around and let a high pop fly drop between them. Does that look as tho it was Clarion's game?

The News insinuates that the Belmond manager had a bet on the game, which was absolutely without foundation. As a matter of fact the betters were from the county seat, who made bets among themselves. Belmond people at the game were not betting, aside from one or two.

The umpire, when he went into the grounds, paid his way, and said to the gatekeeper: "I may umpire, and if I do I'll come back and get my money." Later he did. He asked the gatekeeper for his money back, saying he was to umpire, and he said: "I'll give you a good deal today." He did, alright. Said conversation being overheard by a man who wasn't from Clarion.

Ain't it awful, Mable, that they just hate to see Belmond win?

The Independent is not picking a scrap with the News, or with the fans from Clarion, but it would like to see things given straight.

CLIPPINGS

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The other day Eckard Zeidler was shocking grain for Albert Schmidt and in the days work ran onto something rather strange. Eckard found a bird's nest with young birds in it in a bundle of grain wovhad built their nest on top of a tall weed which was cut with the grain, went thru the binden into a tall weed. The birds er and made into a bundle and the nest was not destroyed or the young birds were not spilled out in going thru the binder. Eckard set the bundle up in the shock and the birds seemed quite content in their new location and were none the worse for their exciting trip thru the binder.—Klemme Times.

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The bank burglars were scheduled to visit us this week, but evidently they had a tip that it would be a tough job, for we understand that our local bank has its Liberty Bonds with a city correspondent. This has been done by nearly all banks so that the burglar does not fare nearly so well as he did a year ago.—Meservey Register.

Vern Smith returned on Monday morning from an over Sunday visit at Belmond.

Sunday night while Mr. and Mrs. Curley Lewis, their little daughter, Curley's sister, Miss Essex of Whitten, who is a guest at their home, and Miss Viva Rourk were returning from Bayside, one of the front wheels on their auto came off near Garner causing the occupants to be thrown against the sides and the windshield of the car. No one was seriously hurt, Miss Viva receiving a cut on one side of her head that required a couple of stitches and was also quite badly bruised. Miss Essex received several small cuts and was bruised. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis both received minor injuries while their little daughter escaped uninjured. She was asleep in her mother's lap and did not even wake up.—Kanawha Reporter.

Up in West Bend a fellow sold a cow hide for one dollar and then had to pay forty cents for a belt lacing. It is estimated that a single cow hide will make 1,000 belt lacings. Where does the money between the cost of the hide and cost of the strings go?—Exchange.

The Goldfield ban has accepted thru their manager an engagement to play two concerts for the Clear Lake Amusement company at Bayside Park on next Sunday afternoon and evening. The band, fully uniformed, will number about 35 men. The trip will be made in cars and the band will be accompanied by a hundred or more friends and relatives of of the members. This band has made considerable strides musically during the past year and have several offers for outside engagements.—Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gartin of Belmond were visiting in Klemme last Thursday afternoon.—Times.

W. C. Tyrrell of Belmond passed thru here Monday enroute to Britt. He and W. S. Pritchard are old time friends and Mr. Tyrrell stopped for a few minutes confab with Walt.—Garner Signal.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Our Superintendent anounced last Sunday that we are to have our annual picnic in the near future. Further announcement will be made next Sunday. Be sure to hear it.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

A welcome awaits you at any and all of the services of the church.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies Aid society will be held Thursday afternoon of this week at the Wolle home. A picnic will be held in connection with the meeting. Every member and any who wish to join the society are urged to be present. Bring dishes, sandwiches and one other thing for your own family.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

We must go one better next Sunday to be up to the mark set for this quarter. That was fine for this hot weather but let us not let good enough beat us out of the best. The young peoples meeting at Mr. Tyrrell's was full of interest and there were at least two more present than the week before. Let us keep moving up.

Next Sunday: Sabbath school at 10:00, morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services at 8:00. The services next Sunday evening will be held at the home of Mr. Bert Jenison and will be led by Miss Beatrice Leinbach. We hope to see at least a hundred present at this meeting. Why not spend your Sunday evenings in an hour of worship out on a nice cool lawn rather than just riding around or at the lake or in some picnic party? The groves were God's first temples and it does seem that we get very near to God in these out of door services. We invite all to come and those who have no way of getting out we will furnish you cars in which to go if you will come to the church not later than half past seven. The services begin promptly at 8:00.

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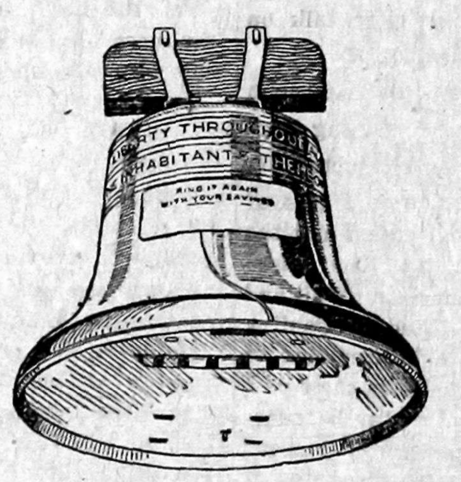

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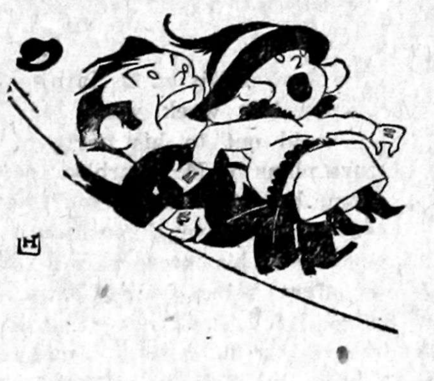

I READ a story,
ABOUT A fellow.
WHO SLIPPED.
ON AN icy hill.
AND STARTED to slide.
AND TRIPPED up.
A FAT lady.
WHO SAT on him.
AND RODE down hill.
TO THE foot.
AND THEN he wheezed.
"MADAM, YOU'LL have.
TO GET off here.
THIS IS as far.
AS I go."
SO WHEN a new clerk.
WHO DIDN'T know.
MY REGULAR smoke.
TRIED TO sell me.
SOME OTHER kind.
OF CIGARETTE.
I REMEMBERED that yarn.
AND TOLD the clerk.
JUST WHERE to get off.
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AND GIVE off smoke.
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Miss Izetta Fletcher spent Tuesday at Fort Dodge with her sister, Mrs. Morris Sullivan.

Miss Iva Zalesky of Detroit, Mich., who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. A. French, went to Fort Dodge on Tuesday to visit relatives there for a while.

Fred Clark is visiting his niece, Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D Yoeman, Mrs. Bert Hiams and Mrs. L. W. Stevenson were Clarion shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, Mrs. W. H. Nye and Mrs. J. F. Howell and children went to Clarion, Tuesday, to shop.

Mrs. Joseph George of Dows visited at the home of her friend, Mrs. Ed Miller last Tuesday. The following ladies entertained her at a picnic at the river: Mesdames Ed Miller, Blanche Jennings, F. H. Fowler, Willard McCallum and Guy Stumph. They report a fine time.

Miss Blanch Combs was taken to the hospital at Iowa Falls where she was operated on last Tuesday for appendicitis. She is reported as recovering nicely.

Relatives here have received cards announcing the marriage of Charles McKinstrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jap McKinstrey of Cedar Falls, the last Thursday in June. They were married at the "Little Brown Church in the Vale."

Jay, Vera and Dorothy Knuths were Coulter callers Sunday of last week.

Donald Farren was an Eagle Grove caller Tuesday where he helped arrange for the county Tennis Tournament which will be held at Eagle Grove, August 4.

Mrs. Fred Smith, Kenneth and Marion, of Coulter, came Wednesday to spend several days at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder and her sister, Mrs. Fred Brooks.

Miss Susan Duffy and Mr. R. Williamson were Hampton business callers Wednesday.

The meat market has discontinued retaiing ice on account of the shortage. This is a disappointment to their customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lerton Sater of Middletown were in town Wednesday evening. They were looking after farm interests here. They were enroute to Clear Lake to spend a week camping. Mr. Sater is a brother of Bert Sater who lived here several years.

Miss Margaret Cooley of Forest City has been visiting at the home of her uncle Herb Ketchum and family. She returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. E. Bingham has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Will Farmer and children of Stubenville, Ohio, who have been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Rowen, returned to Clarion, Thursday to visit for a few days.

Mrs. B. Bradfield of Spirit Lake arrived Tuesday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen, returning home Friday. Miss Nellie Pierce of Belmond is also visiting at the Rowen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks and Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion were Eagle Grove shoppers Thursday.

J. L. Sinclair of Clarion was a Rowan caller Thursday.

Edgar Mantle went to Goodell this week to help his folks put up hay.

Mrs. Lloyd Green and Mrs. Lyle Hall of Alexander were Rowan shoppers Friday. They also met Mrs. Mary Hall, and Mrs. Sylvia Felmy, also Alexander, who had been visiting at Bristow.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Clarion were in town Monday of this week tuning pianos.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch and their children have moved in rooms in the Bingham block. Mr. Welch is with the extra gang on the Great Western railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brooks and their family of Waverly, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brooks and family of Jessup, called on relatives here Friday. They were enroute to Waverly from Belmond where they had been attending the funeral of the late Howard Luick. He was a nephew of Mrs. Will Brooks.

Last Wednesday four auto loads from Belmond met the body of Howard Luick who was fatally injured in an auto accident at Waverly.

Little Barbara Ketchum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ketchum, met with an accident last Thursday when their automblle backed over her. Luckily she was not hurt much, no bones being broken.

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T. Hansen was a Thornton and Clear Lake visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Welch was a Clarion visitor Friday.

Mrs. Will Bailey was sick this week caused from the extreme heat.

Mrs. Ben Stout and baby of Thompson came Saturday to visit at the home of her uncle, Sim Stout, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferguson and Mrs. Dan Harris and children attended the circus at Webster City, Saturday.

Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey and daughter Bernice were Belmond shoppers Friday.

Mrs. Dan Flecher and daughter, Izetta, were Dows shoppers between trains Friday.

The Misses Wilda and Frieda Whitaen were Dows shoppers Saturday.

J. H. Dix of Hampton was a visitor here Saturday, looking after his farm interests and calling on old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey, Jr. and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey and Bernice were Dows callers Saturday. Chester went down to have his hand dressed, which he had broken when the hand car fell over on it. It is not getting along as well as it should.

The morning freight train going on the Rock Island set fire to the oat field on the Fred Brooks farm, Saturday, burning about ten acres of the shocked oats. Herb Hadley lives on on this place. The fire also ran into R. E. Lee Aldrich's field and burned one or two acres for him. Several car loads of men from town went out to fight the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Virden, the Misses May and Frances Virden, and Ruth Emerson and Mrs. W. H. Nye and Wilford and Margerette motored to Iowa Falls, Thursday. Miss Frances went from there to Cedar Falls to attend the State Christian Endeavor convention at that place.

The ice cream social which was held on the church lawn last Tuesday night was well attended. The home made ice cream was enjoyed very much and the Endeavors realized over $20 from it which was nearly all clear money.

Mrs. R. H. Keith and Kenneth and Margaret spent the week last week at Renwick at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clowes. Mr. Keith motored after them Sunday. Mrs. Keith's niece, Charlotte Clowes, returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Gene Sprague and son Kenneth spent several days with her husband last week at the home of Mrs. Mary Braden. She went to Cedar Rapids, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cowley and Miss Maude Cowley of Dows spent Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Braden. Miss Cowley is one of the high school teachers for the coming year.

Fred Brooks finished his work on the road grader for the present and started running the separator on the Keith threshing machine last Saturday.

Jack Steffens, who has been visiting at the home of his uncle Wm. Steffens, and family, left Monday for Spring Valley, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and family visited at the J. L. Sinclair home in Clarion Monday evening

Fred Heathershaw, a brother of Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver, arrived one day last week from England.

The Jackson Furniture Co. of Clarion brought a bunch of all cotton filled mattresses over Thursday and sold a good share of them.

Ben McCormick has resigned as section foreman on the Great Western road here and returned to Dumont. Carl Kalvig has been appointed as foreman in his place.

Mrs. J. S. Farren and son Bobby visited at Fort Dodge Saturday.

Miss Erma Barker went to Fayette, Saturday, to attend a six weeks summer course.

Eddie Underdahl was a Mason City caller Monday of this week.

Earl Bailey went to Fort Dodge on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson went to Clear Lake Saturday returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kalvig and family moved from Ackley last week into the residence vacated by the Dr. Gordon family last spring. The houses in Rowan are all full again.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Comer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings and children of Clarion spent Sunday at the L. A. McCallum home.

Clarence Lindsey has been working for Dan Fletcher on the dray during Mr. Fletchers' absence.

Miss Alice McCallum of Dundee is visiting at the L. A. McCallum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madson and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hansen and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Andrews and family of Coulter were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sailor and family of Ackley were Sunday guests at the Jake Aldinger home. They all went to Clear Lake for part of the day.

Sunday evening the following people had a picnic supper at Morse Lake Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden and Mr. and Mrs. R. Williamson.

Mrs. A. D. Hiams has been spending the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Heath.

Marledene Ross, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs Tom Ross of near Galt, has been very sick the past week with convulsions caused from her teeth. She is reported better at the present time.

The Rowan ball team played the Goodell team Sunday on the diamond north of town with a score of 4-3 in favor of Goodell.

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver was a Clarion visitor Monday.

The score of the tennis game which was played at Eagle Grove July 7th stands as follows:

Andrews vs. Tomkinson, 6-2.
Rietz vs. Whiteman, 7-5.
Martin vs. Shedon, 6-2.
Andrews vs. Rietz, 6-0.
Martin vs. Farren, 6-1.
Wilson vs. Norris, 6-1.
Martin vs. Whiteman, 7-5.

Results in doubles:

Platte-Cook vs. Farren-Sheldon, 6-2.
Strans-James vs. Farren-Sheldon, 1-6.
Platt-Whiteman vs. Rietz-Tomkinson, 6-4.
Andrews-Martin vs. Rietz-Tomkinson, 6-4.
Platt-Andrews vs. Tomkinson-Farren, 6-2.
Farren-Tomkinson vs. Cooke-Barnes, 5-4.

Miss Urdahl and Clifford Larson of Rake came Monday night to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Underdahl.

John Brooks of Waverly came Monday to visit at the home of his grandma Brooks and his uncle Fred Brooks.

Miss Laura McCallum went to Clarion, Sunday, to visit a couple of weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glen Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Emerson and family left Friday night for Lake Okoboji for a short camping trip. They expected to meet Dr. and Mrs. Chassell and family at that place and then all come to Rowan.

The American Legion met Monday night in regular session.

Mrs. Fred Welch was taken suddenly very ill Monday night.

Mr. Mullins of Des Moines was in town several days last week canvassing the country with Mr. E. Bingham selling stock medicine.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Morning service at 11:00.
Sunday school at 12:00.
Christian Endeavor at 7:00.

There will be a report given at this meeting by our delegate who attended the state convention at Cedar Rapids.

Evening service at 8:00.

Everybody is invited to attend to these services. Come and bring your friends.

Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. the Junior Endeavor will meet at the church.

The mid-week prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 at the church.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Jake Aldinger on Wednesday afternoon, July 20. Topic, Law Enforcement. Leader, Mrs. Mollering.

The union service Sunday night at the Cong. church was cuite well attended. The male quartette gave a fine selection which was enjoyed by all.

REDUCED RAILROAD RATES

Veterans of 88th Division Granted Rate of One and One-Half Fare To Reunion.

Local veterans of the Eighty-eighth division have just received word from the Western Passenger Association announcing a reduced rate of one and one-half for round trip to the first reunion of the division to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, August 26 to 28.

The special rate will be given for all service men who trained at Camp Dodge, either with the regular regiments of the division or with any of the special units stationed there during the war. It also applies to all artillerymen who were in training at the Des Moines cantonment.

At least 2,000 veterans from this state are expected to attend the reunion. Special trains will be operated from several points within the state, details concerning which will be announced later.

According to announcements received from Des Moines this week there will be a tena city of more than 20 acres erected at the state fair grounds there, where the veterans will be given housing free of charge for the period of the reunion. Provision is being made for a total attendance of between 6,000 and 10,000 men.

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GARNER PLEASED WITH CHAUTAUQUA

The chautauqua just completed at Garner has proved highly satisfactory to the people of that town, and the Garner Leader has considerable to say about it. The chautauqua is of the Midland system, which is the same system that has been signed up for here for next year. The Leader says in part:

With this evening's program, Garner closes the most successful chautauqua that has ever been held in the city. We measure the success of this attraction by the quality of the talent furnished rather than by the gate receipts. This is the first year that Garner has attempted to put a seven-day chautauqua over and altho the undertaking did not bring the guarantors any dividends, Garner boosters are by no means discouraged, and we will have another chautauqua next year, and it will be a seven-day lay-out. There are several matters to be taken into consideration in figuring why the chautauqua did not attract as it should this year. The principal one is that our people did not realize what really excellent talent was being brought to our city, nor did this great truth become generally known and understood until the last days of the program when marked increase in attendance was evidenced.

Now since the programs have been given and our people have come to realize what sort of talent we have had one could go out and sell the guarantee in one day's time. Another matter to be considered is that farmers are busy at this time in the harvest fields and could not well get away. A third and perhaps one of the best reasons to assign is that we have not been educated to such quality programs. Heretofore we have had junior or five-day chautauquas and naturally the quality of the talent has not been as good in some instances as what we had expected, but we have had a real chautauqua this season and none can say that he has not had many times his money's worth. What the Midland Chautauqua company furnished this year has blazed the trail for future chautauqua and hereafter it will be a seven-days program for Garner.

ALEXANDEER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bohlen and two children visited at the B. K. Kinseth home at Belmond last Sunday.

The many friends of Adolph Eden are glad to learn that he is somewhat improved after his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Van Horn, Mrs. Kate Kausian and children, Earnest, Julius and Minnie of Dumont, visited with relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reed are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born Friday, July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Caas Symens were business callers at Belmond last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldinger and children were callers at Hampton last Thursday evening.

Will Vestweber of Belmond was a caller in town last Saturday.

Else Eden was a caller at Belmond last Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Winwood and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and children visited at the George Yaw home at Iowa Falls one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son Frederick visited with relatives in Belmond Sunday evening.

Miss Wilma Foughty visited at the DeMaris home in Hampton several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Marble of Waterloo visited at the John Bell and Peter Bohlen homes the past week.

John Modderman and sons, Claas, Ilert and John, autoed to Rochester Minnesota, last Sunday to visit with Herman Modderman who is in the hospital at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton visited at the Nels Larsen home last Sunday.

Rev. J. J. Priestly former pastor of the Congregational church, is visiting Alexander people this week.

Will Foughty was a Sunday caller at Garner.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The hum of the threshing machine has already been heard here the past week.

The three standard schools of Pleasant township have ordered slides which will greatly improve the playgrounds.

Mrs. Rob Walters spent Sunday at the Harry Green home, her little daughter, Harriet, is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Ed. Thompson.

Bertha Gartz spent the past Sunday with her friend, Hazel Hendrickson, at Thompson.

The road graders are grading the rest of the state road in this township after which it will be graveled.

KANAWHA NEWS

Mr. Bowles of Algona was a business caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Blomgren and the Misses Gladys and Artie Peterson were Fort Dodge visitors Monday.

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was a visitor here Wednesday.

Frank Huxtable returned to Mason City, Monday, after a brief visit with friends here.

The Messrs. Ed. Soderberg and Geo. Gollier left Saturday for Spencer, where they expect to work this summer.

Frank Ross, who has been employed at the J. C. Anderson Harness shop for several years, left Saturday for Illinois where he expects to work at the harness trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kalvig and family left Sunday for a couple weeks outing at Lake Okoboji.

The Misses Cecil Benzler and Thersa Peterson and Ed. Hanson were over Sunday visitors at Mason City.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Monitor: Marriage licenses for the past week: Anton Boller and Fay Letch, Clifford Whitten and Linda Lee.

H. H. Barker of Rowan, quite well known thruout the county as a grower of fruits and fine vegetables, was brought before the insane commission Monday. After examining a number of witnesses it was decided best to end Mr. Barker to Cherokee for treatment, to which place he was taken Tuesday morning by Deputy Denger.

Monday the board of supervisors awarded the contract of graveling the road north from Holmes to E. F. Bailey of Belmond, who is to furnish the gravel and deliver it at Holmes. It will be shipped over the Rock Island via. Dows. Jack Welch of Dows will haul the gravel and distribute it over the road.

A meeting of the representatives of the various rural school townships of Wright county was held at the office of Supt. Bock at Clarion on Thursday last for the purpose of adopting a uniform wage scale for the teachers of the county Nine out of 16 townships sent representatives and the session lasted several hours. After discussing the matter pro and con it was decided to make a reduction of $10 per month on all grades. The schedule adopted was as follows: First grade, $100; second, $85; third, $70. These amounts were suggested for the entire county, but are not mandatory. Those in attendance at the session were (from this vicinity) O. D. Jenison, E. D. Murphy, Aug-Rabe, Pleasant; James Mehl, Norway; G. C. Baker, Belmond.

A couple of lads living less than a thousand miles from Clarion have been cutting up capers of late that will spell trouble for them if they do not desist. Their first offense was to take dad's big seven passenger car and leave between two days for parts unknown. Next heard of was when a check for gas and oil turned up at one of the Eagle Grove banks. Payment was refused for lack of funds. On another occasion or possibly it was before leaving for the west, they came to Clarion and passed some checks, one of which turned out to be a forgery, on several of our local merchants. After being notified of the circumstances dad came to the rescue and took up the aforesaid checks. Only last week Sheriff Lang was notified that an auto belonging to dad No. 2 had been stolen. The officer was summoned from his slumbers about two a. m. and an hour later had Eagle Grove police hot on their trail. In fact the fleeing pair were filling the radiator of their car when word was received to hold them. They were only a few blocks ahead of the officers, but gave them the slip at a cross roads by turning off their lights. Sheriff Lang sent out a call to other towns and a couple of hours later he received word that the Fort Dodge police had the men wanted. Dad was pretty hostile at the start, but when informed of the lads capture he weakened and hustled to Fort Dodge and fixed matters up by paying all expense. Both dads should put a stop to such escapades as another offense may not be treated so lightly by the officers.

At a recent meeting the county board of supervisors voted to assist the Red Cross health nursing project by assuming Miss Liddle's salary and donating $1,000 toward the salary of an assistant, the enlarged scope of Miss Liddle's work making it impossible for her to cover all the ground alone. The office of the health nurse will remain in the court house and the Red Cross organization directs the work and provides funds for automobile and incidental expenses, also balance of assistant's salary.

The nursing activities committee of the Red Cross feels gratified at this step in advance for the work in Wright county. The committee is composed of well posted, far sighted and reasonable men and women, who realize the importance of the work they have in hand and who can be trusted to prosecute it vigorously but wisely. The results of the project thus far speak for themselves, and the public is becoming more and more interested and responsive. There are many demands on each dollar of Wright county's public funds at present. but the Monitor believes the supervisors acted wisely is giving some support toward carrying on the health nurse work so well begun in this county. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Holver Thompson in Norway township, about eight miles west of Belmond, was the scene of a very happy event when on July 12 Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were completely surprised by some eighty of their friends, neighbors and relatives, who dropped in to help them celebrate the fifthieth anniversary of their marriage.

The friends gathered at 2:30 o'clock and spent the afternoon in a very enjoyable social time. Short talks appropriate for the occasion were given by Rev. Jensen and Rev. Thompson, and a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Alma Erickson. A bountious supper was served between five and six o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married at Etne, Norway, in 1871, and came to Lesbon, Illinois, in 1883. In 1899 they moved to Wright county, where they have since made their home. They were blessed with four children, Mrs. Tom Thompson, Mrs. Soren Toftey, Mrs. Thor Knutson, and Mrs. Andrew Olson, all of whom were present at the celebration except Mrs. Knutson, who resides at Minneato, Minnesota.

The guests from away who were present were Rev. Torger Thompson and family of Fairview, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thompson of Hartland, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Ole Heggens, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Heggen, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Tjelle and son, Miss Bertha Tjerson, all of Renwick; and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tunsell and Mr. and Mrs Ole Severtson of Kanawha.

The Independent wishes to join in with the many friends of this couple in congratulations and best wishes.

J. C. Arends of Alexander was in town Tuesday afternoon, bringing his young son Orvall to see Dr. Steele. Orvall has been suffering from a severe case of lockjaw, which was so very severe that no hopes were entertained whatever for his recovery. His body became as rigid as a board, the muscles contracting to a poker-like stiffness. Some 75,000 units of serum were injected into his arm, after two attempts to reach the spinal cord had failed, and the little fellow finally came thru. He lost but five pounds in his illness and is coming along in fine shape. Miss Nora Nelson was the nurse.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. R. C. Morse has been enjoying a visit from her niece, Miss Lorena Malvin from Minnesota.

Last Thursday afternoon at the M. R. Pierce home beside the beautiful little Morse Lake, about one hundred men, women and children members of the Belmond Township Farm Bureau, met for a picnic. The county agent, Mr. R. E. Edwards, gave a splendid demonstration in culling chickens, making everything so plain and simple a child could understand and be able to cull a flock. We felt somewhat disappointed that Mr. Middleton was unable to be present and give us a talk, but Mr. Edwards in his pleasant, genial manner, creditbly filled the gap in our program and gave us some good sound farm bureau points, after which the ladies brought forth baskets filled to the brim with good things to eat and we were served to a genuine picnic supper.

Boating and bathing followed, and all went home feeling that the time had been pleasantly and profitably spent, and expressing gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce for their hospitality. **

IOWA HOME BREW ON THE INCREASE

University Laboratories Make Frequent Analyses As Aid To Court Proceedings.

Home brew is growing in popularity in Iowa, judging from the increasing number of samples of this anti-Volstead product sent for analysis to the laboratories of the college of pharmacy of the University of Iowa. Dean Wilber J. Teeters, head of the college receives many samples of home brew to test for various courts in which the cases have been brought charging illegal manufacture and sale of liquor.

"Tests show that the average samples of home brew contain from eight to twelve per cent alcohol, some of it runs as high as twenty per cent," according to Dean Teeters. "The amount of alcohol depends upon the quantity of sugar used.

"For the most part the Iowa folks are making their home brew of rhubarb, sorghum, and either corn meal or rye. Sometimes raisins are used. Dandelions and clover heads likewise seem to have a large following."

Frequently vrious articles of food are sent in to the laboratory for analysis to determine whether or not they contain poison. Most of this work is done for private individuals who imagine someone is trying to poison them.

Recently a man brought in a shaker of salt in which he felt sure his wife had placed poison. An analysis showed the shaker to contain nothing but pure salt, yet it was rather hard to convince the man that his suspicions were not correct. Flour, sugar, peanuts, and many other articles of food have been sent in by persons who suspect someone of attempting to take their life.

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

A few second hand Fords at real bargains. In first class running order.—Belmond Auto Co.

Lost—At Clarion on the Fourth, a ladies gold watch, Elgin make. Finder please return to Independent office, or to Mrs. Kate Lubey, Goldfield, Iowa.

Chambermaid wanted, to assist in dining room during meals.—Hotel Case 1t*

Found—Automobile tool kit containing tools. Owner can have same by proving property. Call at Independent.

For Sale—Good fresh milk cow.—Sheriff Bros.

Gentle in Effect.

The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Tablets is so mild and gentle that you can hardly realize that it has been produced by a medicine.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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OUR big Super Sale is a thing of the past, and with its going we find a great many odds and ends and broken lines; also many lines that did not sell that we desire to close out---BEGINNING THURSDAY and lasting throughout the month we will conduct a

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

and endeavor by a cut price method to reduce this stock to where it should be by August first. We are going to offer you some items that will start something. We are going to convince you that it's timd to buy- Here's a sample of what you'll find.

All Remaining Ladies' Coats

Will go during this sale at prices that are less than the labor in them---in two lots---your choice

$5 and $10

27 inch Fancy

OUTINGS

20 yards for $1.00

Sport Dresses

Our entire stock, that sold for two and three times these prices, in three lots at

$3.85 $8.75 $9.75

75c Linen Crash

TOWELING

10 yards for $1.00

Our Entire Stock of All Wool

Plaid Pleated Skirts

Sold As High As $12.50

YOUR CHOICE $4.75

Flesh Treci

CONFINERS

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39c

We Offer About

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$1.25

MAIL ORDER THESE

Child's Hose, all sizes, in black and white	15c
40-inch all silk, good weight, crepe-de-chine, all shades	$1.65
Long Silk Gloves, all sizes, black. white or mode at	$1.49
Children's Rompers, all sizes, our regular $1.50 value	85c
Heavy Red Boreer Huck Towels, 18x38, a real buy	29c
36-inch good grade Percale in 30 good patterns	16c

One Big Lot of White

WASH SKIRTS

But They Go At

98c

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Mason City, Iowa

BELMOND MEETS ACKLEY AND BRINGS SAUERKRAUT

It was literally a premeditated and cold blooded slaughter. The sauerkraut team never once had the ghost of a show, and the details of the affair are sickening. After the first two innings the Belmond boys got so warm running around the bases that "King" Brady had to fan 'em to keep prostration off. Sauerkraut lay thick all over the field, and the air was filled with flying weiners and two-base hits. Two in the third, fourth and fifth, some more in the seventh, and five in the nineth, when added up gave 12. Ackley never had a look at the plate until the nineth when a three-bagger and a two-base hit one after the other gave them their one lone run. They never saw second in the eight innings but twice, and they never had a show in that time of getting any farther. Bemond played an errorless game until the eighth, when an error was made, and one in the nineth was the total of their bungles. Ackley featured the game with wooly plays of all kinds and descriptions, their left fielder hanging onto only one ball in the entire game, a red-hot line drive by Heinsch, which he had to stop to save himself.

Playing as they did in this game, the Belmond team had anything in this neck of the woods looking like a rimless cipher. After the way the game a week ago Sunday was handed to the sauerkraut town, the second game was good to see, and demonstrated that the Ackley team are away out of their class with Belmond. The final result was 12 to 1, and while Ackley secured four hits off Pillmer's delivery the Belmond boys secured between fifteen and twenty, nobody appears to know the exact number; they came too fast to keep track. The Ackley players and people are a very nice bunch of folks and treated the boys royally. A large delegation of local fans drove down to the game.

Belmond Local News

County Agent Edwards was in the city on Thursday afternoon of last week, on his way to the M. R. Pierce home where a Farm Bureau picnic was held that day.

Steve Antonio, manager of the Belmond Candy Kitchen, was a business visitor last week at Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Miss Mildred Gealow came down from Meservey to spend the week end at the home of relatives here.

Wayne Pond was over from Hampton the first of the week, greeting old friends. He is employed at that place with the Kughn road gang of Dows who are doing some work in the vicisity of Hampton.

Sunday evening at Morse Lake a local citizen counted over seventy-five carloads of people at one time, many of them from the towns around. There were over a hundred and fifty bathers in at one time, which speaks considerable for the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brewer and Mr. and Mrs Ray Brewer were visitors at Abert Lea with relatives over the week end, going up on Saturday and returning the first of this week.

Miss Helen DeWitt of Chicago is here spending a two weeks' vacation visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hauge.

Miss Adeline Hauge returned on Friday of last week from Des Moines, where she has been taking a course in stenography.

For Sale—Household goods, consisting of 1 Electric range, Hoosier Kitchen cabinet, and leather couch. Cheap if taken at once—Mrs. Irene Bailey.

Mrs. Hans Hanson went to Fort Dodge the first of the week to see Mrs. C. M. Johnson, who recently underwent an operation at that place. Mrs. Johnson is recovering nicely and expects to return to her home here on Saturday of this week.

Adolph Skovlin was at Mason City on Monday of this week, attending to some business matters.

Ed. Carlston was down from Kanawha on Tuesday of this week. He was accompanied by his brother Roy, and his father, who lives in Galesburg, Illinois, and who is making his sons a visit.

"Rich" Ziska, the city mail carrier, is enjoying a couple of weeks vacation at Spirit Lake, Okoboji, and other points. His place on the mail route is being taken by Willard Morse.

No rain yet. Most everybody says we aren't ever going to have any more rain, but maybe if we keep on hoping long enough we may get some. Potatoes are a goner, however, and there is some corn that is reported past help.

John Burress was over from Clarion, where he is employed at the Great Western depot, to attend the funeral of Howard Luick.

T. A. Davenport was at Thornton, Wednesday of last week, looking after some business interests at the telephone exchange there.

Quite a few of the county seat folks have been deserting Cornelia Lake in favor of Morse Lake the past couple of weeks, the bathing at the latter place being so much better.

Threshing began the first of this week, and the reports of oats say that they are running pretty light.

Ralph Wilcox was a caller at Mason City the first of the week, where he spent a few days visiting one of his friends.

R. D. Kenefick has erected a new carpenter shop on the grounds of the Belmond Lumber company on Spruce street, and this week carries an opening ad in the Independent stating he will do any kind of carpenter repair work. "Dick" is a good carpenter and will doubtless secure all the business he can handle.

The program will begin at 8:00 o'clock, after this refreshments will be served, the proceeds going to defer expenses of the League. Everybody invited.

C. N. Hildebrand of this place has been awarded the contract of laying the drain tile on the road between Manchester and Ryan, in a big contract that was recently let there by the board of supervisors of Deleware county. The tile are to be furnished by the Mason City tile and brick company.

Little Orvis Fitts was quite sick on Sunday of this week, but is getting along nicely now.

Some of the local folks, hearing of the wonderous tales of golf at Lake Cornelia, are getting the bug, and beginning to read up on the "dope", to buy clubs, and practice swinging at a pill box in the privacy of their room. That's what they say, anyway.

Mrs. J. H. Edge and little daughter Beth returned last week Tuesday after a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Pennsylvaia.

Little Murial Hill was reported on the sick list the first of the week.

Miss Bernetas Wolle is attending an Epworth League convention being held this week at Okoboji.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey and daughter Doris went to Clarion on Tuesday to assist Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey in getting settled in their house at that place. Floyd is the foreman on the drainage job which Mr. Bailey recently bid on at the county seat.

The Golden Oak Billiard Parlor is adding some improvements by having the interior redecorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis and two little daughters of Foley, Minnesota, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bailey.

The contract for the new Catholic church at Goodell has been let, the successful firm being A. L. Lake of Mason City, who was the lowest of six bidders. The new church is to be of faced brick, with hollow tile inside, and the contract price calls for a $9,000 structure. Work is to begin immediately on the new building. The old church at Goodell was burned to the ground on Christmas afternoon of last year, and the congregtion under the leadership of Rev. Eardley of this place immediately began plans for their new church. They are to be congratulated upon securing the new building in such a short length of time.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey moved this week to the county seat, where they will make their home for the next few months while Floyd is overseeing the job of draining the town.

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

A few second hand Fords at real bargains, in first class running order. —Belmond Auto Co.

The Priscilla club met yesterday at the home of Mrs. O. Young. A very enjoyable time is reported by those present.

Let us do your fancy dry cleaning and pressing. Having added new equipment we are prepared to handle rush orders. Satisfaction guaranteed. —New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of Case Hotel. Phone 28.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Miss Mary Bromwell and Claude Bromwell, of Vernon, South Dakta, are making a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings. They are a sister and brother of Mrs. Jennings, and accompanied Mrs. Jennings home from her recent visit in South Dakota.

The Chain of Ten will hold their next meeting on Monday afternoon of next week at the home of Mrs. C. M. Morse.

Mrs. Stockwell of Wesley is a guest this week at the home here of her son Fred, and is assiting in the care of her little granddaughter who has the scarlet fever.

The Mehodist Ladies Aid society will hold a picnic meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Wolle.

Mrs. C. H. Pullin and children have returned from their visit at the home of relatives asd friends in Fort Dodge and Humboldt.

Mrs. Chas. Reese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, arrived the first of the week for a visit at the home of relatives and friends here. She was formerly a resident of this place

Fred Mortimer, station agent on the Great Western road here, was in attendance at a safety meeting and picnic of the railroad employees held at Fort Dodge on Sunday of this week.

It is reported that there is soon to be a change in one of the local business establishments.

AUTO BUS TO MORSE LAKE

50c roud trip—two trips each evening, 5:00 and 7:00 o'clock. Return at 6:30 and 9:00 o'clock. Phone 20. —C. J. Johnson Garage.

Mrs Geo. Coburn went to Mason City last week for a medical examination.

Mrs. Wm. Legge and son of Belmond visited at the Wm. Bell home Friday night.—Times.

Miss Gertrude Ely presented the Misses Carol Tyrrell and Marjorie Wiliams in a musical recital on Friday evening of last week, at the Congregational church parlors.

Mr. Volles of Belmond was here Tuesday to do some landscape work here.—Klemme Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davenport have moved to this place from Minnesota, and expect to make their home for the future here. They are staying for the present at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truer Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinney returned Sunday from Cornelia where they had spent a very pleasant and enjoyable week at the cottage of Duran Nagle of Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fyler left on Friday of last week for Shell Rock, where they are spending the week visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Green and Vona went to Belmosd, Monday, to have some dental work done.—Times.

ROBINSON'S

Bread, three 10c loaves	25c
Black Tea, per lb.	40c
Rolled Oats, bulk, 5 pounds for -	25c
Extra Fancy Prunes	12½ c
Corn and tomatoes, per can -	10c
Evaporated Pears, lb.	25c
Apricots, No. 2½ -	20c
Coffee -	15c

Next Week's Dance Program AT Lake Cornelia

Tuesday & Friday July 26 and July 29

Our dances are going good now, since the weather has settled a little. Large and enthusiastic crowds are coming out, from the towns all over the county. Everyone is having a good time dancing in this modern dance pavilion, where good order is maintained and the best people are congregating, attracted by the splendid music of one of Iowa's good dance orchestras and the popular prices.

If you haven't visited our pavilion, by all means arrange to attend one of these dances. Your pleasure and comfort is assured.

A Place for Ladies & Gentlemen

Specials

25 bars White Kaundry Soap -	$1.00
3 12c pkgs macaroni for - -	25c
3 10-cent pkgs corn flakes -	25c
Bread, per loaf	10c
Flaxon, per yard -	30c
Men's Overalls - -	$1.25
Men's Pants - -	2.50

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THURSDAY, JULY 21

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A Goldwyn picture from a Rinehart story. A story of live wires who went to boarding school, with what they did to get themselves and others in trouble and what happened to them afterward fully explained. A humorous regular boy tale that will bring back your own "puppy love" days and make you smile to yourself for a week.

11c and 25c

SATURDAY, JULY 23

"BLACKBIRDS"

A Realart picture featuring

JUSTINE JOHNSTONE

It is a fascinating crook play which holds the spectator in a tight embrace with its adventureous action and appealing romance.

11c and 25c

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

JULY 25 and 26

"NINETEEN AND PHYLLIS"

A First National production featuring

CHARLES RAY

His brightest and most humorous comedy-romance of the year. He was chagrined because his rival constantly taunted him with a dress suit and a fast motor car. Andy could only wear his store clothes bought with a salary of eighteen dollars a week. He knew that if he couldn't get a dress suit and a car that the girl would give her affections to his hated rival. It was a good thing that a crime wave was abroad in the little town. Else Andy might never have gained the girl, the dress suit and the car.

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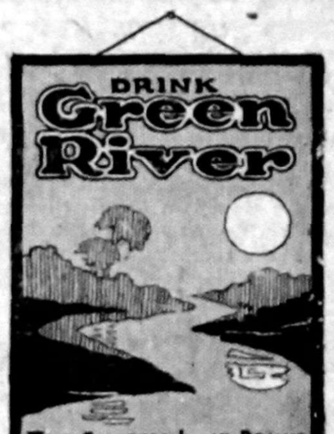

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ALL SPRING COATS

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Every Coat has already been reduced in price for clearance.

All models are from our regular stocks and of standard Killian quality. Styles are smart and fabrics and colors most desirable.

Bring a friend and come to Mason City Saturday. Buy a splendid Coat for ONLY ONE CENT

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Make a special effort to see the excellent showing of low-priced Foot-Wear in our Basement this week and next.

Women's Low Shoes -	$2.98 to $4.64
Children's Low Shoes -	98c to 2.48
Misses Shoes - -	2.24 to 3.98
Boy's Shoes - -	3.48 to 4.98
Women's Shoes -	3.98 to 6.48
Men's Dress Shoes -	3.48 to 6.50
Men's Work Shoes -	3.98 to 4.50
Special lot of Children's Shoes -	1.98

BE SURE AND COME

THIS WEEK OR NEXT

Woodruff Shoe Co.

115 N. Federal Mason City, Iowa

Try Our One Day Repair Service

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

LAKE SOCIAL AT ADAMS HOME

About 150 Lake township farmers gathered on the lawn of the Granville Adams home northwest of Clarion Tuesday evening, July 12, to enjoy their regular monthly social meeting. Open air seats were arranged for this occasion and everyone enjoyed the open air meeting.

I. W. Van Nice, assistant leader of county agents in Iowa, who has been in Wright county on several occasions before, was the principal speaker of the occasion. The county agent gave a short talk on farm bureau work in general and then introduced Mr. Van Nice, who gave his audience a good lively talk on "Farm Bureau Activities." Mr. Van Nice's experiences as farmer and his recent experiences in various parts of the state as county agent leader, makes him a very thought that the period of depression thought ahat the period of depression which we are now passing thru is a good time for farmers to support their organization. Ice cream and cake were test of the farmers' loyalty to his orserved by the good housewives of Lake township, after which everyone turned toward home.

E. W. Campbell and Mrs. M. L. Clark announce the next regular social at the Granville Adams home for the second Tuesday in August, or August 9. A short program is being arranged and an effort will be made to secure an outside speaker.

LIVE SOCIAL IN GRANT

A real lively social gathering was held at the Harland Hill home northeast of Clarion, when the farmers of Grant township met for their regular monthly social on Monday evening, July 11. In the midst of the haying and harvest season the Grant farmers forgot their cares long enuf for this good old community mix.

The farmers were favored with a splendid address from I. W. Van Nice, assistant state leader of county agents. Mr. Van Nice had been in Grant before and the farmers were intensely interested in the message he brought to them. His address was filled with bits of information which are vital to the farmer at the present time. He seemed very optimistic about the status of the farm bureau and urged the farmers to give their loyal support to the organization during the period of depression.

The girls' club of Grant served ice cream and candy in a unique way. Two booths were arranged in the corners of the front yard and the girls dressed in their regulation club caps took charge of the distribution of the candy and ice cream. The lanterns, which were hung in the trees of the dooryard, gave the scene the touch of a real lawn social.

POULTRY CULLING PROGRESSING.

The poultry culling demonstrations which were begun last week are progressing nicely and the leafer hens are beginning to fall at the hands of the county agent, who is conducti the work this year.

It will be remembered that a high per cent of the birds were discarded from the flocks which were culled last year. So far this year about twenty-five per cent of the hens are being discarded as non-layers. It will mean a vast saving to Wright county poultry raisers to get rid of the 25 per cent of non-laying hens and not have to board them thru the winter months.

The poultry culling scedule will be carried out as follows:

Vernon, July 20
Henry England, 9:30.
Ernest Thelke, 1:00.
Glenn Knox, 3:30.

Wall Lake, July 21
Ed. Smith, 9:30.
Eugene Wasson, 1:00
Frank Peck, 3:30

Troy, July 25
(Not sent in.)

Woolstock, July 22
Geo. Bernard, 9:30.
John Schutt, 1:00.
Frank Klass, 3:30.

Eagle Grove, July 26
(Not sent in.)

Liberty, July 27
Roy B. Martin, 8:30.
Robert Lester, 10:00.
Frank Bjornson, 1:00.
J. B. Rasmussen, 3:30.

Boone, August 1.
Engh Bros., 9:30.
Everett Nelson, 1:00.
W. H. Helmke, 3:30.

Norway, August 3
E. N. Erickson, 9:30.
Philip Velthouse, 1:00.
Thor Wicks, 3:30.

Dayton, August 3
Harry Poundstone, 9:30.
Isaac Knutson, 1:00.
T. L. Thompson, 3:30.

Lake, August 4
O. J. Lewis, 9:30.
Wm. Stecher, 1:00.
Clarence McBride, 3:30

Grant, August 5
Harry Brooks, 9:30.
Harry Woodley, 1:00
E. A. Poulson, 3:30.

Lincoln, August 8.
Homer Lord, 9:30.
Ray Wharton, 1:00.
Harry Sweet, 3:30.

WRIGHT COUNTY WOOL POOL

All wool growers of Wright county who wish to pool their wool this year are asked to tie and sack their wool securely and bring to Clarion for shipment on July 28 or 29, when a carload shipment will be made up. Wool growers are docked for tieing fleeces with anything but the regulation wool twine. Consignors are asked to use the regulation wool sacks which may be purchased from the county agent for 43c each. Wool twine comes at 32 cent per pound. These prices cover express charges.

WHY THE EDITOR LEFT TOWN

In a recent letter to the Breeders Gazette, Mr. F. M. Woods of Lanlaster county, Nebraska, told how a Nebraska printer got an auction bill and an account of a wedding mixed together. The result read like this:

"Married at the home of the bride's township one mile north and two miles east of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, highly respected residents of Thursday, Jan. 27, Miss Ethel Drinkwater by the Rev. 18 head of Shorthorns consisting of four bridesmaids dressed in pale blue and carrying calves by their sides. They had tulle veils * * * sired by the noted Kentucky jack Bombina 3rd. Also 46 head of hogs, including the groom's father from North Dakto, where he is engaged in missionary work and is immuned by the double process. These shotes are thrifty, and all relatives of the bride and groom. They all gathered in the spacious dining room after the ceremony, and partook of 300 bushels of seed oats, 1,000 bushels of corn, 10 large sacks of millet and alfalfa. The bride is the youngest daughter of one trusty incubator, capacity 600 eggs, one John Deere five room cottage and a trip to Amaha, after which they draw 10 per cent interest from date. Free lunch at noon. —Capper's Weekly.

HUGE MORTGAGE RECORDED

Hampton Recorder: A record breaking mortgage for Iowa was filed a few days ago in the office of Frank P. Fowler, recorder of Franklin county, when the Bell Telephone Company entered a $30,000,000 mortgage to the New York Trust Company.

The property involved in the deed covered all the Bell property in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska. The transaction required 54 pages of solid typewritten copy in the recorder's books, with a fee of $46.50.

EAGLE GROVE MAN LOSES LEG IN BINDER

Eagle: Martin Cleveland had his left leg completly severed by a binder late Wednesday evening. His right leg was badly lacerated as were his arms and other parts of his body. He was driving the binder and at the turn a line broke and he jumped off and ran around in front of the horses to stop them. A young horse became frightened and started to run. Cleveland got them almost stopped when this young horse gave another lunge, throwing him under the horses' hoofs. He was caught in the cycle. One leg was completely severed between the knee and ankle and the other badly injured. He lay on the ground about a half hour before he was discovered. The others in the field had gone to supper. He was discovered after seven o'clock by his nephew, who went out to the field to be with him. The accident occured about 6:30. He is being cared for at the O'Toole-Christensen hospital. The doctors hold out little hope for his recovery.

DE DUCKS GOT IT.

"I don't understand why you should want to borrow money when you have just shipped your corn," said a South Dakota banker to an Irish customer.

"De ducks got it," replied Pat.

"What do you men by ducks?"

"Well, I shipped the car to market and sold it for 52 cents. Then deduct freight, that left me 31c deduct ;1 cent commission (the smallest deduction), that left 30 cents; deduct elevator charges, that left 27 cents; deduct husking, that left 15; deduct hauling, that left 5 cents; deduct the hired man's wages from that and you are a dom site better farmer than I am!"

FARM BUREAU SEEKING BETTER FREIGHT RATES

An early downward readjustment of railroad freight rates is the objective of a campaign launched by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the organization held in Des Moines on July 7th and 8th. The plan is to make the movement as general as possible by urging all other organizations of farmers, merchants, bankers, manufacturers, and commercial bodies to cooperate in this way developing a comprehensive campaign and a concerted advance along the entire line of business industry. To this end the Federation officials were instructed to confer with the leaders of other organizations in Iowa, both farm and commercial, in order to mobilize public sentiment, after which the campaign would be carried into other Middle West states. The Federation has been quietly gathering data and working information for some time preparatory to inaugurating some such movement. The situation has been studied from every possible angle that promised light on the subject. The principal fact to be faced is that practically nothing in the way of farm products and livestock is moving, simply and solely because freight rates absorb too large a proportion of the selling price of the product shipped. It had been suggested to the Federation that the fight for readjustment of rates be divided among the various business industries, grain men to work for reductions on grain, livestock men to look after livestock rates, while the merchant, the manufacturer, et al should each tackle his own problem. After extended investigation the Federation decided to oppose that plan of procedure, principally on the ground that it would mean a series of long-drawn contests and hearings, in the course of which there might be a tendency on the part of railroads to revert to the pre-war plan of increasing the rates on some commodities when compelled to back up on others. The Federation insists that a general downward adjustment of rates is the only means of rehabilitating the business interests of the country, the railroads included, and a general readjustment can be accomplished only by united action by all concerned.

The following resolution sets forth the Federation point of view:

Whereas it is the sense and strong conviction of the Executive Committee of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation representing over 120,000 farmers with whose views they are familiar, and upon whose sentiment this ction is based, that the present excessive freight rates as they affect not only agricultural and commercial interests of the country, particularly of the Middle West, and

Whereas such rates resulted in absolute prevention of the movement of large quantities of commercial products of all kinds because the cost of reaching the market combined with necessary handling charges absorbs in many instances the entire amount received at the market for the commodity, and in other cases so large a proportion as to render the business affected highly unprofitable, and that in view of this condition it is the judgement of this committee that the reaction upon the railroads themselves is distinctly unfavorable

Whereas the valuations on which the railroads are now authorized under the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish freight rates are not based upon actual establish values, and,

Whereas in order to secure returns on such values the rates have become in a measure confiscatory and have been instrumental in defeating the objects sought in hat it actually decreased traffic by reason of such excessive charges and

Whereas we beleive railroads should not be specially privileged, but should function tocustomary business pratices and be subject to economic laws as applied to all industry, and

Whereas the farmer is not demanding special privilege or class preferment, neither does he concede it right or just that any other interest should be so favored.

Therefore, be it resolved that this committe take cognizance of the substanial reduction that has recently been made in the operating expenditures of the railraods by reason of certain wage readjustments and is appreciative of the fact that other readjustments may be reasonably anticipated, and is of the further opinion that such reductions in operating expenditures justify and demand a corresponding decrease in the cost of transportation, and that a sincere effort on the part of the railroads to adjust freight rates to the exigencies of the present situation will better enable them to approach the problem of further reducing operating costs.

Be it further resolved that this committe cannot unduly emphasize its conviction that the readjustment of freight rates urged in this resolution will contribute largely to the prevention of further economic disaster and have a beneficial effect upon all reconstucive interests concered.

Be it further resolved that this Executive Committe of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation invites all organized agricultural and commercial interests to join in conference with the object in view of obtaining relief thru a general reduction in all freight rates, and instructs the Secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation forthwith to communicate with State Farm Bureau Federations of the Mid-West States and make the necessary arrangements for such conference, and

Because we believe that adequate and efficient transportation facilities at the lowest possible rates consistent with good business management are imperatively necessary to bring about normal commercial conditions in our State and Nation. We direct that this resolution be given publicity thru the press with a hope that all affected interests may co-operate and join in an attempt to bring about the desired result.

LARGEST BARN IN IOWA IS DESTROYED

Estherville and community witnessed last week what was possibly the most spectacular blaze seen here for several years. The farm buildings of John Dillon, four miles west of Etsherville were completely wiped out by the fire which was started by the explosion of an overturned lantern in the hay loft where one of the men was repairing the hayfork track.

The fire is noteworthy for the reason that the barn is considered to have been the largest barn in the state of Iowa, at least none larger is known of. The dimensions were 310 feet long and 110 feet wide. At the time of the fire it was filled with hay. Among other buildings which burned was a corncrib containing 2,000 bushels of corn. The house which is quite a distance from the other buildings did not burn and is the only building which is left standing. The loss is estimated at $30,000, only a small part of which is covered by insurance. Up until a few years ago this place has been known as the County Orphans Home.

ROAD BUILDING SETS RECORD

$2,000,000 Spent On Primary System During June

A mile of paving is being completed every day in Iowa as road construction work is swinging into the fastest pace it has ever hit in the history of the state.

A million and a half dollars were spent from the primary road fund alone during the month of June for road building, bridges and maintenance. This amount is boosted to $2,000,000 when one includes special assessments and bond issues.

The summary of road building activities in June shows the following totals: 29 1-3 miles of permanent paving, 28 1-4 miles of gravel and 153 1-10 miles of permanent grading. Work on the primary road system is being carried on in 87 counties. One hundred and forty-six projects are under way.

With the price of materials down almost to pre-war levels and with an abundant supply of labor, contractors have been confronted with only one handicap, the weather. State highway commission officials estimate that one-third of the actual working time of the past month has been lost on this account. It is thought that the construction in July will far exceed that of June.

HAMPTON CAR, STOLEN IN FALL, AT MINNEAPOLIS

Chronicle: The Fred P. Banker automobile, which was stolen in Minneapolis late last fall, has been located by officals of the insurance company which held the policy on the car. It was in the hands of a railroad engineer, who seems to be an innocent purchaser.

The insurance company officials were tipped off a few weeks ago that the car was in Minneapolis, being operated by a woman. Investigation was made and the car discovered, and it is reported that even the police are mixed in the deal.

The insurance company detectives found that the factory number had been changed on the car but its identity was established by the number on the engine. The factory number is attached to the car in plate form, and it is possible that the parties who stole the ar last fall were not aware of the fact that thede was another number on the machine, located in a more difficult place to find. It is reported that the automobile is in good condition. The insurance company will become owner of the car, as they paid Banker.

A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

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stead's door ahead of the horsemen. Henry Brimstead stood in the open door.

"Take these slaves into the house and get them out of sight as quick as you can," said Samson. "There's going to be a quarrel here in a minute."

The slaves slid off the load and ran into the house.

The team started on toward Peasley's farm as if nothing had happened, with Harry and Samson standing on the load. In a moment they saw, to their astonishment, Biggs and a colored servant coming at a slow trot. Were the slaves they carried the property of Biggs?

"Stop that wagon," the latter shouted.

Samson kept on, turning out a little to let them pass.

"Stop or we'll shoot your horses," Biggs demanded.

"They'll have to pass close to the load," Harry whispered. "I'll jump on behind Biggs as he goes by."

The words were scarcely out of his mouth when Harry sprang off the load, catching Biggs' shoulders and landing squarely on the rump of his horse. It was a rough minute that followed. The horse leaped and reared and Biggs lost his seat, and he and Harry rolled to the ground and into a fence corner, while the horse ran up the road, with the pistols in their holsters on his back. They rose and fought until Harry, being quicker and stronger, got the best of it. The slaver was severely punished.

Biggs swore bitterly at the two Yankees.

"I'll have you dirty suckers arrested, if there's any law in this state," he declared, as he stood leaning against the fence, with an eye badly swollen and blood streaming from his nose.

"I suppose you can do it," said Samson. "But first let's see if we can find your horse. I think I saw him turn in at the house above."

Samson drove the team, while Biggs and Harry walked up the road in silence. The negro followed in the saddle. Peasley had caught Biggs' horse and was standing at the roadside.

"I want to find a justice of the peace," said Biggs.

"There's one at the next house above. I'll send my boy for him," Peasley answered.

The Justice arrived in a few minutes and Biggs lodged a complaint founded on the allegation that his slaves were concealed in the hay on Samson's wagon. The hay was removed and no slaves were discovered.

"I suppose they left my niggers at the house below," said Biggs as he mounted his horse and, with his companion, started at a gallop in the direction of Brimstead's. Samson remained with Peasley and the Justice.

"You had better go down and see what happens," he said to Harry. "We'll follow you in a few minutes."

So Harry walked down to Brimstead's.

He found the house in a condition of panic. Biggs and his helper had discovered the mulatto and his wife hiding in the barn. The negroes and the children were crying. Mrs. Brimstead met Harry outside the door.

"What are we to do?" she asked, tearfully.

"Just keep cool," said Harry. "Father Traylor and Mr. Peasley will be here soon."

Biggs and his companion came out of the door with Brimstead.

"We will take the niggers to the river and put them on a boat," Biggs was saying.

His face and shirt and bosom were smeared with blood. He asked Mrs. Brimstead for a basin of water and a towel. The good woman took him to the washstand and supplied his needs.

In a few moments Samson and Peasley arrived.

"Well, you've found them, have you?" Peasley asked.

"They were here, as I thought," said Biggs.

"Well, the justice says we must surrender the negroes and take them to the nearest landing for you. We've come to do it."

"It's better treatment than I expected," Biggs answered.

"You'll find that we have a good deal of respect for the law," said Peasley.

Biggs and his friend went to the barn for their horses. The others conferred a moment with the two slaves and Mrs. Brimstead. Then the latter went out into the garden lot to a woman in a sunbonnet who was working with a hoe some fifteen rods from the house. Mrs. Brimstead seemed to be conveying a message to the woman by signs. Evidently the latter was deaf and dumb.

"That is the third slave," Brimstead whispered. "I don't believe they'll discover her."

Soon Peasley and Samson got into the wagon with the negroes and drove away, followed by the two horsemen.

In a little village on the river they stopped at a low frame house. A woman came to the door.

"Is Freeman Collar here?" Peasley demanded.

"He is back in the garden," the woman answered.

"Please ask him to come here."

In a moment Collar came around the house with a hoe on his shoulder.

"Good morning, Mr. Constable," said Peasley. "This is Eliphalet Biggs of St. Louis, and here is a warrant for his arrest."

"For my arrest!" Biggs exclaimed. "What is the charge?"

"That you hired a number of men to burn the house of Samson Henry Traylor, near the village of New Salem, in Sangamon county, and, by violence, to compel him to leave said county; that, on the 29th of August, said men—the same being eight in number—attempted to carry out your design and, being captured and overpowered, all confessed their guilt and your connection with it, their sworn confessions being now in the possession of one Stephen Nuckles, a minister of this county. I do not need to remind you that it is a grave offense and likely to lead to your confinement for a term of years."

"Well, by G—," Biggs shouted, in anger. "You suckers will have some traveling to do before you arrest me."

He struck the spurs in his horse and galloped away, followed by his servant. Samson roared with laughter.

"Now, Collar, get up on your horse and hurry 'em along, but don't ketch up with 'em if you can help it," said Peasley. "We've got them on the run now."

When the constable had gone, Peasley said to Samson. "We'll drop these slaves at Nate Haskell's door. He'll take care of 'em until dark and start 'em on the north road. Late in the evening I'll pick 'em up an' get 'em out o' this part o' the country."

Meanwhile Brimstead and Harry had stood for a moment in the dooryard of the former, watching the party on its way up the road. Brimstead blew out his breath and said in a low tone:

"Say, I'll tell ye, I ain't had so much excitement since Samson Traylor rode into Flea valley. The women need a chance to wash their faces and slick up a little. Le's you and me go back to the creek and go in swimmin' an' look the farm over."

"What become of the third nigger?" Harry asked.

"She went out in the field in a sunbonnet an' went to work with a hoe and they didn't discover her," said Brimstead.

They had their swim in the creek and got back to the house at dinner time. Samson had returned and, as they sat down at the table Harry asked: "What have you done with the third slave?"

"She's been upstairs, getting washed and dressed," said Mrs. Brimstead.

As she spoke, the stairway door opened and Bim entered the room—in a silk gown and slippers. Sorrow had put its mark upon her face, but had not extinguished her beauty. All rose from the table. Harry walked toward her. She advanced to meet him. Face to face, they stopped and looked into each other's eyes. The moment long desired, the moment endeared and sublimated by the dreams of both, the moment toward which their thoughts had been wont to hasten, after the cares of the day, like brooks coming down from the mountains, had arrived suddenly. She was in a way prepared for it. She had taken thought of what she would do and say. He had not. Still it made no difference. Quickly they fell into each other's embrace, and the depth of their feeling we may guess when we read in the diary of the rugged and rather stoical Samson that no witness of the scene spoke or moved "until I turned my back upon it for shame of my tears."

Soon Bim came and kissed Samson's cheek and said:

"I am not going to make trouble. I couldn't help this. I heard what he said to you last night. It made me happy in spite of all my troubles. I love him, but above all I shall try to keep his heart as clean and noble as it has always been. I really meant to be very strong and upright. It is all over now. Forgive us. We are going to be as respectable as—as we can."

Samson pressed her hand and said:

"You came with the slaves and I guess you heard our talk in the wagon."

"Yes, I came with the slaves, and was as black as either of them. We had all suffered. I should have come alone, but they had been good and faithful to me. I could not bear to leave them to endure the violence of that man. We left together one night when he was in a drunken stupor. We took a boat to Alton and caught the Star of the North to Beardstown—they traveling as my servants. There I hired a team and wagon. It brought us to the grove near your house."

"Why did you disguise yourself before you came in?"

"I longed to see Harry, but I did not want him to see me. I did not know that he would care to see me," she answered. "I longed to see all of you. Now I am ready to go to my father's house—like the Prodigal Son coming back after his folly."

"But you will have some dinner first," said Mrs. Brimstead.

"No, I can not wait—I will walk. It is not far to Hopedale."

"Percy is at the door now with his buggy," said Brimstead.

Bim kissed Samson's cheek and embraced Annabel and her mother and hurried out of the house. Harry carried her bag to the buggy and helped her in.

She waved her hand as the buggy went up the road.

"It's the same old Bim," Harry said to himself, as he stood watching her. "But I think she's lovelier than she ever was."

The next day Samson wrote in his diary:

"Bim was handsomer, but different. She had a woman's beauty. I noticed her loose clothes and that gentle look in her face that used to come to Sarah's when her time was about half over. I am glad she got away before she was further along."

CHAPTER XV.

Wherein Harry and Abe Ride Up to Springdale and Visit Kelso's.

Illinois was growing. In June scores of prairie schooners, loaded with old and young, rattled over the plains from the East. There were many Yankees from Ohio, New York and New England in this long caravan. There were almost as many Irish, who had set out for this land of golden promise as soon as they had been able to save money for a team and wagon, after reaching the new world. There were some Germans and Scandinavians in the dust clouds of the National road. Steamers on the Illinois river scattered their living freight along its shores. These were largely from Kentucky, southern Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. The call of the rich and kindly lands had traveled far and streams of life were making toward them, to flow with increasing speed and volume for many years.

People in Sangamon county had begun to learn of the thriving village of Chicago in the north. Abe said that Illinois would be the Empire state of the West; that a new era of rapid development and great prosperity was near. Land was in great demand and there were many transfers of title. Abe had more surveying to do than he was able to accomplish that summer. Harry was with him for some weeks. He could earn two dollars a day with Abe, whereas Samson was able to hire a helper for half that sum. Harry made a confidant of his friend, and when they were working at the northern end of the county they borrowed a pair of horses and rode up to Kelso's house and spent a Sunday there.

Bim met them down the road a mile or so from Hopedale. She, too, was on the back of a horse. She recognized them before they were in hailing distance and waved her hand and hurried toward them with a happy face.

"Where Are You Going?" She Asked.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To see you and your father and mother," said Harry.

A sad look came into her eyes.

"If I had a stone I would throw it at you," she said.

"Why?" Harry asked.

"Because I have to get used to being miserable, and just as I begin to be resigned to it, you come along and make me happy, and I have it all to do over again."

The young man stopped his horse.

"I hadn't thought of that," he said, with a sad face. "It isn't fair to you, is it? It's rather—selfish."

"Why don't you go to Brimstead's," Bim suggested. "A beautiful girl over there is in love with you. Honestly, Harry, there isn't a sweeter girl in all the world."

"I ought not to go there, either," said the young man.

"Why?"

"Because I mustn't let her think that I care for her."

So it happened that Harry went on with Bim and Abe to the little house in Hopedale.

They put out the horses. The girl came and sat on her father's knee. Harry sat down by the side of Abe on the grass in the oak's shadow.

"It's a joy to have the little girl back again," said Kelso, as he touched her hair with his hand. "It is still as yellow as a corn tassel. I wonder it isn't gray."

"Her eyes look as bright as ever today," said Harry.

"No compliments, please. I want you to be downright mean," Bim protested.

Kelso looked up with a smile: "My boy, it was Leonardo da Vinci who said that a man could have neither a greater nor a less dominion than that over himself. I hold that if our young man are to be trained to tyranny in a lot of little nigger kingdoms, our democracy will die."

Abe made no answer. He was always slow to commit himself.

"The North is partly to blame for what has come," said Samson. "I guess our Yankee captains brought over most of the niggers and sold them to the planters of the South."

"There was a demand for them, or those Yankee pirates wouldn't have brought the niggers," Harry answered. "Both seller and buyer were committing a crime."

"They established a great wrong and now the South is pushing to extend and give it the sanction of law," said Abe. "There is the point of irritation and danger."

"I hear that in the next legislature an effort will be made to endorse slavery," said Kelso.

"It is a dangerous subject," Abe answered. "Whatever happens, I shall not fail to express my opinion of slavery if I go back."

"The time is coming when you will take the bull by the horns," said Kelso. "There's no fence that will keep him at home."

"I hope that isn't true," Abe answered.

Soon Mrs. Kelso called Bim to set the table. She and Harry brought it out under the tree, where, in the cool shade, they had a merry dinner.

When the dishes were put away, Percy Brimstead arrived with his sister Annabel in their buggy. Bim went out to meet them and came into the dooryard with her arm around Annabel's waist.

"Did any one ever see a lovelier girl than this?" Bim asked, as they stood up before the dinner party.

"Her cheeks are like wild roses, her eyes like the dew on them when the sun is rising," said Kelso.

Abe rose and said. "The day is passing. I'll start on with Parsons and the pony and read my stint afoot. You come along in a few minutes. By the time you overtake me I'll be ready to get into the saddle."

Half an hour or so after Abe had gone, Harry's horse, which had been whinnying for his mate, bounded out of the stable and went galloping down the road, having slipped his halter.

"He will not stop until he overtakes the other horse," said Harry.

"You can ride with us," Annabel suggested.

So the young man brought his saddle and bridle and put it under the seat of the buggy and got in with Annabel and her small brother.

Some two miles down the road Harry found Abe standing between the horses, holding the runaway by his forelock. The latter was saddled and bridled, while the buggy went on ahead.

"That is a wonderful girl," said Harry, as he and Abe were riding along together. "She is very modest and gentle hearted."

"And as pleasant to look at as the flowery meadows," Abe answered.

"I have promised to stop there a few minutes on our way back."

"It is possible Bim could get a divorce," said Abe, looking down thoughtfully at the mane of his horse. "I'll ask Stuart what he thinks about it when I see him again."

"I hope you'll see him soon."

"As soon as I can get to Springfield."

Next day a letter came from Doctor Allen, telling him that Ann was far gone with a dangerous fever. Both Abe and Harry dropped their work and went home. Ann was too sick to see her lover.

The little village was very quiet those hot summer days. The sorrow of the pretty maiden had touched the hearts of the simple kindly folk who lived there. For a year or more there had been a tender note in their voices when they spoke of Ann. They had learned with great gladness of her engagement to marry Abe. The whole community were as one family with its favorite daughter about to be crowned with good fortune, greater than she knew. Now that she was stricken down, their feeling was more than sympathy. The love of justice, the desire to see a great wrong righted, in a measure, was in their hearts when they sought news of the little sufferer at the tavern.

There was no shouting in the street, no story-telling in the dooryards, no jesting in the stores and houses, no merry parties, gladdened by the notes of the violin, in the days and nights of Ann's long illness.

Samson writes in his diary that Abe went about like a man in a dream, with no heart for work or study. He spent much time at the doctor's office, feeling for some straw of hope.

One day late in August, as he stood talking with Samson Traylor in the street, Doctor Allen called him from his doorstep. Abe turned very pale as he obeyed the summons.

"I've just come from her bedside," said Doctor Allen. "She wants to see you. I've talked it over with her parents, and we've decided to let you and her have a little visit together. You must be prepared for a great change in Ann. There's not much left of the poor girl. A breath would blow her away. But she wants to see you. It may be better than medicine. Who knows?"

The two men went across to the tavern. Mrs. Rutledge and Abe tiptoed up the stairway. The latter entered the room of the sick girl. The woman closed the door. Ann Rutledge was alone with her lover. There were none who knew what happened

Entered the Room of the Sick Girl.

in that solemn hour save the two—one of whom was on the edge of eternity, and the other was never to speak of it. The only record of that hour is to be found in the face and spirit of a great man.

Years later Samson wrote in a letter:

"I saw Abe when he came out of the tavern that day. He was not the Abe we had all known. He was different. There were new lines in his face. It was sorrowful. His steps were slow. He had passed out of his young manhood. When I spoke to him, he answered with that gentle dignity now so familiar to all who knew him. From that hour he was Abraham Lincoln."

Ann passed away before the month ended and became, like many of her kind, an imperishable memory. In her presence the spirit of the young man had received such a baptism that henceforward, taking thought of her, he was to love purity and all cleanness, and no Mary who came to his feet with tears and ointment was ever to be turned away.

CHAPTER XVI.

Wherein Young Mr. Lincoln Safely Passes Two Great Danger Points and Turns Into the Highway of His Manhood.

For days thereafter the people of New Salem were sorely troubled. Abe Lincoln, the ready helper in time of need, the wise counselor, the friend of all—"old and young, dogs and horses," as Samson was wont to say—the pride and hope of the little cabin village, was breaking down under his grief. He seemed to care no more for work or study or friendship. He wandered out in the woods and upon the prairies alone. Many feared that he would lose his reason.

There was a wise and merry-hearted man who lived a mile or so from the village. His name was Bowlin Green. Those days when one of middle age had established himself in the affections of a community, its members had a way of adopting him. So Mr. Green had been adopted into many families from Beardstown to Springfield. He was everybody's "Uncle Bowlin." He had a most unusual circumference and the strength to carry it. His ruddy cheeks and curling locks and kindly dark eyes and large head were details of importance. Under all were a heart with the love of men, a mind of unusual understanding and a hand skilled in all the arts of the Kentucky pioneer. He could grill a venison steak and roast a grouse and broil a chicken in a way which had filled the countryside with fond recollections of his hospitality; he could kindle a fire with a bow and string, a pine stick and some shavings; he could make anything from a splint broom to a rocking horse with his jack-knife. Abe Lincoln was one of the many men who knew and loved him.

On a warm, bright afternoon early in September, Bowlin Green was going around the pasture to put his fence in repair, when he came upon young Mr. Lincoln. The latter sat in the shade of a tree on the hillside. He looked "terribly peaked," as Uncle Bowlin has said in a letter.

"Why, Abe, where have you been?" he asked. "The whole village is scared. Samson Traylor was here last night lookin' for ye."

"I'm like a deer that's been hurt," said the young man. "I took to the woods. Wanted to be alone. You see, I had a lot of thinking to do—the kind of thinking that every man must do for himself. I've got the brush cleared away, at last, so I can see through. I had made up my mind to go down to your house for the night and was trying to decide whether I have energy enough to do it."

"Come on; it's only a short step," urged the big-hearted Bowlin.

"What I feel the need of, just now, is a week or two of sleep," said Mr. Lincoln, as he rose and started down the long hill with his friend.

Some time later Bowlin Green gave Samson this brief account of what happened in and about the cabin:

"He wouldn't eat anything. He wanted to go down to the river for a dip, and I went with him. When we got back, I induced him to take off his clothes and get into bed. He was fast asleep in ten minutes. When night came I went up the ladder to bed. He was still asleep when I came down in the morning. I went out and did my chores. Then I cut two venison steaks, each about the size o' my hand, and a half moon of bacon. I pounded the venison to pulp with a little salt and bacon mixed in. I put it on the broiler and over a bed o' hickory coals. I got the coffee into the pot and up next to the fire and some potatoes in the ashes. I basted a bird with bacon strips and put it into the roaster and set it back o' the broiling bed. Then I made some biscuits and put 'em into the oven. I tell you, in a little while the smell o' that fireplace would have 'woke the dead—honest! Abe began to stir. In a minute I heard him call:

"'Say, Uncle Bowlin, I'm goin' to get up an' eat you out o' house and home. I'm hungry and I feel like a new man. What time is it?'

"'It'll be nine o'clock by the time you're washed and dressed,' I says.

"'Well, I declare,' says he, 'I've had about sixteen hours o' solid sleep. The world looks better to me this morning.'

"At the table I told him a story and got a little laugh out of him. He stayed with me three weeks, choring around the place and taking it easy. He read all the books I had, until you and Doc Allen came with the law books. Then he pitched into them. I think he has changed a good deal since Ann died. He talks a lot about God and the hereafter."

In October young Mr. Lincoln returned to his surveying, and in the last month of the year to Vandalia for an extra session of the legislature, where he took a stand against the convention system of nominating candidates for public office. Samson went to Vandalia for a visit with him and to see the place before the session ended. The next year, in a letter to his brother, he says:

(Continued next week)

ARREST OF CROOK STOPS ROBBERY OF DOWS BANK

Robbery of the Jamieson bank at Dows was frustrated on last week Wednesday when Sheriff Marsh of Cerro Gordo county arrested a crook at Dows, a Kelly Charleston of Mason City, who was wanted at that place on the charge of forgery, passing of bad checks and similar offenses.

The Cerro Gordo county officials had been after Charleston for some time, and Wednesday, receiving a tip that their man was in Dows, the sheriff went down and nailed him.

That Charleston had planned to rob the Dows bank was evidenced by a letter which he had written to a pal in Mason City, in which he says that they could clean up from $8,000 to $10,000 on the "deal." It is thought that this man is one of a gang of organized crooks who have been making hauls all over the state, doing a rushing business in auto tires, accessories, etc., maintaining a "fence" to dispose of their goods in the cities. It is also thought that he may be one of the gang who robbed the bank at Coulter recently.

Belmond, it is understood, has a vigilance committee appointed, but it is also understood that the men appointed have never been supplied with the necessary guns to do anything in case it was necessary. It might be a good idea to look the matter up, for any time may be the time for this place.

BANK ROBBERS WILL MEET WARM RECEPTION

Since the bank robbery at Williams and Coulter and the proposed robbery of the Jamieson bank at Dows, the Wright County Bankers association has taken up the matter of organizing a protective association. In other words they are attempting to "lock the barn before the horse is stolen."

The following list of men thruout the county have agreed to act as deputy sheriffs in case of an emergency similar to that which has happened in surrounding towns. These names have been confirmed by the board of supervisors, which makes their appointment legal and invests them with full authority to act.

Clarion—L. R. Stark, Dr. G. J. Meier, M D. Mmshower, M F. Reed, C. L. Adams, Burr Nagle, A. A. Linfor, W. B. Elkenberry.

Belmond—H N. Hill, Geo. J. Brady, Chas. J. Johnson, Jr., Cato C. Griesy, J. M. Jensen, E Bock, J. L. Graham.

Rowan—Alfred Larson, Geo. Carmon, Ed Underdahl, Geo. Liming, Ora Braden.

Each deputy will be required to furnish a bond for $2000. These bonds will be provided by the several banks of the county. —Monitor.

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Belmond Local News

Harold Stoved, living northeast of Dows, while riding his pony last Sunday ran into a barbed wire and cut his throat from ear to ear. It so happened the the jugular vein was not severed and he is resting very nicely. —Dows Advocate.

Mrs. Jim Thayer of Belmond was shopping in Klemme last Thursday afternoon.—Times.

Mrs. Snyder was a business caller on Wednesday of last week at the county seat.

A gentleman from Dows was in town on Tuesday of this week, and in speaking of the ball game played Sunday between Dows and Clarion at the latter place, stated that the same umpire who umpired the Belmond-Clarion game had charge of this one, and that he gave Dows the same sort of a deal that was handed Belmond, and that Dows came very near for feiting the game.

The Rebekah lodge held their installation of officers on Wednesday night of last week, Mrs. Mable Norris, the district deputy president, doing the installation. The new officers of the lodge here are as follows:

Emma Brewer, Noble Grand.
Edith Stapley, Vice Grand.
Elizabeth Snyder, Recording Secretary.
Laura Davenport, Treasurer.

There are some tennis players here, or at least some who can swing at the ball, so why not a few games with some of the neighboring towns? The little town of Rowan boasts several good players, who have met the Clarion and Eagle Grove weilders of the racket, and an interesting series of games might be arranged.

The fire company was called out on Monday afternoon, to put out what this vicinity has not had in many a long moon, prairie fire. The pasture near the Skouge home caught fire, the extended hot weather making the grass like dry hay. The truck was driven into the "danger zone" and the chemical and a few wet blankets soon fixed matters up.

The freight train on the Rock Island at Rowan set fire to a field of oats on the Fred Brooks farm, and ten acres of shocked oats were burned. The fire spread to the Lee Aldrich farm and a couple of acres of grain were burned on that farm. A large delegation of men from Rowan went out to help fight the blaze.

The Mid Continent Shows arrived in town Tuesday and are holding forth on the same grounds as the previous carnival. This affair appears to be of much more consequence than its predecessor, and have some very good acts.

The Misses Anna and Veronica McNamara are visiting relatives and friends at Fort Dodge and Pocohontas for a few days. Miss Anna is on her vacation, and expects to be home this week.

Relatives and friends here relelved word recently of the birth of a fine baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Knowles of Manly. Mrs. Knowles will be remembered by many Belmond people as Miss Velma Kimmel, who was for several years a resident of this place.

Tuesday evening, July 12, relatives of J. D. Walton helped him celebrate his 76th birthday by a picnic supper at Morse Lake. Six families, E. F., Thayne and Floyd Bailey, E. F. Snyder, Purcell and Kraghs, participated in this pleasant event. Altho "Grandpa" has been in poor health lately, he said he was no worse for the trip but felt better, thus proving to us that he is a real good old sport and can enjoy a good time as well as the younger ones. "May time touch him gently and bright be the way that leads him on to another birthday."— By One Present.

"Shorty" Hutchinson, well known in and around Belmond, drifted into the city limits the first of the week and his presence immediately became a fact to His Honor. Shorty left town rather suddenly in 1919, and at that time promised he would never return A warrant was still hanging over him for a past offense, and Mayor Barry, realizing the undesireable company, had it served by Constable McAlpine. Shortly was brought before the Mayor and after being reminded of his previous promise to stay away, was fined $25 and costs on the old warrant and took the first train out of town, solemnly promising never to come back any more.

Thursday afternoon, July 7th., the ladies of the Foreign Missionary society enjoyed a pleasant social and educational hour at the home of Mrs. Voiles. Rev. Edge led the devotional lesson and gave a short talk. Some of the Standard Bearer girls were present and sang a Standard Bearer song. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Otto Hanson, served delicious refreshments at the close of the lesson. Come on members, and all interested in an uplifting work, and be a booster for the W. F. M. S.—A Member.

Mr and Mrs. Hughie Sharp and daughter and Mrs. Jake Meyers and son were visitors at the home of Mrs. Meyers' brother, Chris Stadtlander, and family, at Alexander on Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Dillon and daughter Agnes were among the local people who attended the circus held at Mason City last week.

Mrs. Green of Klemme was a visitor here one day last week with friends here.

Mrs. N. Robinson of Detriot, Michigan, was visiting friends here a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forrestal and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forrestal were among the local people who attended the circus at Mason City last week Thursday.

Mrs. Ross Farmer of Clarion was a guest last week at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Luick

Miss Maye Tracy was a visitor most of last week at the county seat, at the home of Verne Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore visited several days last week with friends in Omaha.

Miss Mary Madigan was a business caller one day last week at Mason City.

L. F. Montgomery who lives in Tacoma, Washington, has been visiting relatives here the past week or two.

Duncan Farren of Rowan, who is one of the tennis fans of that place, was in town one day last week in the interest of the tennis tournament to be held some time next month at Eagle Grove.

Harry Wolle has been spending the week here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle, before going on to Minnesota to take charge of a ditching job there.

Final Clean-Up Sale
Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Starting Friday, July 22nd and continuing until Saturday, July 30th, we will place on sale our entire stock of

Spring and Summer Frocks, Gowns, Suits, Coats, Wraps, Skirts, Blouses and Millinery

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"COMMUNITY DAY" TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

Belmond Adds Another; Beat Mason City

Game Featured By Numerous Errors On Both Sides With Heavy Hitting

FIFTEEN ERRORS ARE MADE

In a game that was slow and dragging, with little interest or excitement, the Belmond team defeated a team from Mason City on the local grounds Sunday by 6 to 4.

It was a quiet game, with no star plays and oodles of errors on both sides. Belmond had an off day and played poor ball, the boys couldn't scare up any pep, pobably because Mason City didn't have any either.

The first inning was scoreless, but in the second errors present Mason City with one run. Belmond ma le one in their half also. The third was runless, while in the fourth the visitors secured one run and Belmond pounded in two. The fifth was runless for Mason City, while the locals added one more. In the sixth it was the same story for the enemy, while two runs went over for Belmond. Mason City scored once in the seventh and eighth, while the boys ha'e took it easy.

Belmond secured six hits, one of them a three-bagger by Baldridge, three being doubles and two singles. Mason City got four, with one for three sacks and the rest singles. The errors were about equally divided, with Belmond being one or two behind.

There was only a small crowd at the game, but those who were there had a good time out of it. It was the quietest game that has been played here this summer. Out of seventeen games the local team has played this season, they have won thirteen of them.

"CAP". TYRRELL ON VACATION

The following article is taken from the Rice Journal for the July number, and concerns a former well known resident of Belmond:-

Captain W. C. Tyrrell, president of the Tyrrell Rice Milling company of Beaumont, Texas, is now on his annual vacation. He will visit points in Iowa, Oklahoma, and spend some time on the shores of Lake Superior before his return. Captain Tyrrell is one of those grand old men who, having made a success in life, has at the same time not become hardened by the game of accumulating a fortune. Just before leaving for his vacation he made his annual contribution of $50 to the Beaumont Journal's ice and milk fund for the children and old folks, according to that paper. This is only one of the many acts of charity for which the Captain is responsible. He recently donated a 500-acre park to the city of Beaumont.

MOTORCYCLE AND AUTO COLLIDE HERE SUNDAY

A young man by the name of Kincaid, residing at Sheffield, was mixed up in a collision here Sunday afternoon about six o'clock. He was coming east across the town bridge, riding a motorcycle, just as a car came frm the south on the Water street road. The young man saw the danger and applied his brakes, but the car struck him and threw him off the motorcycle onto the pavement, the young man alighting on his head and shoulders several feet away. Beyond bruises and scratches he was not hurt. The car went on north, then turned and came back, but did not stop to ascertain what damage, if any, had been done. The driver of the car was unknown, but the license number of the car was secured, the reports stating it was owned in this county, and measures are being taken to straighten the matter out.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS AT LIBRARY TOMORROW

The Community Welfare club meets at the library basement on Friday afternoon, July 29. The program will be on Patriotism, and is as follows:

Leader ---------- Mrs. E. F. Bailey
Music ---------------- Carol Tyrrell
Paper on Patriotism
---------------- Mrs. M. F. Christie
Reading ------------ Alberta Pierce
Prominent Women in Politics ------
---------------- Mrs. A. E. Martin
Music -------------- Girls' Quartette
Reading -------------- Gladys Barry
Song—Star Spangled Banner.

Serving Committee: Mrs. H. F. Luick, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. Pat Dillon, Mrs. R. H. Rierson, Mrs. Tom Brooks, Mrs C. J. Johnson, Mrs. Earl Madsen, Miss Mary Barry, Mrs. M. J. Newgard.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

F. C. Aldrich arranged a surprise on his mother last Sunday, the occasion being her birthday. A number of the relatives were present, about twenty-five in all. Each one brought their own lunch, and a delight ful luncheon was served. A very enjoyable time was had. Mrs. Aldrich was seventy-one on that day, and is an exceptionally spry and able lady for her age.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sorenson from Latimer were among the out of town guests who were present.

MONEY ROLLING IN TO HELP KEEP WALL LAKE

More than half of the $2,500 fund for establishing a public park on the shores of Wall Lake, Wright county, has been pledged, it was learned here yesterday, states a dispatch from Webster City to the Mason City Globe Gazette. Letters from Wellsburg, Alden, Williams, Blairsburg and Ames have been received in reply to a communication recently sent out by Dr. N. C. A. Berg of this city, explaining an alleged attempt by Waterloo men to corner lake shore property and make the resort a private landing place.

Sportsmen who resented this reported manipulation of real estate took the matter before the Iowa board of conservation which looked favorably upon their recommendation that a public park be established on the lake shore, but was unable to take active measures toward this end because other park projects previously granted have absorbed the funds for such purposes.

It was suggested that sportsmen interested in the enterprise raise the $2,500 reuired in the undertaking. The Webster City Wall Lake club provided $500 as a starter for the park, and Dr. Berg said that letters have been received by him pledging approximately $1,000 more for the undertaking.

Local backers of the proposition are awaiting replies from other clubs and individuals addressed.

It was said that the Iowa board has agreed to acquire by purchase or condemnation a certain tract of land bordering upon the southeast shore of the lake as soon as the required sum is raised.

LAKE CORNELIA PARK TO BE OPENED SUNDAY

They have rented grounds and fixed it up for high class professional, or semi-pro, ball games at Lake Cornelia, and next Sunday, July 31, is the opening day, when the new park will be opened by a game between Belmond's aggregation of scalp-takers and Ryder's Independents of Rowan. The Independents are composed, according to reports, of the best from Rowan, Dows and Clarion, and as the three towns have some very good material the game ought to be worth something. Lake Cornelia is making big bids for the most popular resort in the county, and appears to be pushed by a bunch of live wires from both Rowan and Clarion.

A. B. Cuppett left on Monday for Northern Minnesota where he contemplates the purchase of a farm on Lake Vermillion.

Milk Ordinance Explained Friday By Dr. Thompson

State Dairy Inspector Gives Large Audience Fine Address

PASTUERIZE MILK OR TEST

Dr. O. P. Thompson of Waterloo, state dairy inspector, was in Belmond on Friday night as expected, and delivered an interesting address in the city hall to a good sized audience who were interested in the proposed milk regulation ordinance.

Dr. Thompson stated that the ordinance, which is the same as is being introduced in other towns, is not going to work a hardship on anyone who is engaged in retailing milk. The sanitary measures which the ordinance calls for are a good thing, and will result in cleaner and more sanitary milk to the consumer.

The doctor stated that the proposed measure will require all retailers of milk to do one of two things, either to pasteurize the milk, or to have the cows tested. The state will test any cow free of charge, and this requirement is a precaution against the spread of disease, principally tuberculosis, which is so frequently contracted thru milk from tubercular cows, and which this compulsory test will eliminate.

Among those present at the address were councilmen from Garner and some of the neighboring towns, and milk dealers from Dows, besides many who were more or less interested in the proposed ordinance.

A case has come to the notice of the Independent this week, of a man residing on a farm a short way from Belmond who had his herd of cows tested this week, and every one of the herd, of pure breds, was found to be tubercular. He wil have the herd disposed of, and new floors laid in the barns, and everything disinfected.

CAR HIT BY FREIGHT TRAIN SATURDAY EVE

A. C. Meyers met with an accident Saturday evening which resulted in a lucky escape, but which might very easily have proven serious. He was driving home about 10:30, and as he arrived at the Great Western railroad tracks a freight train was switching. The brakeman was on the other side of the train, and did not see Meyers approaching and Meyers could not see the brakeman's lantern. As Mr. Meyers was crossing the track the train, backing up, struck his car. Mr. Meyers and his wife jumped and escaped with minor injuries. The car was pushed about 30 feet up the track, the wheels torn off and the body smashed to pieces. As it was, the only damage was to the car, which was ruined, but the occupants were exceedingly lucky to escape with their lives.

YOUNG BELMOND BOY ACCEPTS PASTORATE

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Webb of this city received word a few days ago that their son Harry had been offered and has accepted the pastore of the church at Wollingsford, Iowa, for the coming year. Harry has the distinction of being the youngest member in the conference, and his many old friends in Belmond extend their congratulations and best wishes in the exceptional success he has attained in his chosen line of endeavor. Harry has been a student at Morningside College at Sioux City the past year, taking studies along his chosen profession, and it is understood that he will continue his studies by correspondence while serving his pastore at Wolingsford.

Henry Anderson was a business caller at Kanawha one day last week.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to George F. Stevens and Lynda Resting.

The Sieg company has begun suit against the Iowa Valley Sugar Co. to collect $228 on a note.

The Independent Grain and Lumber Co. of Eagle Grove has filed suit to recover $312 from Amos and T. O. Thompson on their note.

E. Van Engen has filed a petition in the district court asking judgment against Earl Walrod for balance due on promissory note in the sum of $230.

Annie Danielson vs. Geo. and Lillian Moore is the title of a suit in which landlord seeks to enforce a lien in the sum of $543, balance due as rent money from her farm and asking that said lien be made a prior claim to a certain mortgage.

B. F. Hall vs. Amos and T. O. Thompson of Eagle Grove is an action to recover $500 on a note. A similar action is brought by W. W. Frakes against the same defendants, the amount involved being $1595.

In our report of the stolen autos in this column last week wife of dad No. 2 says their boy took the car all right, but was not mixed up in the check deal. She also says they did what they could to have the law enforced, hence this correction and explanation.

Hugh Whitten of Rowan is appealing from the drainage assessment levied by the board of supervisors against his land in the sum of $2477. The amount of four other appeal cases are as follows: Mary Whitten, $256; H. J. Peddle, $3969; Daniel Whitten, $2767; Mrs. Chas. Brandis, $2478; John Demaris Est., and Mary Marschall, $3457.

Bail bond in the sum of $1000 was furnished Monday by the parents of Art Rasmussen, who was bound over to the October grand jury charged with stealing his father's automobile. Payment was made in cash and the $1000 in currency made quite a "wad" when piled upon the counter in Clerk Goslin's office.

J. D. Cline of Des Moines has begun action against W. L. Kent to recover $1600. Plaintiff alleges that in the exchange of a farm for city property the facts were misrepresented and that defendant's property was subject to a $1600 judgment held by the First National Bank of Belmond and was a matter of record at the time. Plaintiff avers that defendant stated that there was no such incumbrance.

Another case of insanity was before the commissioners Saturday when Mrs. Mary Helgo of Belmond was brought to the court house for examination. She was adjudged insane and taken to Cherokee that afternoon by Deputy Denger and Fred Borel and a sister Mrs. Bertha Fallhaber in Sheriff Lang's automobile. It was too late to make train connections and with good roads the trip could be made in five hours. Besides the unfortunate woman weighted nearly 200 pounds and was so crippled with rheumatism that she could not walk. Her husband had left her and her unsoundness of mind seemed to be mostly over men in general.

Deputy Denger returned from Omaha Friday night with Art Rasmussen, who was arrested for the theft of his father's automobile some weeks ago. County Attorney Rogers conducted a preliminary hearing Saturday morning before Justice Brown, who bound the young man over to the grand jury in the sum of $1000 bond. Rasmussen seems to have gotten into bad company for he has heretofore borne a good reputation. He left this place with a fellow named Belmont and running out of money they went to work on a ranch in Nebraska. They visited Omaha and while in that city the officials arrested Rasmussen, the other man not being found.

Last Mile of Gravel.

The work of hauling gravel for the last mile of the county road east of Clarion was begun Monday. Eight auto trucks belonging to the State Highway commission are engaged in hauling the gravel, which is unloaded from Great Western cars. The gravel was purchased by the county at Belmond. Engineer Hilton states that the work of spreading the gravel on this same road is well under way and by next week it will be completed to the Solberg corner.

BIG DAY TO BE STAGED BY LOCAL CLUB

Home Talent Carnival To Be One Feature Of The Days Attraction

TO HAVE REAL BALL GAME

Trying To Get Belmond And Kanawha -- Otherwise Will Have Ladies Game

The Community Welfare club at a committee meeting held Tuesday afternoon, decided upon a big day to be held here sometime next month. The exact date has not as yet been chosen, depending upon certain circumstances yet to be arranged.

This "big day" from the present plans will be one of utmost interest and enjoyment. The ladies are planning on a ball game in the afternoon, and are endeavoring to arrange one between Belmond and Kanawha, and such a game would certainly draw the crowd. It is not known as yet whether this game can be arranged, and if it proves impossible the ladies are going to stage a game themselves in which the young ladies and the married ones will battle for supremecy.

In the evening of the day they are to stage a home talent carnival in the city park, wherein all the side shows, petrified Eskimoes, red-lemonade and peanut stands will hold forth to the wondering public. Vaudeville stunts by home talent will be on the program, and the cry of the "barker" that for "five cents, a nickel a hafadime" you can see the world's greatest wonder will fill the air.

There is a large supply of good talent for such an affair and the ladies should have a carnival that will be worth coming far to see. The band will furnish plenty of circus music for the occasion, and there will be somethng doing all the while.

It is probable that the big day will be held on either the 18 or 19 of August, depending upon whether the ladies can complete their plans as at present arranged. Belmond hasn't had a "big day" this year, and the proposed affair ought to draw a large crowd. The ball game will be worth coming far to see, and the rest of the doings held in the evening will give everybody a chance to be present.

Further announcements of the affair will be made later, so prepare yourself for something good and a big time.

FAMILY PICNIC HELD AT FRANKLIN GROVE

A very enjoyable picnic was held at Franklin Grove last Sunday by the Fetrow, Easton and Veeder families. Soon after arriving at the grove a delightful dinner was served by the ladies. The main feature of the dinner being fried spring chicken and good old fashioned apple pie. After a few hours of base ball, horseshoe games and visiting, the majority of the party motored to Morse Lake where the remainder of the day was spent in bathing. Before returning from the lake the lunch baskets were raided and their contents were found to be great enough to furnish an attractive lunch for the party.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fetrow and family, Mr. J. H. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fetrow and son Rex, Mrs. Neva Easton and son James, Mrs. Flora Veeder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Veeder, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins and their little daughter Maxine.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rummel of Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and little son of Rowan, and Zadie Boyer of Arthur.

FREE AIR!

We disclaim any credit or blame for the Air this week. A fellow offered to fill the column for us, and we took him up before he had a chance to change his mind.

Therefore, folks, any bouquets or brix you feel inclined to pass around may be addressed to the Air, in care of us. We'll pass 'em on, even tho we have a curiosity to know what might be contained therein.

Change of pasture will doubtless be welcome anyway, so, ladies and gentlemen, we present for your kind consideration A. N. Nommynus, in his sketch entitled "Idears":

Funny, somehow, the way people get ideas into their ivory and no matter how hard you try to convince them they still hang to the same old theory.

We once heard of a rat that wanted to get into a safe, so he kept chewing at the safe and was very much encouraged when every now and then he saw chips fall. After a while his jaws began to hurt, his teeth felt peculiar and upon investigation he found it was pieces of his teeth instead of pieces of the safe. This rat was finally convinced that he was trying the impossible.

Same applies to some people who try to beat the train to the railroad crossing, and the boy under 21 who tries to sneak a cigarette nowadays.

It's a funny world, we admit. Prices are coming down on most everything, but paper and envelopes, and that's stationary. Then, too, the law of gravity has been greatly overcome, for it hasn't a look-in on bringing prices down—or skirts.

People raving about short skirts nowadays in the cities and towns, just remember the poor policeman, he has to have some enjoyment.

The skirt that used to sweep the sidewalk is about as hard to find as the non-floating soap—and who likes either?

Right now, in all the big dailies, we read principally three items of news: The base ball scandal, the Stillman case, and Gov. Small.

These subjects usually draw a head line in all papers, and it's just about the same every day. It is very true the bigger the thing gets the slower it is to move. F'instance, take the elephant and the flea.

The Great Western motor started running Sunday for Clear Lake business. Belmond contributed one fellow on the train Sunday morning, and that was because he had missed connections or some such reason, and he didn't go to Clear Lake either.

Why go to Clear Lake when our own little lake has the same advantages and you don't spend a month's wages there either.

We happened to think that we hadn't been bothered much this summer with mosquitoes. Do you know why? Because it hasn't rained for about ten weeks, and we understand, the more rain the more mosquitoes, and vice versa, but more flies and heat. There's always something to take the joy out of life—and put it back in again.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Onderdic, residing on the A. E. Martin farm west of town, wishes to take this way of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Dr. G. H. Steele for their help and assistance in the treatment of her little daughter Rosa, who was given treatment at the hospital in Iowa City for congenital hip trouble.

GREAT WESTERN FREIGHT SETS FIELD AFIRE

The freight train on the C. G. W. road set a field of shocked oats on fire yesterday afternoon about half past three, near the Frank Barry frm, northeast of town. The fire had just gotten started when noticed, and the alarm was turned in here. The fire company responded with the truck and soon had the blaze out. About eight shocks of oats were destroyed. The high wind would doubtless have carried the blaze across the field and eventually up to the Barry house had the fire not been discovered when it was.

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KEEP YOUR WORD

One of the things which has always struck this paper as being one ot the best tests of a man's character, is whether or not he keeps his word when he gives it.

A man's word has only the one thing back of it, one thing upon which the world has to depend: the honor back of it. The pledged word should be the most valuable thing any man possessed; the thing upon which he could stake his character and reputation and know it was safe.

"My word is my bond" should be the motto of every man, a pledge and a promise which he should under any circumstance use every means in his power to see that his pledged word is good, that his word is as good as tho he had given a bond secured by gold dollars.

But the fact remains that too many people do not take the pledging of their word seriously. They give it unthinkingly, not seriously intending to make any extra effort to keep it or to fulfill the promise given. The average man is a man of honor, and is honest in his intentions, but he fails to realize what his word should be and mean. All men, upon reaching their majority, unconsciously, technically, agree to fulfill the obligations of citizenship, to cast their vote and suport the institutions of their government. They give their word, perhaps not in fact, but nevertheless in theory which is taken as fact, and yet, when it comes time to meet the demands of their word, to cast their vote, for instance, how many men, and now that equal suffrage is here, how many women, consider it as their duty?

No one will place overly much confidence in the person who does not keep their word, who is not to be depended upon. In any business, the man who promises, and does not endeavor to keep the promise, loses the respect of his fellows with whom he is dealing. The man about whom it is said, "you can depand upon him," has something which he should prize above rishes, for he has the confidence of his fellow men; they know he will do as he says, that he will keep his word. But they whom men have no faith in, whom they do not trust to do as he has promised, is a long, long ways from being successful, even tho he occupy one of the most prominent positions of his community. He lives among people who do not trust him, who know he is not to be depended upon. And that, it seems to us, is a state that any man would find unbearable, a state which he would use every effort to get out of.

Even tho a man be of small wealth or of little education; be his position in the community life the most humble, yet if men say of him "you can depend on John," he has something which no man can excell, the trust of his fellows.

WE ADMIT A CORRECTION

The Wright County News, taking exception to what the Independent had to say regarding the ball game between the county seat and Belmond, points out a correction in the write up which the Independent gladly acknowledges, to wit: That no Clarion player got beyond first base. Clarion reached third in the disputed affair.

Outside of that, however, the Independent declines to agree with the views expressed by the News, that the game was Clarion's, or that Belmond quit because they were afraid of losing. Let's get the two teams together again, Brother King, and fight it out. Any time, any place, 60-40, whole hog or none, and with an umpire whose name isn't Bliss and who comes from far, far away. How about it?

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:00 p. m.

The annual Sunday school picnic will be held Friday, August 5. Be at Sunday school next Sunday to hear the final announcements in regard to the picnic.

A welcome awaits you at all the services of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

There were eighty-five present at the services at Mr. Bert Jenison's last Sunday evening. These evening services are growing in interest and all are being benefited by them. Let us have that hundred next Sunday night at Mr. Arthur Hinman's. Would like to see as many as we had at our picnic but presume that would be expecting too much.

Sunday school at 10:00 and our morning worship at 11:00 at which time the pastor will speak especially to young people on the subject, "My Life, What Will I Do With It?" We hope to have a large number present. The evening services at 8:00 at Mr. Hinman's. We hope that each one will help to make next Sunday a great day in the Kingdom. If you have no church home we ask you to come with us and we will try and make it as pleasant as possible for you.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet on next Thursday.

CLIPPINGS

Vern Smith was at Belmond again Friday. He claims he was there on business so we will take his word for it but we wonder when he will bring her to Klemme to live.—Times.

The bathing girls whose pictures you see so often in the summer, presumably bathe in the winter, too, but you don't see any pictures of them in their winter costumes.—Ex.

Jasper M. Jensen, Belmond, has been named as president of the State University's Philomathean society, and Mildred N. Waddell, of Eagle Grove, will be treasurer of the Athena society. Both are literary societies.—News.

So far no tobacco dealer in Klemme has applied for a license to sell "fags," coffin nails, or so called "pills." Those who desire to smoke these little cylinders will have to look elsewhere for their favorite smoke. No dealer here seems to want to pay the high license and take chances on selling cigarettes. The new cigarette law is in full force and the dealer who sells to a minor will be given a stiff fine. A minor who is caught smoking is also up against it and is subject to a $5 fine and five days in the county jail. So it might be well for some of you minors to be a little more careful in the future or else smoke your little "pills" behind the barn.—Times.

J. M. Jensen, of Belmond, has been signally honored by being elected vice president of Waldorf college, at Forrest City, an institution of learning fostered by the Norwegian Lutheran churches of this section. The college officials propose a spirited campaign for a $200,000 fund designed to take care of the rapidly increasing needs of the college, which has an enrollment of around 300 yearly, making it the ranking academy of its kind in America.—News.

Mrs. G. R. Hill, of Clarion, and sister, Miss Marie Johnson, of Belmond, are enjoying a visit with their brother, F. J. Johnson, at Colorado Springs, Colo., and occasional side trips to the scenic points in that section of the Golden State.—News.

Mrs. Gittie Finch, her daughter, Mrs. Mrs. Mame Martin and son Robert, of Belmond were guests of Garner relatives yesterday. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Pritchard are sisters.—Leader.

Saturday morning a report was started around town that a secret marriage for a year was to be made public the coming week end and, would you believe, before two o'clock there were at least five couples who were suspected of having been married all the way from two months to a year. "So and So had heard that So and So had bought a wedding ring steen weeks ago; Such and Such had made such and such a trip at such and such a time," etc. Seems all you have to do is to start a rumor and facts and near facts will furnish the rest.—News.

Mrs. W. K. Blackwell was the victim of an attack of hysteria Sunday, following a visit to his children by her former husband, who had gone to Clear Lake. Mrs. Blackwell was talking to friends when the attack came, and she was removed to her home in Clear Lake. The heat and nervous tension following the meeting with her husband are believed to have caused the spell.—News.

E. Welchhourn, an employee of the Iowa Bridge Co., was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon. He was working with the crew on the bridge near the Olson school house northeast of town. One of the stakes holding the crane and derrick in place on the excavating machine pulled out, and one of the big steel arms fell on the young man, crushing his head to a pulp. The foreman lifted the big steel iron off the unfortunate man and sent for Dr. O'Toole, county coroner, but death was instantaneous and the doctor ordered the remains taken to the Kubitschek & Kashler undertaking parlors. He has a brother living in Des Moines and other relatives at Delphi. He was 19 years of age and had been on the job but three days, coming up from Des Moines Saturday night and going to work Sunday.—Eagle.

W. J. Barz autoed to Belmond yesterday afternoon to meet a cousin of his, Mrs. Ella Tamp of Valley City, North Dakota. Mrs. Tramp will remain here several days.—Garner Leader.

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Belmond Local News

Floyd Case of Clarion, formerly a Belmond boy and well remembered here, has purchased the transfer line in the county seat town from Shake & Son, a partner, Chas. Sumners, being with him in the deal. The Belmond friends of Floyd will wish him the best of success in his business venture.

The Mid-Continent Shows, popularly known as the carnival, pulled up stakes Saturday night and Sunday and left the first of the week for Garner, where they make a two-day stay and then land up in Clear Lake for the big American Legion doings at the resort town.

The motor on the Great Western, which heretofore has been running only on week days, has been put on a seven-day schedule, and arrives in Clear Lake, Sundays, at 10:00 a. m., starting south at 6:00 p. m. It will run as far as Fort Dodge.

N. M. Wolcott of Des Moines came up last week Saturday to visit old friends in the home town. He went to Clear Lake on Saturday morning, going down to Fort Dodge that afternoon, and came back to Belmond Tuesday. Mr. Wolcott is looking extraordinarily well, and says he is feeling fine.

Dr. A. W. Russell left last week Wednesday for Fairmount, Minnesota, where he was called by the illness and death of his sister, Mrs. Wood.

J. J. Flynn is the latest owner of a Henry, and the past week has been missing fence posts and telephone poles and learning to drive.

Louis Tokman was a business caller one day last week at Meservey.

Herman Schultz has been improving his drug store property by a new coat of paint outside, Ernest Stapley doing the work.

The Clarion ball team won from Clarion last week Tuesday by a score of 4 to 3 in a hot contest, and Thursday Kanawha was defeated by Hampton 7 to 3, Hampton scoring every run in the first inning. Why not a tournament in which Hampton, Clarion, Kanawha and Belmond mixed. It ought to draw some crowds, and would certainly be a series of hotly contested games.

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval attended a family reunion at a picnic dinner at Franklin Grove and a picnic supper at Morse Lake Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conn and family motored to Parkersburg, Sunday, to attend a family reunion at the home of Mr and Mrs. [illegible] The occasion was Dan Conn's birthday. Mrs. Kate Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Conn and family of Aredale, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conn and family and Mrs. Stanley Conn and family of Parkersburg were also present.

Joe Patton had the misfortune to break his right arm while working the dump at the elevator Monday of last week.

A. A. Williams was at Aleander last week doing some painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval visited Saturday in Galt at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Herb Aldrich.

Clarence Williams extended his vacation one more week and went to Iowa Falls Tuesday where he had his tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams motored to Webster City one day last week Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have returned to their home in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shiley and Mrs. Joe Rice of Dows, Mrs. Bennetto Shiley of Rockwell City and Mrs. Graff of Freeporte, Ill., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph on Tuesday.

Dale Farren has been having considerable trouble with an abcess on one side of his heel. Dr. J. L. Chassell lanced it.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walker and family of Fairbault, Minn., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Yoeman, and with other relatives.

Earnest Nash of Santa Ana. Calif., Mr. Pester of Clarion, and Mr. Meyers of Solsburg called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval, Sunday. Mr. Nash will be remembered by a great many Rowan people as he lived here for a good many years. They have bought a home in Santa Ana, and intend to make it their home as they enjoy it out there very much.

Rev. and Mrs. Whitford and children, Thelma and Grace, of Hardy, were calling on old friends in Rowan one day last week. Rev. Whitford was a former M. E. pastor here.

Mrs. Gay Fletcher spent Tuesday in Clarion at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz.

Will Whittens are driving a new Ford since their return from Wis.

Mrs. Lizzie Lawson of Wessington, Springs, S. D., came Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. E. Bingham, and other relatives. She is a former resident of Rowan. She reports the crops in South Dakota as looking fine as they have had plenty f rain.

The Young Ladies Mission Study club of the Congregational church held their regular meeting as a picnic at the Mill dam. About 20 were present at this meeting. Marjorie Brooks was the leader and the study was of the vacation trips of Dr, Sheppard, the missionary, who is being studied at present. Three new members were added to the list at this meeting. A very nice picnic supper was enjoyed by all. There will be one more picnic this summer, the third week in August.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, Mrs. Lizzie Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and children motored to Humboldt, Wednesday, to visit at the home of Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Howell. J. F. Howelll took the "40 and 8" while there. L. W. Howel returned with them to Rowan where he visited at the home of his brother a few days, returning to his home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and son motored to Webster City, Thursday, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Letts.

Rev. and Mrs. George Stevens and family, who have been spending their vacation with relatives at this place, returned home to Deloit, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lineweaver are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, their first born, who arrived on Tuesday, July19. The little miss weighed eight pounds and has been named Shirley Arlene. Mother and baby are reported as doing fine.

While trying to crank their Ford car last Thursday, Mrs. Herb Hadley dislocated her wrist and broke a bone in the forearm of her right arm. Dr. Sams was called to set it. It is very painful but is doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Hadley and the children have been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hadley since the accident.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher and her uncle, Fred Clark, who has been visiting her the past week, left Thursday evening for Bruce, Wisconsin, to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tim Weld.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow of Pomcroy visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Whitten, and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Weber and her brother, Claud Chipman, of Clarion, started Saturday by auto for a trip thru Minnesota and Wisconsin, and will visit relatives at both places.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Halbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden and Clarence and Henry Williams went to Clear Lake for an outing picnic supper Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box, Mrs, Jessie Agnew and sons and Miss Blanche Box were Clarion callers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey of Latimer are the proud parents of a baby boy born Wednesday, July 20.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lineweaver last week helping care for her new granddaughter.

A great many people from Rowan attended the Chase-Lister shows in Clarion this last week.

Mrs. Clifford Steffens went to Reinbeck, Saturday, to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Dray, nee Wava Fletcher.

Earl Jacobs of Goodell visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller on Saturday.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. O. E. Ballou and seven girls from the Congregational church Sunday school took flowers to Mrs. M. Snyder, who has been sick for some time. The girls sang for her also.

O. M. Scott of Eagle Grove visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Draeger last week. He was looking after farm interests.

Donald McCallum returned Saturday from Iowa City where he has been attending a six weeks' summer college course.

The seven o'clock passenger on the Rock Island jumped the track between Rowan and Belmond, Thursday night. It was past midnight before they got it fixed so they could go on. No one was hurt.

Clifford Whitten of Clarion and Miss Linda Lee of Olaf were united in marriage Monday, July 18. Clifford is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitten of this place and has an interest in a blacksmith shop in Clarion. The young people will start housekeeping in Carion. Their friends wish them much success and happiness in their new home. They spent the week end at the parental Whitten home.

Emmet Carr went to Iowa Falls last Friday where he had his tonsils removed. He has been suffering from rheumatism for some time and it i hoped this will be of benefit to him.

Mr. Jepson and family and Mrs. Johnson and daughter of Clear Lake visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen, Saturday evening.

Miss Tillie Lindhl of Coggin came Thursday to visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Hackley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz in Clarion.

Little Charlotte Clowes of Renwick who has been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Keith, returned to her home Saturday. Mrs. Keith accompanied her to Dows.

Frank Carr is suffering from blood poisoning in his foot. He is at the home of his mother, Mrs. Etta Carr.

Mrs. W. W. Levens and children of Oelwein came Monday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. H. Barker.

Chester Bailey was a Dows caller Saturday.

Mrs. Ed. Riley went to Belmond, Saturday, to spend the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Fuller Bailey. They attended the Chase -Lister show at Clarion, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stronquist and son of Perry, and Mrs. Albert Thompson and three children of Clarion were in town Saturday calling at the homes of A. O. Pelly and Roy Hyde.

Blanche Combs came home Wednesday from the hospital at Iowa Falls where she had an operation for appendicitis. She is getting long nicely.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum went to Dubuque on Monday of this week to see her mother, Mrs. Fred Baltes, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Underdahl are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rummel of Davenport visited at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Fred Kercheval, Friday.

Miss Laura McCallum returned on Monday from Clarion, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Glenn Jennings.

Mrs. Cora Evans of Milwaukee was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, Friday, enroute to Waverly to visit her sister, Mrs. Will Brooks. Her niece, Elizabeth, who had been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, and her uncle, Fred Brooks, returned to her home in Waverly with Mrs. Evans.

Miss Vinnie Whitten went to Mason City, Saturday, to spend the week end with her friend, Miss Freida Zander.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stevenson went to Thornton, Sunday, to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bert Harris. Their grandson Leland who has been visiting them for the past week returned to his home with them.

Miss Alice McCallum, who has been visiting at the home of her uncle, L. A. McCallum, returned to her home in Dundee, Saturday. Miss Esther Kiplinger of Belmond accompanied her home.

County agent Edwards visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, Monday evening. He held three culling demonstrations that day, one at Earl Sellers, one at Sim Stouts, and one at Mr. Eastman's near Belmond.

Remember the box social which the Iowa Township Farm Bureau Community club will hold at the school house August 12. All three sections will be together at this social. A program will be given. Everybody come and bring a box.

The M. E. Ladies Aid held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. A. C. Rietz on Thursday to decide about the new carpet for the church, which is being redecorated.

Mrs. Maude Kehler and son of La-Port City, came Saturday to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Steffens and family.

Mrs. Lena Murdock of Clarion was a Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kalvig.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCutcheon of Trae visited at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. H. Keith several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kalvig and family who have just moved here where he was appointed section foreman on the Great Western, expect to move to Clarion August 1 where he will be foreman in the yards. It is reported Geo. Wessells will take the section at this place.

Mrs. Charles Farmer of Clarion spent a few days the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Will Ferguson. Glen Farmer and Miss Hope Perdun autoed over Saturday evening and Mrs. Farmer returned to her home with them.

Mrs. Lew Vennum and son Buddy of Fort Dodge returned Friday to their home after a couple of weeks visit with relatives at Dows and at Rowan. They also accompanied Will Whittens on their trip to Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson and children of Dows spent Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Steffens.

Daughter of Former Pastor Wed.

Following is a clipping taken from a Humboldt paper which will be of interest to Rowan people. The bride visited her parents at Rowan several times during their pastorate here and made many friends who wish her much happiness in her new ome.

"The marriaoge of Miss Hilda Bonnell of Parkersburg to R. J. Tidman of Humboldt occured at the home of a mutual friend at Albion, Neb., on June 26. The young people motored to Humboldt and are now at nome in temporary rooms at the Fleming residence, and will begin housekeeping as soon as a residence is available.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bonnell, of Parkersburg, and for some time was a teacher in the Bradgate schools. She has many friends in Bradgate, and is a very popular lady in her home circle. The groom is the proprietor of the Soda Grill at Humboldt and is a business man of ability, and a young man of excellent qualities.

The young couple carry the best wishes of all their acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey were Dows callers Wednesday.

Kenneth Ballou was a Clarion and Belmond caller Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Welsh and children visited at the home of her parents in Clarion Saturday.

Mr. George Liming and daughter, Lorraine were Dows callers Friday, where Lorraine had some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toyne and children Guerdon and Helen and Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum started Saturday for Lanesboro for visit. They will also visit at Carroll, Lake City and Manilla and expected to attend the Merle Hayes funeral at Glidden Sunday. They expect to be gone a couple of weeks.

Samie Hearn and bride of Bristow are visiting at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair of Clarion visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Saturday, and also at the Edd. Miller home.

Th First section of the M. E. Ladies Aid society held an ice cream social on the tennis court Saturday night. They took in $29.75. About twenty dollars of this was clear.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pritchett left Monday night for Rochester, Minn., to receive medical aid for Mrs. Pritchett.

Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten and daughter Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher, and Mrs. Lew Vennum and son Buddy returned from their trip to Bruce, Wisconsin. They report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Emerson and family returned Tuesday night from their camping trip at Lake Okoboji. They met Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Chassel and family of Belle Fouche, S. Dak. while there, and all returned to Rowan in a company. They report a lovely time and a fine place to camp at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bowels of Lacona, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Meyers returned from their trip thru Minnesota and Wisconsin, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bowels returned to their home at Lacona, Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston and son will visit at the Myers home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Kjar and family, Sophia Eson and Frank Stevensen motored to Newell last week. Mrs. Kjar and the children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meller Jensen while the rest of the party motored to Omaha. They returned home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Nelson of Iowa Falls visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion and Mrs. Fred Brooks motored to Des Moines last Thursday. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and family were Iowa Falls visitors on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder.

Mrs. Ernie McBurney and Miss Maude Nickless of Shuiler, Neb., visited at the home of their sister, Mrs. Tice Streveler and family the past week.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, July 31, 1921.

11:00 a. m.—Divine worship.

12:00—Sunday school.

8:00—Evening service; Union service at the M. E. church. We invite you to attend these services. The music will be special and addresses to fit the occasion. Come and bring your friends.

At 7:30 a. m. the Christian Endeavor will meet at the church for an early morning prayer. They will continue to meet in the morning thru the month of August.

2:30 Wednesday afternoon the Junior Christian Endeavor will meet at the church.

Wednesday evening at 8:00 the regular mid week prayer meeting will be held at the church.

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AND EVERYONE fell on it.
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HIS STRONG constitution.
CARRIED HENRY through.
AND DAY by day.
HE GREW more popular.
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AND NOWADAYS he not only.
CARRIES THE cigarettes.
THAT SATISFY.
BUT FORCES 'em on people.
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Ask your dealer to show you the new vacuum-sealed tins of 50 Chesterfields. A compact, convenient and absolutely AIR-TIGHT packing—the cigarettes keep fresh indefinitely.

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OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Elmer Kessler returned home to Iowa Falls, Friday, after having spent the past week helping Mrs. Windecker in the store, during the recent illness of Mr. Windecker.

Mrs. Longley of Belmond and Miss Carrie Baxter were callers at the Geo. Baxter home one day last week.

Two auto loads of relatives of Julius Olson drove thru from Omaha one day last week and made him a visit. His three youngest children returned with them.

The social given under the auspices of the St. Olaf Luther League at the H. O. Anderson home last Friday evening was well attended and considered a success, both financially and socially.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor at Belmond.

Miss Hill of Story county is visiting at the Clarence Scott home. She is a cousin of Mr. Scott.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Garfield Holverson on Wednesday, August 3.

Mr. Saunders of Kanawha was in our burg last week working at the insurance business.

Threshing seems to be the order of the day, many machines being kept busy within a radius of a few miles. Oats are a very light crop, as they did not mature properly, owing to the hot weather.

ALEXANDER NEWS

John Modderman was a business caller at Hampton last Friday.

Fred Greenffield and son Frederick were Hampton callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hansen visited with relatives at Iowa Falls last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bobst and baby and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nelson and Theodore and Bertha were Sunday visitors at Clear Lake.

Mr. Dykeman of Hampton was a business caller in town the first of the week.

Dr. Schultz of Latimer was a caller at Alexander Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenffield and son and Miss Alma Greenffield of Belmond autoed last week to Williamburg to visit with the former's brother, Meno Greenffield, and family.

James Green of Hampton was a business caller here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rankin of Dows were callers in town last Monday.

George Pals and daughter Miss Jennie of near Belmond were callers here Tuesday.

Little Virgie Hardy of Hampton is visiting with relatives in this vicinity.

Lewis Bell and Albert Larsen were business callers at Latimer last Tuesday.

Joe Veeder and Charley Winwood were Clear Lake visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frd Rodemeyer and children visited with relatives at Iowa Falls, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and Miss Jessie Bell visited at the Will Tucker home in Hampton, Friday.

H. CC. Yaw f Iowa Falls was in town the first of the week looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen and two sons were business callers at Hampton, Monday.

Miss Ella Blau went to Iowa Falls last week to assist with the work at the Geo. Yaw home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kaduce and family of near Meservey visited at the Alfred Anderson home last Sunday evening.

Glenn Klinefelter of Garner spent Sunday with friends and relatives at this place.

The Dorcas society will meet at the home of Mrs. F. L. Greenffield next Wednesday afternoon. All ladies are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Houg and daughter Delia of Dows visited at the Peter Bohlen home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jessie and Nellie were visitors at Clear Lake last Saturday.

The hum of the threshing machine has been heard te past week and after this week most all shock threshing will be oone. The yield of oats is reported to be very light, owing to the extreme warm weather.

READ THE ADS

KANAWHA NEWS

Henry Anderson of Belmond was a business caller here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Yeakel of Ames were visitors here this week.

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake came Wednesday for a brief visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fosen and family were over Sunday visitors at the Gerhard Olson home in Britt.

Prof. Hilligan of Forest City was an over Sunday visitor at the Rev. Trelstad home. On Sunday he gave a talk at the Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whitney and little son left Monday for their home at Howarden, after a pleasant visit at the O. A. Satter home.

Mr. nd Mrs. Wm. Benzler of Brit were callers here Monday night.

Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks and Art Nelson leave this week for Canada for a three weeks visit with relatives and friends in that country. They go by auto, and expect to camp out on the trip.

Mrs. Cora Evans returned last week to her home in Minneapolis, after a week or two spent at the home of relatives here, where she was called by the death of Howard Luick.

Mrs. Jennings' brother and siter, from Vernon, South Dakota, who have been visiting at the Jennings home here for the past two or three weeks, returned to their home the latter part of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings accompanying them as far as Garner by auto.

Mrs. A. L. Luick and son returned last week from Dubuque, where she was called by the illness and death of her mother.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Bob Wilson of Cornelia, who has had his speed boat at Morse Lake the past week or two, has taken it back to Cornelia, the business at the lake here in pleasure riding being rather dull.

James Halligan whose home is in Utah, returned to that place the first of the week after spending the past week or two visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Titzell.

Let us do your fancy dry cleaning and pressing. Having added new equipment we are prepared to handle rush orders. Satisfaction guaranteed. —New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of Case Hotel. Phone 28.

Word was received here this week of the death at his home in Indianola of F. H. Wilbur, a former resident of this vicinity and well remembered by many Belmond people.

Vacation Days

Come and go. Your need of God is constant.

Remembee the Services at the

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Specials

25 bars White Laundry Soap	$1.00
3 12c pkgs macaroni for	25c
3 10-cent pkgs corn flakes	25c
Bread, per loaf	10c
Flaxon, per yard	30c
Men's Overalls	$1.25
Men's Pants	2.50

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whittaker expect to leave this week by auto for a trip to Illinois, where they plan on spending some three weeks, visiting at the homes of friends and relatives in that state.

The Misses Alma Ruka and Dortha Okrueg of Goodell were guests recently at the Butts home here.

MIDLAND PACKING PLANT MAY BE REOPENED

The Midland Packing Plant at Sioux City is expected to begin operations August 15th, or within a short period after that time as conditions will permit. The plant, one of the most perfect of its kind has been leased to Wilson and Company, one of the five leading packers in Chicago.

Having a capacity of about 2,000 hogs and about 400 head of cattle daily, the operation of the plant will add much to the prestige of the Sioux City live stock market.

Should the opening be postponed until fall employment will be afforded several thousand men through the fall and winter and at the time when opportunities for work are considerably reduced.

Future conditions of the hog market during 1921 are uncertain. It is possible that operations in all the Sioux City packing plans may be effected by them. An unofficial statement is to the effect efforts will be made to dispose of this surplus before maximum operations are conducted at Sioux City and other market plants.

Water is Necessary for your Battery

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BROKE UP NICE GAME

Hampton Chronicle—Sheriff A. C. Atkinson and City Marshal Hooker rounded up a bunch of gamblers the first of the week, and they were not "kids" as had been reported. Married men were sitting in on the game when the officers suddenly gave the participants the surprise of their lives. There were four or five hauled up before Judge J. J. Sharpe, and after pleading guilty he gave them a nominal fine, with costs added.

J. J. Donovan, the traffic cop who started in to arrest the whole county for violating the automobile laws of Hampton a few weeks ago, was among those charged as being implicated in the gambling crime. He pleaded not guilty, but after a hearing before Judge Sharpe the court decided that his case was suspicious at least, and he gave him $10 and trimmings. Officers state that Donovan was outside of the barn, acting as guard for those inside, when they made a quick swoop and fooled the whole bunch.

RECORD ENROLLMENT AT AMES

With 1,285 students enrolled in more than 255 classes, Iowa State college is conducting the largest summer session in the history of the college.

Students from many states and several foreign countries are in attendance. Most of the work that is offered during the regular school year is available to students during the summer.

Summer session work was offered for the first time at Iowa State college in 1911 when about 50 superintendents and teachers in public schools attended. In 1912 there were 128 students and from this time the enrollment steadily increased. Last year 763 attended the first summer session. This year the enrollment is about 500 greater than that of last year.

The first shower for over a month visited this vicinity on Tuesday night, when a shower of twenty to thirty minutes duration fell. It was all right while it lasted, but it didn't last.

ROBINSON'S

Bread, three 10c loaves	25c
Black Tea, per lb.	40c
Spaghetti and Macaroni, 2 lbs. for	25c
Rolled Oats, lb.	5c
Rice, 5 lbs. for	25c
Corn and tomatoes, per can	10c
Evaporated Pears, lb.	25c
Apricots, No. 2½	20c
Coffee	15c

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Navy Beans, 6 lbs.	38c
Salmon, fancy pink No 1 tall can	15c
Salmon Red Boy	36c
Hippo Washing Powder, 6 boxes for	25c
Swift Pride Washing Powder large size	19c
Palm Olive Soap, 3 for	25c
Cream Oil Soap, 3 for	25c

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Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
Spice Cake	40c
Nut Cake	50c
Sunshine Cake	50c
Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
Drop Cookies, dozen	25c
Baked Beans, pint	20c

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Belmond Local News

E. F. Bailey started his big ditching machine for the first time Monday on the drainage job at Clarion, and made a big run for the day. That evening the machine broke down, and Mr. Bailey drove to Iowa Falls in the night for repairs.

Bill Clark, who moved from this place to the county seat recently, to work on the drainage ditch there, was calling on old friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. Ellis Burk has been reported on the sick list this past week, but is reported better.

Miss Christina Hanson of Hawley, Minesota, a cousin of Mrs. C. A. Johnson, is spending a few days here at the Johnson home.

Miss Nettie Benson went to Alexander the first of the week where she will spend the next few weeks keeping house for uncle, Mr. Foughty.

Louis Parsons went to Chicago one day last week where he visited a few days with his brother, Everett, who is taking a business course at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hills and two sons of Clarion were guests last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodd of Popejoy were visitors on Saturday of last week at the F. E. Snyder home.

Preston Tyrrell returned to Sioux Rapids, Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Hall Tyrrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson spent the week end at Latimer, at the home of their son and family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kraig and daughter moved to the county seat on Saturday, where they will make their home this summer, Mr. Kraig being employed with Mr. Bailey on the big ditching job there.

Floyd Bailey drove home from the county seat Saturday, to spend Sunday with relatives and friends in his home town.

Let us do your developing and printing. Prints reduced or developing to 10 cents a roll.—Schultz Drug Co.

Lee Stacy and wife drove to their former home, Hampton, last Saturday evening to spend the week end at the home of relatives there.

Mrs. Tuffree was a visitor last week at Mason City, at the homes of various friends there.

Warner Butts of Goodell and his brother, Billy, of this place, are enjoying a vacation this week at Lake Jefferson.

Mrs. Ray Norris of Garner was a visitor here last week at the home of relatives and friends.

It was reported here on Monday of this week that the dam at East Lake, between Belmond and Kanawha, was dynamited on Sunday at about two o'clock in the morning. It is said that some of the farmers in the neighborhood of the lake are a little bit sore over some drainage matters connected with the lake, and the reports blame someone in that vicinity for the deed. The water let loose raised the river in town here considerably, and the river is reported full of fish that escaped from the lake. They say that this is the third time that the lake has been dynamited.

Mrs. Tony Knipp of Goodell was a visitor here on Saturday, doing some shopping and visiting friends.

Hal Nourse left Sunday of this week for Fox Lake, Wisconsin, to join his family, who have been enjoying a vacation at that place for the past few weeks. They expect to return home some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mallory returned last week from Moss Point, Miss., where they have been spending the past six or eight months. They are staying for the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse, and are doing some repairs on their residence property here. They had a very enjoyable time in the south, but say that it was exceedingly hot down there, altho the gulf breezes helped things wonderfully. Mr. Mallory states that labor in the south is cheap, and that a skilled mechanic receives from but three to five dollars a day. Living is very reasonable, much below what it is in the northern states.

W. E. Bullard was a business caller last Friday at Cambridge, making the trip by car. Rufe Morse says he bought an umbrella while there, because it looked like rain.

Albert Tracy of Clarion caused a calf to go hence at Morse Lake one day last week, when he hit it with a big Paige car. This makes the second calf to be turned into veal by Clarion young men at the lake within the past two weeks.

The Garner papers have been agitating that Pilot Mound and Dead Man's Lake, in Hancock county, be made a state park, and in a long article last week the Leader gives the reasons why it thinks this should be done. A dispatch to the Mason City paper states that the park is to be granted.

The post office at Meservey has been made a third class affair, and Meservey people are feeling quite puffed up about it.

No rain yet. But several promises of it. Sunday it looked very much as tho our long dry spell was going to be broken at last, with an overcast sky and mutterings of thunder, but there was nothing doing, not even a drop. Good showers were had in all directions from Belmond, with heavy rainfall at Garner, Hampton, east of Rowan, and fourteen miles south of Belmond. Crops of all kinds are in a more or less bad way for rain, the corn being somewhat spotted in this particular, however, with some good fields as yet not much harmed, while others are firing. Potatoes, except those planted in the early spring, are counted as just about a total loss, with the planter lucky to get his seed back.

Morse Lake continues to draw some good crowds, altho the cloudy weather has cut down on the number to a considerable extent. Many picnic parties have taken place there the past week. Some of the carnival people who visited the lake were loud in their approval of it, and they could not understand why Belmond people did not improve it and make it into the resort it is capable of being made.

Threshing began in this vicinity last week, and reports of the oats seem to be somewhat light in quantity and of fair quality.

W. H. Wolle has been putting in a new walk in front of his office on Spruce street.

LuVerne Smith came down from Klemme to spend Sunday with relatives and friends at this place.

The county fair of Wright county will be held at Clarion next month, three days of big times being on the program. The fair last year was the best yet, and the reports of this year's fair are that it is to eclipse last year's event.

The ball team at LuVerne, practically and all-salaried outfit has been disbanded owing to a lack of sufficient funds to keep it going. Whenever some of the small towns learn that a salaried outfit is too expensive to pay out, and that a hired team never draws the interest of the home folks as it does where everybody knows the players, the better off they will be.

Charley Peterson came over from Hampton to spend Sunday here with his family, who have been visiting the past few days with relatives.

Dr. Brown of Clarion was a caller here one day last week, driving over in his car.

Kanawha played a team from Mason City, Sunday, at the lake, and the result was 20 to 0 in favor of the salaried Kanawha team.

Mr. and Mrs. Schooner spent the week end with friends and relatives at Iowa Falls.

Rev. Jensen and family and Martin Hansen and family in their cars started this week for a trip to points in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Henry Saatoff and wife drove down from Kanawha to spend Sunday here with friends and relatives.

The Misses McBane of Fort Dodge were visitors here on Thursday of last week.

Cap. W. C. Tyrrell of Beaumont, Texas, returned from Walker, Minnesota, with his brother Hall from Sioux Rapids on Friday of last week, after a few days spent there with relatives. Cap. enjoyed the fishing but says it was rather cool.

Now Comes Our Semi-annual

Clearaway

For the last few days of July

REFRESHING PRICES--so far below regular that there is no comparison, for this is our semi-annual Clearaway. Just hundreds of items on Sale--most of them in small, broken lots that must be sold at any sacrifice.

ALL THROUGH JULY we have hammered prices down in one clearance after another, in every department. Now, what remains after this concentrated effort will be marked way below the Sale prices of a few days ago in a final clearaway.

EVERY DEPARTMENT in this store has entered this semi-annual Clearaway. Surely, out of about 400 items, all desirable, you will find many that you desire and need at savings you cannot realize until you come here this week-end.

Dollar Day

August 4th

This greatest of all Fort Dodge shopping days in conjunction with all other Fort Dodge merchants, will be the signal for the Boston Store to step forward again with unequalled dollar bargains.

Dollar Day will be conducted at this store on the same successful plan of six months ago. One hundred items will be put on sale when the store opens and 10 more every half hour during the day — bringing something new to your attention continually.

Holger's Ice Tea and National Biscuit Company Wafers will be served on fourth floor all day long—FREE OF CHARGE, on Dollar Day.

If you wish a copy of the advertisement that will appear in Tuesday evening's Messenger—write to us immediately and we will send you one. This advertisement contains all the items that are put on sale for Dollar Day.

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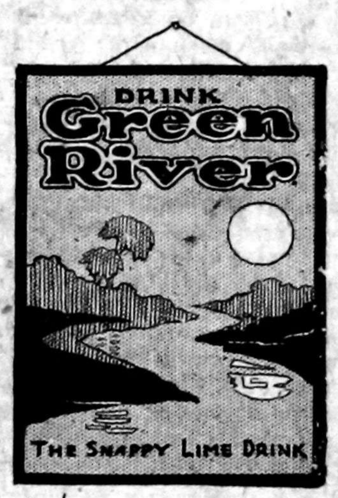

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Next Week's Dance Program

AT

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Tuesday & Friday
August 2nd and 5th

Our dances are going good now, since the weather has settled a little. Large and enthusiastic crowds are coming out, from the towns all over the county. Everyone is having a good time dancing in this modern dance pavilion, where good order is maintained and the best people are congregating, attracted by the splendid music of one of Iowa's good dance orchestras and the popular prices.

If you haven't visited our pavilion, by all means arrange to attend one of these dances. Your pleasure and comfort is assured.

A Place for Ladies & Gentlemen

FAIR BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE WINNER

It is only a short time till the Wright County Fair opens its gates to the public once more, and the management has practically completed preliminaries for this big Wright county event. The last contract for amusement features was signed the first of the week, when the Capital City Amusement Co. was booked for carnival features and attractions and is said to be one of the cleanest carnival shows on the road. Riding devices for the children are carried, so there will be no disappointment. Two hundred people are carried with the company.

Premium List Out This Week

The premium list has been delivered and is being mailed out this week. Any one wishing a copy may receive one by writing to Secretary J. H. Moore, Clarion. They may also be obtained at Mr. Moore's hotel office, the Wilson variety store, Jackson's furniture store or at The News office.

There are some changes in this year's premium list. In minor divisions the premiums have been added to and in the cattle and stock divisions some of the premiums are slightly lowered to the level paid by the majority of fairs in this section. New departments have been opened for competition, and the fair this year is offering very substantial cash prizes for the most artistic displays made by business houses.

Frank Wilson, superintendent of speed, is lining up the hosses for the racing program, and it looks like there would be a good field with plenty of entries. Clarion has never yet fallen down on its racing and as long as Wilson is boosting the racing there is no fear it will fall.

The big attractions this year for the fair are the Hornbrook Wild West shows, presenting free performances twice daily and also putting on a real Wild West show to which admissions will be charged. Then one of the highest class trapeze acts in the business will be here, and the fireworks display at night will eclipse last fair's nightly programs. Thearle-Duffield Co. furnishes the fireworks and they write the management that everything will be delivered as contracted for and we need have no hesitancy in so advising the public. This company supplies the fireworks for the state fair, so our display will be delivered as provided for. It is much better than last year's.

The News advises its readers to begin to get ready NOW for attending this big event. Look over the place and see what is good for exhibition. Let the handiwork of the ladies of the county, and the products of farm and field be brought in. The stockmen, too, should welcome the opportunity to exhibit. It looks like a great fair.

Balancing Act is Contracted

The fair association on Tuesday evening contracted for a balancing comedy act that has featured some of the big fairs of the country, and which will furnish fun for old and young during the fair. It is said to be an extremely good act, and will complete an already good program of free acts.

A string of horses is already at the fair grounds in training for the racing season to come. At least a dozen more will be here by today, for a car load is enroute. Frank Wilson says we will have the usual big entry list for our fair, and some of them will be real steppers.—News.

Mr. and Mrs. Graephler of Dows were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan.

Chas. Engstler and family from Chrystal Lake spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Engstler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kenenck.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

By Ralph Edwards.

Middleton Speaks at Bige Home.

The Ollie Bige home southeast of Eagle Grove was the scene of a lively community social on Friday evening, July 22nd, when about 200 farmers of Woolstock township gathered on the lawn of this farm home to enjoy an evening's entertainment consisting of piano solos, vocal solos, vocal duets, recitations and a splendid speech from Mr. Middleton. The busy threshing season did not stop these good farmers who were determined to meet with one another in a social way for their regular monthly farm bureau affair.

A. L. Middleton of Troy township gave a most interesting address which lasted for an hour or more. Mr. Middleton's speech was unusually interesting because of his detailed report on his experiences with the National Committee of Seventeen, of which Mr. Middleton was one of the most influential members. He reviewed the activities of the committee from the time of its organization to the present time when the organization work is being carried on in each of the grain belt states. His address was filled with experiences which show very clearly the influence which is being exercised by the farm bureau in bringing about a satisfactory system of marketing our grain crops. Mr. Middleton had just returned from Pierre, S. D., where he was called to talk on grain marketing at the South Dakota State Farm Bureau Federation conference and he reports an attendance of several thousand. Mr. Middleton is considered as an authority on co-operative grain marketing and the calls which are constantly coming in from all sections of the grain belt of the United States surely indicate that his services are in great demand. Indeed all farmers and all citizens of Wright county ought to be proud of Mr. Middleton and the active part which he has taken in establishing a satisfactory system for marketing our grain crop. We should realize the great sacrifices that are being made by Mr. Middleton in order to give his services for the interests of all farmers in the grain growing section of the United States. His life has become a very strenous one because of the irregularity of sleep, etc., in traveling to meet his appointments in various parts of United States.

After the speech of the evening ice cream and cake were in order and the happy crowd broke up at about midnight.

Lowering Transportation Rates

Farm bureau members and farmers in general should take note of the action which is being taken at the present time by the American Farm Bureau federation in an effort to have transportation rates reduced.

J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, in company with a national legislative committee of five men is now in Canada conferring with the Canadian government on a scheme for deepening the St. Laurence river so as to make possible the transportation of agricultural products from Canada and United States to the Atlantic sea coast at cheaper rates.

It is estimated that if our national legislature carries through this plan of deepening the St. Laurence river the transportation rates on our various grain crops will be reduced at least 10 cents per bushel. This indicates the steps which are being taken by the farm bureau in an effort to relieve the farmer from the high transportation rates.

Poultry Culling Giving Results.

The poultry culling demonstrations which are being conducted by the county agent are beginning to show results. To date over three thousand hens have been handled with a result that between twenty-five and thirty percent were culled out as non-laying hens. There seems to be no good reason why farmers should bear the expense of keeping these star boarders through the winter months.

All farmers who attend these demonstrations seem to be entering into the spirit of the work very nicely. Everyone comes in work clothes with a smiling face and an eagerness to learn the fundamental points in culling. The culling operation seems so simple that many farmers are wondering why they have not learned the method before.

Wool Pool July 28 and 29.

All wool growers of Wright county and surrounding territory, who expect to consign wool through the Wool Growers association, should bring their wool to the Rock Island depot Thursday or Friday, July 28 or 29. Wool should be tied with regulation wool twine and packed in regulation wool sacks, both of which can be bought at the county agents office.

The county agent will be at the Rock Island freight depot both days until eight o'clock p. m. to receive wool from those who are too busy with threshing to come during the day.

Up-to-Date Garment Club.

The newly formed garment club met at the home of Miss Thora Larsen Friday afternoon, July 15th. The name chosen by the girls was "Up-to-Date Garment club" and colors green and white. The following new members were present: Bernice Houland, Gladys Askelson, Irene Toresdahl. The next meeting will be held at the home of Norma and Mildred Klein, July 29th. Signed, Gertrude Roseland, Sec.

Pigs Will Sell at Fair.

Arrangements are being made by the fair association to auction the club pigs at 10 o'clock on the last day of the fair. Boys and girls who received pigs at the 1920 fair, also those who had pigs which were held over from the previous season, are asked to bring their litters to the fair on August 10th for exhibition.

Rural Children Underweight.

That rural children are more poorly nourished than children in cities and towns is the conclusion suggested by the facts in a number of recent surveys in different parts of the country, according to Miss Florence Busse, professor of household science at Iowa State college.

In spite of the fact that there is an abundance of milk and garden products available on the farm, the children in farm homes show a high percentage of malnutrition, says Miss Busse. One survey gives the following figures on malnutrition: city grade schools, 20 per cent of the children malnourished; large town grade schools, 31 percent; small town grade schools, 34 percent; rural schools, 35 percent. The average of the state in which these figures were secured is 30 percent.

"About one child in three in the rural districts is suffering from malnutrition," says Miss Busse. "The vegetable garden should furnish the minerals and growth substances needed to supplement a diet of meat, potatoes and sweets. The farmer has long known the reason for proper feeding of his cattle. It has taken longer for parents to take the same interest in making sure that their children are eating the proper foods."

Grant Ladies Meet.

The ladies of Grant township farm bureau will meet at the William Tucker home Friday afternoon, July 29th, for their regular monthly meeting.

The lady chairman of the farm bureau urges that every lady in the township attend this meeting.

Big Baby Crop.

Neither the hot weather or the drought seems to have effected the baby crop in Wright county as the following will testify:

In Grant township a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cooper on July 15th.

A standard weight son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anno Terhart in Norway township on July 16th.

On July 18th a fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Klinger of Dayton township.

From Iowa township is received word of the arrival of a new daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lineaweaver on July 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Adams are the parents of a standard weight son, born July 23d.

A son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin, who are employed on the J. E. Kirstein farm.

Ants Can be Eradicated.

The best method of eradicating ants from the household is to keep right after them at all times with a preventative, says the home economics department of Iowa State college.

Ants are known to be the most bothersome during summer months but they also appear in the winter in houses which are kept unduly warm.

Care should be taken to keep all unclean dishes washed up. Pantry shelves may be washed with gasoline and thus kept free from ants. Spices are often sprinkled around as they are not pleasant to the insects and they offer no danger of poisoning people.

Several patent remedies are available but many of these contain poisons which would be injurious to small children who might take them. A poisonous paper may be had at the drug stores which when distributed around the shelves in small pieces will give satisfaction. There is no danger of poisoning children with this.

GIVE PIGS FILL OF CORN

That the corn ration of weaning pigs on alfalfa pasture should not be limited is indicated by the results secured in experiments conducted by the animal husbandry department of the Iowa agricultural experiment station.

Six lots of pigs were taken shortly after weaning time. They weighed in the neighborhood of 55 pounds each and were fed until they weighed 225 pounds. One group was fed in a dry lot as a check. The other groups were fed different amounts of corn and tankage and were allowed to run on alfalfa. Only one of these groups was self fed "free choice" style both tankage and corn.

The free choice group required less corn and tankage per 100 pounds of gain and required a smaller number of days to reach 225 pounds than did the other groups. The more the corn ration was limited on alfalfa the more tankage was required for 100 pounds of gain. With corn at 55 to 60 cents a bushel and tankage at $60 a ton, tankage is about three times as expensive as corn.

LAND OWNERS AND TENANTS HOLD BIG MEETING

Hampton Chronicle—The landlord-tenant meeting held at the court house in Hampton Tuesday evening was largely attended, the court room being "packed" and the "standing room only" cards had to be displayed. The meeting was in charge of County Agent Morris McNie.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the form of lease best suited to this part of the country, and also something that will preserve the fertility of the rich soil of this state. John C. Galloway, of Ames, was the principal speaker on the program, and gave a mighty fine talk on the subject, and urged the co-operation of land owner and tenant, because we need both of them. He also explained the various kinds of leases, but made it plain in a general way farm leases could not be entirely uniform, they had to be made to fit each particular case, as landlord and tenant could best agree.

Several speakers added to the interest of the meeting and the whole trend of thought was that the "golden rule" should be the guide of everybody, whether he be a tenant, landlord, banker or business man. G. E. Van Wert who is a tenant, was one of the interesting talkers of the evening, and he urged every tenant to do the right thing, pay his rent if he could without a kick. On the other hand, every landlord with a heart should not insist on the last pound of flesh when he was able to get along with less of it. W. L. Robinson, R. T. Garrison, C. F. Johnston and William Savidge also gave interesting talks, and the sentiment of everybody present seemed to be that everybody should boost and do the best he could under present conditions. Higher prices are hoped for, and it seems if they have to come later on, but of course some folks are going to get pinched while the reconstruction period is with us.

There are two classes of landlords, the man who owns his farm at $100 an acre, or even less, or at $150 an acre, and the land owner who paid $300 or more on acre. The fellow who owns the land at the old price can afford to do lots more "discounting" of rent than can the man who paid the high price. The man with the high price land on his hand, with a big mortgage hanging on it, is worse off than the tenant, because those fellows back east who hold the mortgage do not have any hesitancy in demanding their interest money when it is due.

The conditions are not pleasant just now, but they will work out all right if everybody will pull and boost. Don't rock the boat!

Belmond Local News

Miss Harriett Wolcott of Des Moines came last week for a few days visit in Belmond and Kanawha at the homes of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Fred Cloud and daughter Maude, of Caldwell, Kansas, arrived last week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Cloud's sister, Mrs. T. D. Rankins.

The editor of the Goldfield paper has been having a little mix up with some of the citizens over there, who have been trying to tell him how to run his paper and have endeavored to "censor" the columns of his sheet. In his recent issue Editor Sherman reads these folks the riot act, and invites them to start something any old time they feel like it.

Kenneth Ballou of Rowan, a former Belmond boy, was greeting old friends here of Friday of last week.

Miss Della Bayliss was greatly surprised when she went home Friday afternoon and found a group of girl friends assembled at her home. They were all ready for the woods for a surprise party on Miss Della. A very enjoyable time was had by the party.

Mrs. Bayliss, who was bitten some time ago, is still quite ill from the effects of the bite and as yet unable to use her foot much.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinlicht and family were visitors Sunday at the home of friends in Kanawha, and spent part of the day at the lake.

Thos. Tyrrell has been making an improvement on his residence property by reshingling the roof.

Chris Sorenson has disposed of his residence property here, and it is reported contemplates moving to South Dakota in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy and family drove to Corwith Monday of this week where they spent the day at the home of Mrs. Gowdy's brother, Mr. Gaskel. They returned home that same evening.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

CHAPTER XV.—Dying, Ann Rutledge calls for Abe, and he bids her farewell at her bedside. Following her demise a settled sadness descends on him. He is no longer "Abe," but "Abraham Lincoln."

CHAPTER XVI.—Overcoming his despondency, Lincoln returns to his work. Abolition sentiment is crystalizing and he throws himself into the movement.

"Vandalia is a small, crude village. It has a strong flavor of whisky, profanity and tobacco. The night after I got there I went to a banquet with Abe Lincoln. Heard a lot about the dam nigger-loving Yankees who were trying to ruin the state and country with abolition. There were some stories like those we used to hear in the lumber camp, and no end of powerful talk, in which the names of God and the Savior were roughly handled. A few of the statesmen got drunk, and after the dinner was over two of them jumped on the table and danced down the whole length of it, shattering plates and cups and saucers and glasses. Nobody seemed to be able to stop them. I hear that they had to pay several hundred dollars for the damage done. You will be apt to think that there is too much liberty here in the West, and perhaps that is so, but the fact is these men are not half so bad as they seem to be. Lincoln tells me that they are honest, almost to a man, and sincerely devoted to the public good as they see it. I asked Abe Lincoln, who all his life has associated with rough-tongued, drinking men, how he managed to hold his own course and keep his talk and habits so clean.

"'Why, the fact is,' said he, 'I have associated with the people who lived around me only part of the time, but I have never stopped associating with myself and with Washington and Clay and Webster and Shakespeare and Burns and DeFoe and Scott and Blackstone and Parsons. On the whole, I've been in pretty good company.'

"He has not yet accomplished much in the legislature. I don't think that he will until some big issue comes along. 'I'm not much of a hand at hunting squirrels,' he said to me the other day. 'Wait till I see a bear.' The people of Vandalia and Springfield have never seen him yet. They don't know him as I do. But they all respect him—just for his good-fellowship, honesty and decency. I guess that every fellow with a foul mouth hates himself for it and envies the man who isn't like him. They begin to see his skill as a politician, which has shown itself in the passage of a bill removing the capital to Springfield. Abe Lincoln was the man who put it through. But he has not yet uncovered his best talents. Mark my word, some day Lincoln will be a big man.

"The death of his sweetheart has aged and sobered him. When we are together he often sits looking down with a sad face. For a while not a word out of him. Suddenly he will begin saying things, the effect of which will go with me to my grave, although I cannot call back the words and place them as he did. He is what I would call a great captain of words. Seems as if I heard the band playing while they marched by me as well dressed and stepping as proud and regular as the Boston Guards. In some great battle between Right and Wrong you will hear from him. I hope it may be the battle between Slavery and Freedom, although at present he thinks they must avoid coming to a clinch. In my opinion it cannot be done. I expect to live to see the fight and to take part in it."

Late in the session of 1836-1837 the prophetic truth of these words began to reveal itself. A bill was being put through the legislature denouncing the growth of abolition sentiment and its activity in organized societies and upholding the right of property in slaves.

Suddenly Lincoln had come to a fork in the road. Popularity, the urge of many friends, the counsel of wealth and power, and public opinion, the call of good politics pointed in one direction and the crowd went that way. It was a stampede. Lincoln stood alone at the corner. The crowd beckoned, but in vain. One man came back and joined him. It was Dan Stone, who was not a candidate for re-election. His political career was ended. There were three words on the sign-board pointing toward the perilous and lonely road that Lincoln proposed to follow. They were the words Justice and Human Rights. Lincoln and Dan Stone took that road in a protest, declaring that they "believed the institution of slavery was founded upon injustice and bad policy." Lincoln had followed his conscience, instead of the crowd.

At twenty-eight years of age he had safely passed the great danger point in his career. The declaration at Decatur, the speeches against Douglas, the miracle of turning 4,000,000 beasts into 4,000,000 men, the sublime utterance at Gettysburg, the wise parables, the second inaugural, the innumerable acts of mercy, all of which lifted him into undying fame, were now possible. Henceforth he was to go forward with the growing approval of his own spirit and the favor of God.

BOOK THREE

CHAPTER XVII.

Wherein Young Mr. Lincoln Betrays Ignorance of Two Highly Important Subjects.

There were two subjects of which Mr. Lincoln had little understanding. They were women and finance. Until they had rightly appraised the value of his friendship, women had been wont to regard him with a riant curiosity. He had been aware of this, and for years had avoided women, save those of old acquaintance. When he lived at the tavern in the village, often he had gone without a meal rather than expose himself to the eyes of strange women. The reason for this was well understood by those who knew him. The young man was an exceedingly sensitive human being. No doubt he had suffered more than any one knew from ill-concealed ridicule, but he had been able to bear it with composure in his callow youth. Later nothing roused his anger like an attempt to ridicule him.

Two women he had regarded with great tenderness—his foster mother, the second wife of Thomas Lincoln, and Ann Rutledge. Others had been to him, mostly, delightful but inscrutable beings. The company of women and of dollars had been equally unfamiliar to him. He had said more than once in his young manhood that he felt embarrassed in the presence of either, and knew not quite how to behave himself—an exaggeration in which there was no small amount of truth.

In 1836 the middle frontier had entered upon a singular phase of its development. Emigrants from the East and South and from overseas had been pouring into it. The summer before the lake and river steamers had been crowded with them, and their wagons had come in long processions out of the East. Chicago had begun its phenomenal growth. A frenzied speculation in town lots had been under way in that community since the autumn of '35. It was spreading through the state. Imaginary cities were laid out on the lonely prairies and all the corner lots sold to eager buyers and paid for with promises. Millions of conversational, promissory dollars, based upon the gold at the foot of the rainbow, were changing hands day by day. The legislature, with an empty treasury behind it, voted twelve millions for river improvements and imaginary railroads and canals, for which neither surveys nor estimates had been made, to serve the dream-built cities of the speculator. If Mr. Lincoln had had more experience in the getting and use of dollars and more acquaintance with the shrinking timidity of large sums, he would have tried to dissipate these illusions of grandeur. But he went with the crowd, every member of which had a like inexperience.

In the midst of the session Samson Traylor arrived in Vandalia on his visit to Mr. Lincoln.

"I have sold my farm," said Samson to his old friend the evening of his arrival.

"Did you get a good price?" Mr. Lincoln asked.

"All that my conscience would allow me to take," said Samson. "The man offered me three dollars an acre in cash and ten dollars in notes. We compromised on seven dollars, all cash."

"What are you going to do now that you have sold out?"

"I was thinking of going up to Tazewell county."

"Why don't you go to the growing and prosperous town of Springfield?" Mr. Lincoln asked. "The capitol will be there, and so will I. It is going to be a big city. Men who are to make history will live in Springfield. You must come and help. I shall need your friendship, your wisdom and your sympathy. I shall want to sit often by your fireside. You'll find a good school there for the children. If you'll think of it seriously I'll try to get you into the public service."

"We need you plenty," Samson answered. "We kind o' think o' you as one o' the family. I'll talk it over with Sarah and see. Never mind the job. If I keep you behavin' yourself, it'll be job enough. Anyway, I guess we can manage to get along."

"I've had a talk with Stuart and have some good news for Harry and Bim," said young Mr. Lincoln. "Stuart thinks she can get a divorce under the law of 1827. I suppose they are still interested in each other?"

"He's like most of the Yankees. Once he gets set, it's hard to change him. The Kelsos have moved to Chicago, and I don't know how Bim stands. If Harry knows, he hasn't said a word to us about it."

"I'm interested in that little romance," said the legislator. "It's our duty to do what we can to secure the happiness of these young lovers. Tell Harry to come over here. I want to talk with him."

CHAPTER XVIII.

In Which Mr. Lincoln, Samson and Harry Take a Long Ride Together and the Latter Visit the Flourishing Little City of Chicago.

Mr. Lincoln had brought the papers which Harry was to take to Bim, and made haste to deliver them. The boy was eager to be off on his mission. The fields were sown. The new buyer was coming to take possession in two weeks. Samson and Harry had finished their work in New Salem.

"Wait till tomorrow and maybe I'll go with ye," said Samson. "I'm anxious to take a look at that little mushroom city of Chicago."

"And buy a few corner lots?" Abe asked, with a smile.

"No; I'll wait till next year. They'll be cheaper then. I believe in Chicago. It's placed right—on the waterway to the north and east, with good country on three sides and transportation on the other. It can go into partnership with Steam Power right away and begin to do business. Your grain and pork can go straight from there to Albany and New York and Boston and Baltimore without being rehandled. When railroads come—if they ever do—Steam Power will be shoving grain and meat and passengers into Chicago from every point of the compass."

Abe Lincoln turned to Sarah and said: "This is a growing country. You ought to see the cities springing up there in the legislature. I was looking with great satisfaction at the crop when Samson came along one day and fell on it. He was like a frost in midsummer."

"The seed was sown too early," Samson rejoined. "You and I may live to see all the dreams of Vandalia come true."

"And all the nightmares, too," said the young statesman.

"Yes, we're going to wake up and find a cold morning and not much to eat in the house and the wolf at the door, but we'll live through it."

Then the young statesman proposed: "If you are going with Harry, I'll go along and see what they've done on the Illinois and Michigan canal. Some contractors who worked on the Erie canal will start from Chicago Monday to look the ground over and bid on the construction of the southern end of it. I want to talk with them when they come along down the line."

"I guess a few days in the saddle would do you good," said Samson.

"I reckon it would. I've been cloyed on house air and oratory and future greatness. The prairie wind and your pessimism will straighten me up."

"I've Been Cloyed on House Air and Oratory and Future Greatness."

Harry rode to the village that afternoon to get "Colonel" and Mrs. Lukins to come out to the farm and stay with Sarah while he and Samson were away.

Josiah, now a sturdy boy of thirteen, stood in the dooryard, holding the two saddle ponies from Nebraska which Samson had bought of a drover. Betsey, a handsome young miss almost fifteen years old, stood beside him. Sarah, whose face had begun to show the wear of years full of loneliness and hard work, was packing the saddle-bags, now nearly filled, with extra socks and shirts and doughnuts and bread and butter.

They met Abe Lincoln at the tavern, where he was waiting on a big horse which he had borrowed for the trip from James Rutledge. Without delay, the three men set out on the north road in perfect weather. From the hill's edge they could look over a wooded plain running far to the east.

As they rode on, the young statesman repeated a long passage from one of the sermons of Dr. William Ellery Channing on the "Instability of Human Affairs."

"I wish that I had your memory," Samson remarked.

"My memory is like a piece of metal," said the young legislator. "Learning is not easy for me. It's rather slow work—like engraving with a tool. But when a thing is once printed on my memory it seems to stay there. It doesn't rub out. When I run across a great idea, well expressed, I like to put it on the wall of my mind where I can live with it. In this way every man can have his own little art gallery and be in the company of great men."

They forded a creek in deep water, where a bridge had been washed away.

As they came out dripping on the farther shore, Lincoln remarked: "The thing to do in fording a deep stream is to keep watch o' your horse's ears. As long as you can see 'em you're all right."

"Mr. Lincoln, I'm sorry—you got into a hole," said Samson.

"I don't mind that, but while we're traveling together, please don't call me 'Mr. Lincoln.' I don't think I've done anything to deserve such lack of respect."

Samson answered: "If you're nice to us, I don't know but we'll call ye 'Abe' again, just for a few days. You can't expect us to go too far with a man who associates with judges and generals and governors and such trash. If you keep it up, you're bound to lose standing in our community."

"I know I've changed," said Abe. "I've grown older since Ann died—years ago—but I don't want you fellows to throw me over. I'm on the same level that you are and I intend to stay there. It's a fool notion that men go up some heavenly stairway to another plane when they begin to do things worth while. That's a kind of feudalistic twaddle. The wise man keeps his feet on the ground and lifts his mind as high as possible. The higher he lifts it, the more respect he will have for the common folk. Have either of you seen McNamar since he got back?"

"I saw him the day he drove into the village," Harry answered. "He was expecting to find Ann and make good his promise to marry her."

"Poor fool! It's a sad story all around," said Abe Lincoln. "He's not a bad fellow, I reckon, but he broke Ann's heart. Didn't realize what a tender thing it was. I can't forgive him."

In the middle of the afternoon they came in sight of the home of Henry Brimstead.

"Here's where we stop and feed, and listen to Henry's secrets," said Samson.

The level fields were cut into squares outlined by wooden stakes.

Brimstead was mowing the grass in his dooryard. He dropped his scythe and came to welcome the travelers.

"Say, don't you know that you are standing in the center of a large and promising city?" he said to Samson. "You are standing at the corner of Grand avenue and Empire street, in the growing city of El Dorado, near the great water highway of Illinois," Brimstead declaimed.

"Where's the growin'?" Samson demanded.

Brimstead came closer and said in a confidential tone: "If you stand right where you are an' listen, you'll hear it growin'."

"It sounds a good deal like a turnip growin' in a garden," Samson remarked, thoughtfully.

"Give it a fair chance," Brimstead went on. "Two cellars have been dug over there in the pasture. One is for the town hall and the other for the university which the Methodists are going to build. A railroad has been surveyed and is expected this summer. Every corner lot has been sold and paid for, half cash and half notes."

"The brokers in Chicago got the cash and you got the notes?"

"You've said it. I've got a drawer full of notes."

"And you've quit farmin'?"

"Say, I'll tell ye the land has gone up so it wouldn't pay. Peasley an' I cal'ate that we're goin' to git rich this summer sellin' lots."

"Wake up, man. You're dreamin'," said Samson.

Henry came close to Samson and said in a confidential tone: "Say, mebbe the whole state is dreamin' an' yellin' in its sleep 'bout canals an' schools an' factories an' mills an' railroads. We're havin' a good time, anyway."

This reminded Abe Lincoln of the story:

"There was a man in Pope county who came home one evening and sat down in the middle of the barn floor and began to sing. His wife asked him:

"'Are you drunk or crazy or a fool?'"

"'I don't know what you'd call it, but I know I ain't got a darn bit to spare,' he answered, with a whoop of joy."

"You're all goin' to roll out o' bed and hit the floor with a bump," said Samson.

Brimstead declared in his usual tone of confidence:

"The worst part o' bein' a fool is lonesomeness. I was the only one in Flea valley. Now I shall be in the company of a governor an' dozens o' well known statesmen. You'll be the only lonesome man in Illinois."

"I sometimes fear that he will enjoy the loneliness of wisdom," said Honest Abe.

"In some parts of the state every farmer owns his own private city," Samson declared. "I hope Henry Brimstead does as well raising cities as he did raising grain. He was a very successful farmer."

"I knew you'd make fun o' me but when you come again you'll see the towers an' steeples," said Brimstead. "Put up your horses and come into the house and see the first lady of El Dorado."

Mrs. Brimstead had their dinner cooking before the horses were cared for. "Well, what do you think of Henry's plans?" she asked.

"I like the farm better."

"So do I," the woman declared. "But the men around here have gone crazy with dreams of sudden wealth."

"I've only a word of advice about it. If those Chicago men sell any more of your land make them take the notes and you take the money. Where is Annabel?"

"Teaching the school at Hopedale."

"We're going up to Chicago to see the Kelsos," said Samson.

"Glad you are. Some rich feller up there by the name of Davis has fallen in love with Bim an' he don't give her any peace. He left here last night goin' north. Owns a lot o' land in Tazewell county an' wears a diamond in his shirt as big as your thumb nail. Bim has been teaching school in Chicago this winter. It must be a wonderful place. Every one has loads of money. The stores an' houses are as thick as the hair on a dog's back—some of 'em as big as all outdoors."

Abe Lincoln and Harry entered with their host and the travelers sat down to a luncheon of pudding and milk and doughnuts and pie.

"How far do you call it to the sycamore woods?" Lincoln asked as they rose from the table.

"About thirty mile," said Brimstead.

"We must be off if we are to get there before dark," the young statesman declared.

They saddled their horses and mounted and rode up to the door. After their acknowledgments and farewells Brimstead came close to Samson and said in confidence: "I enjoy bein' a millionaire for a few minutes now an' then. It's as good as goin' to a circus an' cheaper."

"The feelings of a millionaire are almost as good as the money while they last," said Abe Lincoln with a laugh.

At early candlelight they reached the sycamore woods very hungry. It was a beautiful grovelike forest on the shore of a stream. The crossing was a rough bridge of corduroy. A crude log tavern and a cruder store stood on the farther shore of the creek. The tavern was a dirty place with a drunken proprietor. Three ragged, shiftless farmers and a half-breed Indian sat in its main room in varying stages of inebriacy. A well-dressed, handsome young man with a diamond in his shirt-front was leading a horse back and forth in the stable yard. The diamond led Samson to suspect that he was the man Davis of whom Mrs. Brimstead had spoken. Our travelers, not liking the look of the place, got some oats and rode on, camping near the farther edge of the woods, where they built a fire, fed and tethered their horses and sat down and ate from the store in their saddle-bags.

Then with their knives Abe and Samson cut big armfuls of grass from the near prairie for the horses and a bed upon which the three man lay down for the night.

Samson had that gift of "sleeping with one eye open" which the perils of the wilderness had conferred upon the pioneer. He had lain down on the side of their bed near the horses, which were tethered to trees only a few feet away. He had gone to sleep with his pistol under his right hand.

"Hold Up Your Hands," Samson Shouted.

Late in the night he was awakened by an unusual movement among the horses. In the dim light of the fire he could see a man in the act of bridling Abe's horse.

"Hold up your hands," Samson shouted as he covered the man with his pistol. "If ye stir a foot I'll bore a hole in ye."

The man threw up his hands and stood still.

In half a moment Abe Lincoln and Harry had got up and captured the man and the loosed horse.

This is part of the entry which Samson made in his diary a week or so later:

"Harry put some wood on the fire while Abe and I led him up into the light. He was one of the dirty white men we had seen at the tavern.

"'I'll give you four hundred dollars for a hoss in good Michigan money,' he said.

"'If ye can't steal a horse you're willin' to buy one,' I says.

"'No, sir, I only come to buy,' says he.

"I flopped him sudden and asked him why he was putting on the bridle.

"He owned up then. Said a man had hired him to steal the horse.

"'That man has got to have a hoss,' he said. 'He'll give ye any price ye want to ask. If you'll give me a few dollars I'll take ye to him.'

"'You go and bring him here and I'll talk to him,' I said.

"I let the feller go. I didn't suppose he'd come back, but he did. Came a little before sunrise with that well-dressed feller we saw at the tavern.

"'What's your name?' I says.

"He handed me a card on which I read the words Lionel Davis, Real Estate, Loans and Iusurance, 14 South Water Street, Chicago, Ill.'

"'There's one branch o' your business that isn't mentioned on the card,' I says.

"'What's that?' says he.

"'Horse-thief,' says I. 'You sent that feller here to steal a horse and he got caught.'

"'Well I told him if he'd get me a good horse I'd give him five hundred dollars and that I didn't care how he got him. The fact is I'm desperate. I'll give you a thousand dollars for one of your horses.'

"'You couldn't buy one of 'em at any price,' I said. 'There's two reasons. I wouldn't do business with a horsethief and no money would tempt me to sell an animal to be ridden to death.'

"The two thieves had had enough of us and they got out."

That night our party camped on the shore of the Kankakee and next day they met the contractors. Lincoln joined the latter party and Harry and Samson went on alone. Late that afternoon they crossed the nine-mile prairie, beyond which they could see the shimmer of the lake and the sunlit structures of the new city.

"There it is," said Samson. "Four thousand, one hundred and eighty people live there. It looks like a sturdy two-year-old."

The houses were small and cheaply built and of many colors. Some were unpainted. Near the prairie they stood like people on the outer edge of a crowd, looking over one another's shoulders and pushing in a disordered mass toward the center of interest. Some seemed to have straggled away as if they had given up trying to see or hear. So to one nearing it the town had a helter-skelter look.

(Continued next week)

FORD CLEARS $65,000,000 IN PAST SIX MONTHS

A six month's history of the workings of the Henry Ford automobile plant to show how Ford got on his feet and cleaned up a debt of $85,000,000 without borrowing a cent was made public last week.

"Little more than six months ago," the report says, "Henry Ford had all but completed arrangements for borrowisg $75,000,000 in the face of what appeared to be a desperate necessity. His plants were closed; there was but little demand for his cars. Ford owed the government $55,000,000 in taxes. Notes for nearly $33,000,000. Unsold cars were piled high in the factory and choking salesrooms over the country. The public was not buying automobiles of any kind.

"Yet, Ford did not borrow from the banks but paid them up, and today his sales are the greatest in history How was the corner turned?

It was turned by transferring the loads. Marvelously recuperated markets completed the process. Ford pushed his 125,000 surplus automobiles over the world to willing and unwilling consignees and drew against them. The tide of cash returned—$60,000,000 before April 1.

"He also gave notes or acceptance to some extent for supplies and parts furnished when he started up.

"Ford came East and found $91,000,000 in 'frozen' cars and parts in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Changes in personnel followed and others were threatened. The cars began to move out.

"An Indian dealer had his floor full of Fords. Imagine his consternation when a trainload rolled unordered into the city. His business future was a stake. He must, and did stand the draft, but he did not pay for the cars. A former disgruntled Ford dealer with superior resources. bought the trainload at wholesale and startled the countryside by advertising a bargain sale of Fords.

"In other cities and towns the dealers went in their banks and borrowed on the cars. Shipments averaged about a tenth of a year's business and the credit was quickly obtainable. The cash flowed back into Detroit and by the middle of April Ford had not only paid up the current quarter's federal taxes, but had anticipated payment on the remaining $26,000,000 of his purchase notes.

"The unloading plan was a success, because it was economically sound and ruthlessly applied. Agents were bluntly told they were indebted to the strongest proponents of the Ford methods.

"Almost overnight the public began buying and surplus cars were turned into unparalleled profits.

"At the end of April Ford's inventory had been reduced from $105,000,000 to $63,800,000. He had been manufacturing his inventory, including spare parts, into finshed car shipments to dealers which went out with drafts attached. At the above date there was reported due him more that $40,000,000, representing finished cars, probably 80,000 of them shipped out, and accepted by dealers and carried on the company's books as an asset. This item increased $28,000,000 from the first of the year.

"Of his Massachusetts statment as of April 30, cash, bonds and receivables aggregated $96,000,000 or $16,000,000 more than the previous year. Securities decreased $8,000,000 reflecting the sale of Liberty bonds, to whittle down the purchase notes before the shipping out policy got in full swing.

"Since April a futher remarkable spurt in Ford business has taken place. Cash the first of June was around $36,000,000 and there were no rent merchandice acceptances. The measure of sales since that time and now is factory capacity and not merchandising efforts.

"The Ford recovery was probably the most inspiring event possible to the motor industry and the manner in which it was accomplished was most salutary to the Ford organization. Had Ford been able to obtain the desired $75,000,000 without restrictions as to who should be his treasurer, company extravagences might have continued. Angered at banker 'dictation' on one hand, and advised by banker friends on the other, he decided to go it alone. To make the hill he had to economize.

"As a result, Ford combed his entire organization and there is probably no more efficient industrial unit in the country today. Where he formerly employed 60,000 men to produce an average of 4,000 cars daily, he now obtains an output of 4,500 daily with 45,000 men. The $6 minimum wage has been retained, but foreman have been put to work, tasks doubled up and adjustments averaging 20 to 25 per cent reduction made in wages.

"One worker who formerly tightened a tap on the Ford assembly line now tightens two taps. As he rushed back and forth tearing after the automobiles that came unceasingly forward at the rate of nine a minute, he yelled to a fellow-worker that the next step would be to fasten a broom to his waist so he could sweep the floor as he dashed from car to car.

"For's net taxes before profits are now understood to be at the rate of nearly $20,000,000 monthly, or about $190 profit per car. More than half the Ford cars sell above the minimum price of $415.

"Ford's only financial problem seems to be to retain sufficient cash under his expansion program to pay federal taxes. On the corporation's returns alone there were more than $40 a car in 1920. Sales now show no signs of let-up. When resistance comes Ford expects to be in a position again to shut down and avoid the disproportionate operating costs of limited production."

Six young men of Hampton, Greeks who run the candy kitchen at that place, were in an auto accident at Hampton on Sunday evening which resulted in serious injury to one of them. They were driving a new car, a Paige, and were traveling about forty miles an hour when they hit some loose sand. The car turned over three times and threw the occupants out. One of them, a lad of eighteen years, was quite badly hurt and was taken to the hospital for treatment. Three of the men are in the hospital more or less badly bruised up.

A $500 AN ACRE FARM

A 400 acre farm in Shelby county was sold the other day for an even $200,000, at the rate of $500 an acre. The seller was Joseph Michener of Council Bluffs. The price however was not wholly in the land. The farm has been the home of one of the finest herds of Aberdeen Angus cattle in the world and to accommodate them there are buildings of the finest design. The buildings and equipment have carried an insurance of $41,000, or an amount equivalent to $100 an acre of the $500 paid, but even the remaining $400, or make it $350 an acre for the land is a significant price at the present time.

But the truth is that while there have been many discouragements on the farms, it is not true that land prices have slumped very much from the normal war prices. A few pieces were sold two years ago at speculative prices, but on the whole land values have remained very steady although there has been less land sold. Those who have it are not offering it at bargain prices.

Belmond Local News

Bernetas Wolle returned the first of the week from Okoboji, where she attended the Epworth League meeting held at that place, and enjoyed the pleasures of the summer resort at the lake. She reports a very interesting meeting and a fine time.

Belmond people who were abroad at about ten o'clock Tuesday night wondered what was the cause of the red sky northeast of town. It was caused by the burning down of a large barn on the West farm, northeast of Meservey. The barn was totally destroyed.

Master Edward Miltner of Iowa City is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs M. C. Barry, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey of Latimer are the parents of a baby boy, born the 20th of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were former residents of this place.

Mrs. Ray L. Jaeger of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry. Mrs. Jaeger was a schoolmate of Mrs. Barry's at the Iowa University.

New Victor and Edison Records for August on sale at Schultz Drug Co.

Announcing our new International line of Men's Fall Suits, the all-wool line. Suits $25 and up. Prices have been reduced and quality doubled. See them at the New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel.—F. J. Tuffree.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard drove to Nevada, Iowa, last week Friday to spend the week end at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Carl Wolle, and family. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. R. G. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Hake entertained Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cooper from Madison, Wisconsin, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rathburn have returned from their trip to South Dakota, where they have spent the past few weeks visiting reatives and friends

Two second-hand kerosene stoves for sale. Also two second-hand washing machines, which can be equipped for power.—Townsan Hardware.

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

WANTED—Plowing and road grading with tractor. Phone 310. 23tfc

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

A few second hand Fords at real bargains. In first class running order.—Belmond Auto Co.

Chambermaid wanted, to assist in dining room during meals.—Hotel Case 1t*

Found—Automobile tool kit containing tools. Owner can have same by proving property. Call at Independent.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

Have you any tires that need repairing? I will fix them, buy them or you may trade them in on new tires. —Christ Rise, Phone 85.

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OFFICIALS CAPTURE 180 GALLONS HOOTCH

Cornelia Ball Park Opened Sunday; Belmond Wins

First Game At New Park Is A Wild and Wooly Affair of Errors and Hits

"SMILING" BECKER OUSTED

The new ball park at Lake Cornelia was opened Sunday by a game between Ryder's Independents of Rowand and the Belmond nine, and the outcome resulted 15 to 6 in favor of Belmond.

Ryder's team was composed of a number of players from the towns around, Rowan, Dows, Goodell, Garner and Des Moines being represented. There were some good players represented on the team, but they had never played together before, they were sadly lacking in team work, and they made errors by the dozen. Becker of Garner, and who has been with the salaried outfit from Kanawha, and the man who pitched against Belmond at Clarion the Fourth, was on the mound for the Independents, and was battered all over the lake. In the six innings in which he threw, Belmond pounded his offerings for thirteen safe hits, six of which were for two bases. In the sixth Manager Ryder jerked him and put in Earl Clark of Goodell, who was somewhat better but who was batted freely just the same. In the entire game, Belmond secured something like sixteen safe hits, of which nine were two-baggers. Pillmer was nicked for about seven safe ones by the Independents, Clark of Goodell being the star hitter for the Independents. Everybody on the Belmond team secured one or more hits, scoring in nearly every inning.

Errors were plentiful on both sides, but owing to the condition of the field this was to be expected. The grounds were newly scraped, and the surface was loose; a ball would not roll much over ten feet after it hit. When the diamond at the lake has had a chance to settle and become packed it will be a good one, and it lies on the north side of the lake in a good position.

Quite a large crowd was out to see the opening game, and had a good time.

JOEL MARTIN DOMINY

Joel Martin Dominy was born in Beekmantown, New York, March 6, 1836, and died at his home near Goodell, Iowa, July 28, 1921, at the age of 85 years, four months and 22 days.

He was married to Rebecca Miller of LaSalle county, Illinois, in 1868. To this union were born seven children, all of whom are living, Cora J. Rea of Beekmantown, New York, John M. of Goodell, Iowa, William S. of Calhoun, Missouri, Jessie M. Parr of Sheridan, Illinois,, Rosa A. Woods and Harry L. both of Estherville, Iowa, and Francis C. of Goodell, Iowa.

Mr. Dominy came from New York to Illinois in 1860 where he lived until 1902 when he moved to Goodell, Iowa, where he has since made his home.

"Dearest father we miss you,
Miss your kind and loving care;
But we all do hope to meet you,
In a land that's bright and fair."

Mr. Dominy was a member of the King Solomon Lodge of Masons of Belmond and they had charge of the services which were held at the home on last Saturday morning, Rev. S. U. Leinbach, pastor of the Congregational church of Belmond delivering the address, after which the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Goodell.

Threshing Crew Sets Record

The Blue Mound Threshing Co. with G. J. Tegland as engineer and B. T. Benson as separator man, made a record for this year at the Martin Hill farm west of town on Saturday afternoon, threshing 2,000 bushels of oats in five hours.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, Aug. 1, 1921

Regular meeting of Town Council held in Town Hall, Mayor Barry presiding.

Members all present.

Clerk's financial report received and read.

Moved and carried that the town subscribe for the publication known as American Municipalities for one year, and pay dues for membership.

Moved by Gfeller and seconded by Greenlander that the following tax levy for the various funds be made and the Clerk instructed to certify same to the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Funds	Mills	Amount not including M. & C.
Corporation	10	$2,941.00
Grading	3	882.00
Improvement	5	1,471.00
Sewer	1	294.00
Library as authorized by Library Board	4	1,326.00
Light	5	1,471.00
Band	5	1,471.00
Fire	2	588.00
Corp. Road on unplatted land in excess of 10 acres	5	186.00
Total	40	

J. N. Johnson presented Ordinance No. 122. An Ordinance To Promote The Production and Distribution of Sanitary and Healthful Milk and Providing Penalty for Violation Thereof.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Wright that Ordinance No. 122 be read the first time.

Ayes: Johnson, Gfeller, Greenlander, Thompson, Wright. Nays: None.

Moved by Greenlander seconded by Gfeller that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance No. 122 be passed by one reading.

Ayes: Johnson, Greenlander, Gfeller, Thompson, Wright. Nays: None.

Moved by Gfeller and seconded by Wright that Ordinance No. 122 be placed upon its passage.

Ayes: Johnson, Greenlander, Gfeller, Thompson, Wright. Nays: None.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Johnson, that Ordinance No. 122 do now pass.

Ayes: Johnson, Greenlander, Gfeller, Thompson, Wright. Nays: None.

Mayor Barry declared Ordinance No. 122 duly passed.

The bill of John A. Anderson was tabled.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

W. O. Eaton, labor at pump station	(W)	$ 3.00
Sam Smith, shoveling gravel	(G)	1.20
Harm Starnberg, mowing with team	((I)	5.00
Earnest Stadtlander, labor on street with team	(I)	3.00
Ben Smith, labor on street with team	(I)	18.75
M. A. Houltzbauer, labor and material	(I)	74.42
M. A. Houltzbauer, labor and material	(W)	29.97
W. A. Dittmer, blacksmith work	(I)	8.57
League of Iowa Municipalities, dues	(C)	10.00
Belmond Prtg. & Pub. Co. printing	(C)	13.40
F. P. Dibble, draying	(I)	16.00
Iowa Falls Electric Co., July lights	(L)	133.98
Iowa Falls Electric Co., July power	(W)	43.74

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS, Clerk.

Boy Fatally Injured By Fall

A sad accident happened Saturday in the Harvey neighborhood when Wilbur Wason, the 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wason, fell from a load of oats and was fatally injured. He was riding with another boy and when they came to a ditch the other boy got down to lead the horses. Wilbur fell behind the horses and they stamped on him, injuring him so that he died Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the house Monday afternoon, and the remains taken to Illinois for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Wason have the sympathy of the community in their great bereavement.—Rowan Correspondent.

West Bend Grotto Wonderful Piece of Art and Beauty

"Grotto of the Redemption" Is One of Wonders of the World In Beauty

EVERYTHING IS HAND-MADE

The writer had the privilege last Friday of seeing the much-talked of "Grotto of the Redemption" at West Bend, and to any Belmond people who may get the chance to see it, we would say: By all means do.

Anyone who has not seen the grotto cannot imagine what it is or what it looks like. To attempt to describe the natural charm of the structure is as useless as attempting to describe the grand canyon.

The grotto is the work of a Catholic priest at West Bend, who has been working on it since 1912, and does not expect to complete it until 1925. The grotto is composed of countless thousands of stones, rocks, lava formations, shells, petrified wood and similar natural materials brought from all over the United States, and the priest has traveled so far something like sixty thousand miles to secure the material that has been used in the construction of the grotto to date. When all the material necessary is secured, he states that he will have to travel about forty thousand miles more. When completed, it will represent a commercial value of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

The whole structure looks like nature; there is not a false or unnatural color, everything is just as nature made it. And therein lies the exquisite charm of the grotto.

The following article, taken from The Iowa Magazine, will give the reader an idea of what the grotto is like but it cannot convey in any way the beauty of it; it must be seen to be appreciated. The Iowa Magazine says in part:

If you must be a slave to your daily task and cannot spend a vacation in some famous summer resort, get into your car and slip over the road into a little country village called West Bend, and be treated to the sight of an original structure now in the course of construction, a grotto, as it is called, that has already attracted thousands by is charm of beauty as well as its originality. There a humble village pastor has been busy for the last four years or so to construct a grotto of his own unique design which when finished will be a gem f grottos. The good priest proposes to finish it in four years more. All material he gathers personally in the different states of the Union and he tells us that when finished this grotto will exhibit a collection quite complete of precious stones, minerals, ores, fossils, petrifications from every state in the Union and of shells and corals gathered from the rivers and seashores of the states.

With the patience of Job he daily works this material with artistic hands into most beautiful designs and clusters and the many richly colored stones make in their setting a most pleasing effect amounting to a real charm.

This grotto . . . is to be the monumentizing of Christ's redemption. If you wish to see finely polished marble or granite blocks, go to your city or village graveyards. But for a work of art that comes near to God's nature, motor to West Bend and see this grotto.

The structure when finished will be 44 feet high. One section of it will be symbolic of the fall of man in the once beautiful garden of Eden. Adam and Eve of choice Carrara (Italian) marble are to stand under the fatal tree worked in stone looking up to the fatal apple. The scriptural serpent of green copper ore wil be shown creeping along the wall of the grotto slinking in artistic winding

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COURT ITEMS OF INTEREST

District court business picked up considerably the past week, a number of suits and appeals having been filed in Clerk Goslin's office.

The Huntington State bank of Huntington, Iowa, is suing O. L. Lein and Helen M. Lein and K. A. Lein to recover on a note for $4,147.80, dated March 17, 1920, on which $1,000 has been paid. Originally the note was made out to K. A. Lein, who endorsed it and sold it to the bank. There is $3,648.86 due now, and the bank asks judgement for this sum, with interest at 8 per cent and costs.

J. D. Cline is suing W. L. Kent for $1,000 with interest and costs. He alleges Kent traded him a Wright county farm, in sections 31-30 92 23, representing there was no other obligation against it other than a $20,000 loan, but as a matter of fact, the First National Bank of Belmond held a $1,000 judgement for this amount, with interest and costs of suit, and also institutes attachment proceedings to protect his claim.

W. W. Frakes is suing Amos Thompson, M. A. Thompson and H. A. Okdale to collect on a note on which $1,595.86 is due. He asks judgement for this amount, plus interest and costs.

B. F. Hall is suing Amos and M. O. Thompson to collect an unpaid balance of $230.26 on a note originally for $500, a part of which has been paid.

Annie C. Danielson is suing Geo. Moore and wife and T. F. Moore, alleged wrongful holder of a chattel mortgage against personal property owned by the man and wife, to collect $543.80 due on the lease of the plaintiff's Humboldt county farm. She rented the place for a cash rental of $1,400 for the year 1920, and $856.20 has been paid. She claims she legally has a landlord's lein against the personal property of the first two defendants, but they gave T. F. Moore a chattel mortgage against the property to evade the payment of the rental. She asks that the court confirm her right to the lein, and that the property be sold to satisfy the judgement asked, together with interest and costs.

The Seig Co., a foreign corporation, sues the Iowa Valley Sugar Co. to recover on a note for $220.04, plus interest and costs.

The Independent Grain & Lumber Co. of Eagle Grove is suing Amos and T. A. Thompson and H. A. Okdale to collect $312 plus interest and costs, alleged to be due plaintiff.

The joint drainage ditches of Wrigt and Franklin counties, No. 7-146, have run up against a snag in the assessments, several property owners appealing to district court from the awards. The hearing has been set for October 3, 1921, at which time the property owners and counties will battle the matter before the court.

The plaintiffs in the appeal have secured the same attorneys to prosecute their action against the drainage distrists and counties.—News.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

The Community club meeting last Friday was presided over by Mrs. Rosecrans in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Herman Schultz.

A large number of members were present to enjoy the splendid patriotic program prepared by the leader, Mrs. E. F. Bailey. Mrs. Edge, substituting for Miss Gladys Barry, gave a patriotic reading.

The community room was very prettily decorated with flags, bunting and bouquets of red, white and blue flowers.

The serving committee with Mrs. H. F. Luick as chairman served dainty refreshments which represented the patriotic colors.

The financial committee reported that plans are being made on a big "Community Day" to be held some time the middle of this month. The plans are not yet complete but there will be a base ball game in the afternoon, and vaudeville by home talent and many other attractions in the evening. It will be a big day, every minute filled with fun and laughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Church have been enjoying a visit the past week from a niece who lives in Des Moines.

RAIDS WEDNESDAY RESULT IN VERY LARGE HAULS

Make Raid On Johnson Farm West of Town and Get Large Quantity

TWO RUSSIANS GET AWAY

Make Escape In Corn Field ;But Officers Are Hot On Their Trail

Deputy Sheriff Denger of Clarion and Marshal Rierson of Belmond captured 180 gallons of mash and a gallon of corn whiskey in a raid made on two Russian beet weeders on the Nick Johnson farm west of town yesterday. The Russians got awoy into a corn field, and as the Independent goes to press they had not been captured. The raid was made at 11:00 o'clock yesterday morning, and at six o'clock last evening the two Russians had not been found, alto the deputy and marshal were still on their trail.

The city authorities had been on the watch for some time for the parties who were manufacturing the "hootch," and swooped down on them yesterday without warning. The two foreigners managed to make their getaway at the time, but there is no doubt but what they will be apprehended.

In an investigation of a farm east of town also yesterday, the deputy and marshal found one Norman Fry, who had been suspected of peddling booze for some time. The officers took him in tow and upon being questioned he admitted that he had done more or less bootlegging in the vicinity. His offenses had been committed in Hancock county, however, and he was turned over to the sheriff from that county who came after him esterday.

This is one of the largest hauls of "hootch" that has been made in this vicinity for some time, and will doubtless put a crimp in the operations of the bootleggers hereabouts for a considerable time.

THOMPSON CAFE SOLD TO WATERLOO MAN

W. A. Thompson closed a deal the first of this week whereby he disposes of his restaurant business here to Mr. L. M. Foster of Waterloo, the consideration being some five thousand dollars. Mr. Thompson traded the restaurant in on one hundred and sixty acres of land in northern Minnesota, and went up last week to look the land over. It is composed mostly of timber, the largest share of it being Spruce, which Mr. Thompson expects to sell for paper purposes to the paper mills in that part of the country. Mr. Foster took possession of the business at once, and is now operating the restaurant, which is to be known as Foster's Cafe. The announcing ad of the new concern appears in this issue of the Independent. Mr. Foster comes highly recommended as a business man and will doubtless enjoy a good patronage.

As will be noticed elsewhere in the Independent, there will be a meeting on Friday afternoon of this week at the American Legion club rooms of the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of Legion men, for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary to the local post of the Legion.

All ladies who are eligible to the proposed organization are urged to be present and assist in the organizing of the auxiliary. These auxiliaring of the auxiliary. These auxiliar- and have always been of interest and entertainment to the feminine relatives of the ex-service men.

BELMOND LOSES TO WEST BEND 5 TO 3

Friday of last week at West Bend the ball team met with one of the worst deals it has handed to it all summer. The boys went up there to play the West Bend bunch, and found themselves playing against the best men from LuVerne and Algona's disbanded teams, with a few more from other places, and one or two of the regular West Bend team noticed in the game.

Even at that, Belmond had them beaten three to two in the seventh inning, when the West Bend umpire commenced to get in his work. He had been exceedingly rank during the forepart of the game, but when Belmond went ahead, and appeared to have the game pretty well sewed up, he became something awful. His decisions on balls and strikes simply won the game for West Bend, and won it right. Strikes down the center of the plate, belt high, were classed as balls by the eagle-eyed ump, who, however, had better vision when the West Bend pitcher was in the box.

However, Belmond expected to get trimmed at this game; they had been warned before hand, and were given another warning when they passed thru LuVerne, that they didn't have a chance to win. In the first game between the two teams, played here in the early part of the season, the result was 12 to 0 for Belmond, the West Bend bunch never getting beyond second base. Evidently they intended to do something of the same kind to Belmond last Friday, but a couple of heavy hits in two different innings, combined with a few errors, would have given the game to Belmond except for the umpire.

ACKLEY MAYOR HAS SHOWER OF EGGS

Ackley is said to have several rival factions in the town which bid fair to keep things moving lively down that way for some time to come, and in the meantime the opinion is general that these factions always help to kill any town.

It is reported that at the recent drowning of an Ackley girl at Cedar Falls there was rivalry concerning the raising of a fund to assist in finding the girl's body, which was in the water several days, and the subsequent erection of a monument to the Cedar Falls young man who lost his life while trying to save the girl from a watery grave.

Recently Mayor Brenimen, who is at the head of one of the factions, got busy in an effort to enforce the automobile laws, and according to members of another faction the mayor and his crowd was getting too officious, and they gathered up a lot of decayed eggs and used them in their work of decorating the mayor's office.

In an interview E. M. Breniman, mayor of Ackley, says the Chronicle of Hampton, characterized the acts of the mob of young men who staged a demonstration against him on the streets of Ackley as disgraceful, throwing stale eggs and running him off the streets. The ring leaders of the mob, the mayor said, were those who were against the enforcement of the laws.

The mob gathered Sunday evening as Mayor Breniman was inspecting automobiles standing along the curb. The official stated that he has been having considerable trouble in getting the automobile laws enforced there and was seeking evidence of violations in order to secure a more strict enforcement of the ordinances.

The gang had secured a quantity of eggs from the rear of a grocery store and started an effective barrage in the direction of the city's chief executive. The mayor retreated to his office on Main street and the gang then proceeded to plaster the walls of the building with the rotten eggs.

Mr. Breniman called the sheriff's office at Eldora and asked for help. He took the matter up with the county attorney and found that he was entirely within his jurisdiction in thus seeking to enforce the laws.

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PAGAN SELFISHNESS VS. SERVICE.

(An editorial by Rev. J. H. Edge. Written by request.)

In a recent article in The World's Work Mr. Charles M. Schwab is reported as saying: "The aristocracy of the future will not be the aristocracy of birth or of wealth, but of men who serve, who do things for their country and their fellow-men." Words like these from the outstanding business men of the day afford much food for thought; not that the thought is new, but the source from which it came gives it added significance.

The basis of every good, honorable and respective business or profession is SERVICE. That man does not have a true conception of life and work who does not think in larger terms than the attainment of a purely personal ambition or the accomplishment of a single task. To lose sight of, place last, or anywhere but first, the ideal of service, is a perversion of the primary purpose of commercial political, professional and social relationships. The ideal of the soldier is to serve his country by defending it and its ideals; the preacher's ideal is to serve by teaching the fundemental truths as a basis for all life; the doctor's ideal is to serve by restoring and maintaining the best possible health conditions; the merchant's ideal is to serve by providing the commodities of life. Each man is entitled to a fair renumeration for the service rendered, but no man has a legal or moral right to more than that. It is true that traitors get into the army, hypocrites are found in the ministry, quacks in medicine dole out their "cures" to the innocent invalid, and there are merchants who have lost sight of their function as loyal servants of the common good as providers of the necessities of their fellow-men. To look at business, of what-so-ever kind it may be, as primarily a means of making wealth for individuals is a contradiction of Christian ethics, which is the basis of our modern civilization. A man's business, profession, occupation or daily work is primarily a service rendered to the community.

Until the idea and ideal of service more thoroughly permeates our common, ordinary social and business relationships we are a long way from such a transformation of our international aims and ideals as would mean the adoption of this ideal of service in these larger relationships. Not until the determining factor in our daily activities becomes a matter of principle instead of "business necessity", can we epxect "diplomatic necessities" to be displaced by the more worthy and more enduring ideals of faith and integrity, peace and prosperity, in our larger relationships.

Pretty Dry

"We've had a mighty dry summer," said the senator from Minnesota, who was exhibiting at the National.

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CLIPPINGS

Last Friday evening as Mrs. Roy Stevens was driving her automobile out of a lane onto the highway at the Chris Ault home just west of Corwith her car was struck by a car driven by Con Brown, a young Corwith boy. The Stevens car was struck amidship by the Brown car and Mrs. Stevens and her three children were thrown out and painfully but not seriously bruised. The doctor was called and had to take several stitches to close a cut on Mrs. Stevens' knee and the bruises on the children were looked after. The Stevens car was not badly smashed but the boy's car was pretty badly wrecked. Youngsters are apt to risk too much and not exercise due caution.—Corwith Hustler.

Dr. Sams reports a case of infantile paralysis in the Anno Terhark home in Norway township, their 20-months old child having had a serious attack, but with prospects good for recovery, altho the extent of the affliction cannot yet be fully determined.—News.

Miss Iris Trumbell and Miss Lodie Frohling from Belmond were callers here last Friday.—Times.

Miss Marian Luick came from Belmond, Monday, for a visit at the home of Mrs. Mille Smith.—Times.

Mr. Kaiser of Belmond was here this week doing some sign painting for Art Wellemeyer.—Times.

Tuesday an auto party consisting of Mrs. Gittie Finch, Mrs. W. S. Pritchard and family, Mrs. C. E. Barnes, Miss Nell Sullivan and Miss Mary Wallace, the latter two ladies from Belmond, made the pilgrimage to West Bend to view the Grotto. Rev. Father Dobberstein, the Catholic priest of that place, who is the designer and builder of this wonderful piece of art, has been the means of attracting thousands of visitors to West Bend.

Miss Mary Wallace of Belmond was a guest at the home of her friend, Mrs. C. E. Barnes, the first of the week.—Garner Leader.

George Pearl's son, while out fishing in White Fox Saturday, spearing fish with a pitchfork, accidently speared his own foot, and a nasty flesh wound resulted. The boy was taken to a physician for emergency treatment and it is hoped the soreness will be the only thing he will have to combat.—News.

Mrs. H. F. Reif went to Belmond last Thursday to visit her cousin, Mrs Wm. Eimbrink and family. She returned home Sunday.

Realizing that because of the existing economic conditions it will be impossible for their tenants to anywhere near play even with their expenses this year, many landlords in this section have voluntarily reduced the rents. Many of them who have had leases of some year's standing upon a cash basis are now making new leases and changing from a cash to a share rental basis. Those who have been renting for $10 and more per acre are renewing their leases with their present tenants at $7 and $8.—Cedar Falls Item.

The directors of the First National bank held a meeting here last Thursday. Messrs. Wickman and Hanson from Garner, Yeakel from Ames and Anderson from Belmond were among those present.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNulty, Jr., and son of Belmond were Klemme visitors last Wednesday.—Times.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting seven p. m.

The Sunday school picnic will be held at the grove on Friday afternoon, August 5th. It is hoped that every member of the Sunday school and their entire families will be present. Meet at the church at 2:30 and means of conveyance will be provided for those who have none.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society will meet with Miss Hazel Hemdt Thursday afternoon. Cars will be at the church at 2:30 o'clock to take them out.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held Tuesday evening, August 9th.

There will be no preaching services at our church Sunday, August 14th, as the pastor will be away at that time. Let's have a good attendance at the services next Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Services for next Sabbath as follows: Bible school at 10:00 a. m. The morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services at 8:00. The evening services will be held at the home of Mr. Geo. Hardwick and Miss Esther Hardwick is the leader.

The threatening weather kept some away last Sunday night but we still had over sixty present. We ought to make next Sunday a great day of praise for the wonderful rain which has quenched the thirst of the ground and caused it to be covered with newness of life.

ST. OLAF LUTHER LEAGUE

A very good program has been arranged for the St. Olaf League which will be held next Sunday evening, August 7th., beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Robert Howland of Kanawha, a ily of Hayfield, Minn., are visiting speaker, will adredss the people that evening.

Everybody come and receive the benefit of this program.

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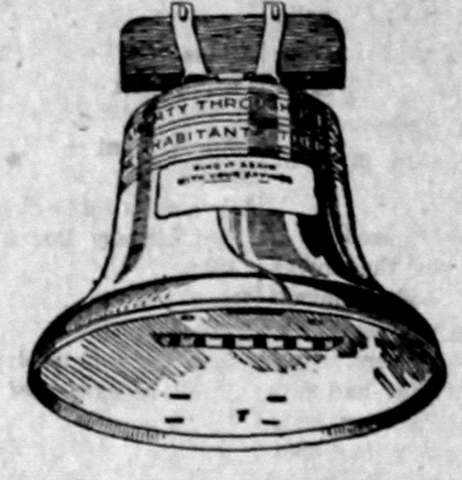

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Congregational Church Notes

Morning service, 11:00.
Sunday School, 12:00.
Evening Worship, 8:00.

This will be a Union service of both churches. Be sure and take in these services Sunday as there will be special music and addresses for the occasions.

The Christian Endeavors of the Congregational church will have their meetings at 7:30 a. m. during the hot weather of August.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Berger Friday afternoon. Everybody come.

The Monthly Christian Endeavor meeting and social time will be held at the home of Mrs. Kieth Thursday, August 4th.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Jennie Rowan Thursday, August 4th. After the meeting a picnic supper will be served. Each one bring a basket of supper. Everyone cordially invited. Come.

The Sheldon and Tomkinson families returned last Tuesday from a leasant trip thru Minnesta and Wisconsin. Among the important places which they visited were Lake Minnetonka and Minnehaha Falls, and Rice Lake in Wisconsin. They also visited the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis and Duluth in Minnesota, and Eau Claire, LaCrosse and Prairie du Chien in Wisconsin. They had a delightful time and were well satisfied with the trip.

The local tennis club has entered four members for the Wright County Tennis Tourament at Eagle Grove next Thursday.

M. E. Church Notes

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the M. E. church will be held next Friday, August 5th, at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Busnell, District Superintendent of the Algona District will preside. Will the heads of the different departments kindly bring in their reports.

Services in the M. E. church will be resumed next Sunday at 10:30 in the morning, and 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The pastor will speak in the morning on the subject, "The Beauty of the Lord," and at the union service at night on "The Three Cries." The church, which has been renovated. presents a pleasing and an attractive appearance. The officials have spared no pains in making the "House of God" what it ought to be, a place of beauty. The pastor extends an invitation to the people for Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Mrs. Lizzie Lawson visited in Hampton Tuesday at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. H. Dix.

Carley Rowen was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

S. A Ferguson was a Clarion business caller Tuesday

Mrs. Hannah Whitten was called to Latimer Tuesday to help care for the little daughter, LaVonne, of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey, who was very ill with cholera infantum. Three other chidren are sick but are on the mend. Mrs. Whitten returned home for over Sunday but went back the first of the week.

Miss Frieda Whitten was a Hampton shopper Wednesday.

The Misses ilda Whitten and Dolly Riley were in Clarion Wednesday and Thursday taking teachers' examinations. Mrs. J. A. Whitten and Billie accompanied them Thursday.

Messrs. Roy and Ben Stout, of Thompson, spent the week end last week at the home of the former's brother. Sim Stout. Mrs. Ben Stout and baby who have been visiting there for a week returned home with them.

Miss Ardahl and Clifford Larson, who have been visiting at the home f Mr. and Mrs. Ed Underdahl and helping to care for the new son at that place. returned to their home at Rake Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Mrs. Lizzie Lawson spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brooks at Belmond.

J. F. Howell and Harvey Lineweaver were Hampton business callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mrs. Herb Hadley motored to Clarion Thursday. Mrs. Hadley had her broken arm dressed. It is doing as well as could be expected.

Kenneth Ballou went to Chicago Monday night of last week to visit for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. D A. French and Miss Grace Dayton were Dows shoppers Friday.

Marion Smith, of Clarion and Catherine Smith, of Dubuque, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks returned to Clarion Friday.

Mrs. Fred Welch was a Clarion visitor Friday.

Mrs. D. E. Harris was visiting in Belmond Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Ballou, of Center Point, motored to Rowan Saturday to visit relatives for a short time. They were accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Mary Ballou, who will visit here for a short time and then visit her son. Cliffod and wife. at Ft. Dodge, and her daughter, Mrs. Cate, of Anita.

Mrs. Mary Everets, of Williams, s visiting her niece, Mrs. W. A. Hoke this week.

Mrs. Archie Nelson and Mrs. Bert Hyde returned to their homes in Ft. Dodge Friday after a week's visit at the home of their aunt and sister, respectvely, Mrs. Charley Grover, south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sullivan, of Ft. Dodge, came Thursday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher, returning to their home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten were Dows business callers Friday night.

Miss Myrtle Swanson, of Crystal Lake, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Davis.

Mrs. Herb Hadley and children went to Popejoy Thursday to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bert Truesdale over the week end. Herb went down Saturday to spend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston and son who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers returned to their home at Lacona Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Beck of Des Moines came Saturday to spend the week end at the home of Mr and Mrs. Ed. Miller.

Mrs. Rush Gabrielson and children of Crystal Lake came Friday to visit at the home of her brother Alfred Davis. Mr. Gabrielson and his father and mother motored after them Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Stumph was a Dows caller Saturday. Mrs. Roscoe Robinson returned home with her.

George Miller of Hampton visited at the home of his brother Ed. Miller and family over the week end.

Will Schreck stopped off between trains here Tuesday to visit relatives here, enroute from Blythedale, Mo., where he has been making an extended visit with relatives. He went on to his home at Hayfield Wednesday.

Bernice Bailey went to Conger, Minn., last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Casper Reasoner.

Carl Kalvig went to Clarion on Monday to start his new duties as yard foreman. George Wessels came here Monday to take the section at this place.

D. E. Harris was a business caller at Clariocn Monday.

Mrs. Carl Steffens went to Stilson last Friday to visit a cousin. She met two more cousins at that place and they enjoyed a family reunion. One cousin, Mrs. Eva Richardson and two daughters from Secor, Ill., whom Mrs. Steffens had not seen for 22 years, returned home with her to make her a visit for a while.

Maxine Sheldon is spending the week in Clarion at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoke expect to leave for Marshall, Minn., to work on a road graveling outfit for a contractor from Humboldt named Miller.

The Ryder Independent ball team played the Belmond team at Lake Cornelia last Sunday, being defeated 15-6.

Rev. Harold Tomkinson of the M. E. church was unable to fill the pulpit last Sunday on account of illness. He is some better at present so that he is able to be around. He was confined to his bed the latter part of last week.

Chautauqua started Monday and on account of the rain it was impossible to hold the programs in the tent. The Congregational church threw open its doors and four fine programs were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler f Delta, Ia., visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ben Hackley, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Benson and Floyd Benson also of Delta visited there also. They were enroute to Watertown, S. D.

W. A. Hoke, J. F. Howell and little daughter Clara Jane motored to Humboldt Saturday on business and also visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. N. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lent and children, of Vinton, spent a couple of hours renewing old acquaintances Friday afternoon. They were returning home by auto from a visit with Mrs. Lent's parents at Southerland. Mr. Lent owned a drug store here about nine years ago.

The Misses Wilda and Frieda Whitten left Monday night of this week for a visit with relatives at Toronto, Canada. They expect to spend a day of sight seeing in Chicago and expect to visit Niagara Falls before their return.

Miss Grace Dayton, who has been spending her vacation at the home o fher sister, Mrs. D. A. French, returned to Cedar Rapids Monday of this week.

D. W. Whitten and children and Miss Angie Baines went to Latimer Friday to see their niece who was ill.

Miss Harriet Polman, of Galt came Frday to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs. Herb Lester.

Mr. John Hansen and Mr and Mrs. H. O. Hansen, of Coulter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Hansen Friday.

Mr and Mrs. L. D. Bingham, of Iowa Falls spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. H. Fowler.

Mrs. Milton Brown, of Meringo, came Wednesday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H Fowler.

Mrs. Viola Tibbets, of Dows, spent Sunday at the home of her brother, O. E. Ballou and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tressider went to Clarion Sunday to spend the day with their son, Howard, and family

Harry Harris spent Sunday with the home folks, returning to his work at Goldfield Monday.

Mr. Carl Smith, of Boston, came Friday to spend the week end with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Kerchival. Mr. Smith is dean of a Y. M. C. A. college in the east.

Miss Ella Couchman came Saturday night from her home in Des Moines to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kieth. Her father was pastor of the Congregational church at this place a few years ago. Ella reports the family as well.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval had the misfortune to fall on a polished floor and hurt her knee very much. It has caused her a great deal of trouble.

Frances Farren was on the sick list the latter part of the week suffring from neuralgia in her neck.

Word was rceived Saturday by relatives that Mrs. George Prithcett, who went to Rochester, Mnnesota, last Monday for medical help had an operation Saturday and wos getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Sarar Moon was a Belmond caller Saturday.

The Misses Wava and Erdena Unger. of Dows are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. aMry Braden, and attending Chautauqua this week.

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CONFESSION

W. J. Bryan's father once missed several large hams that had been hanging in the barn loft. He suspected that the thief did not live many miles away bnt he made no direct charge against anyone; in fact he refrained from mentioning his loss to a single soul. A few days later his neighbor called. "Say Judge," said the man, "I heard you had some hams stole the other night."

"Yes," said the Judge very confidentially, 'but don't tell anyone. You and I are the only ones who know about it!"

And That's That

In reply to a dunning letter sent by a Washington firm, a Georgia customer wrote: "Now be pashent. I ain't forgot you, and as soon as folks pay me I'll pay you, but if this was the judgment day and you were no more prepared to meet your God that I am to meet your account, then you sho nuff goin' to hell. Good buy."

The Beneficiary

Mrs. Goodsole—"I am soliciting for the poor. What do you do with your cast-off clothing?"

Mr. Longsufferer—"I hang them up carefully and put on my pajamas. Then I resume them in the morning." —Boston Globe.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

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KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Olsen and family of Hayfield, Minn., are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Algona were greeting friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Abe Shaw and children who came Monday evening to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shaw's brother, Sanford Severson, returned to their home at Hayfield, Minn., Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kalvig and daughters returned home Sunday after a two weeks outing at Lake Okoboji.

Viv Benzer of Britt was a caller here Tuesday.

Thos. Thompson of Miller was a caller here with old friends on Monday.

Frank Andrews of Eagle Grove was a business caller in our city on Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Knudsen returned home from Des Moines, Thursday, where she has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Baker.

Messrs. Bush and Lucas were callers at Clarion, Friday.

Messrs. Davis and Eyler of Clarion were business callers here Friday.

ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johanneson and son Evanel were callers at Hampton Saturday.

Henry Schulte was a caller at Des Moines last Thursday.

Miss Anna Beenen spent the past week with friends at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostendolph and Mrs. Anna Bonte and baby of Meservey were week end guests of Alexander relatives.

Clifford and Leslie Bobst and Russel Lindsey were at Des Moines on business the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pals and two children Henrietta and Joe and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buss were callers at Mason City last Thursday.

Rudolph Beenen has purchased a fine new Maynard piano.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Miss Jessie Bell and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Greenfield and son visited friends at Latimer, Sunday.

Mrs. Charley Seegar and daughter Miss Joyce left Sunday for Ventura where they expect to remain for a while with the former's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Meyers and children of Latimer attended the show here last Saturday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Mohr and son Arthur and Mrs. Ellen Pech left the first of the week for Illinois where they will visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Van Horn, Miss Emma Van Horn and Fred. Julius and Minnie Kausian of Dumont spent Sunday at the Will Ammerman home.

Will Potter of Latimer was a business caller intown one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd. Richards have spent the past week at Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and children were Belmond callers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen and children visited at the Edd. Miles home near Ventura last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aldinger and two sons were Sunday visitors at Hampton.

Among the Clear Lake callers last [illegible] were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder, Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals, Nellie Bell, Arthur Winwood, Carl Bohlen, Norman Bohler, Sina Vierkant, John Wenzel and John Bohlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were visitors at the Nels Larson home last Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons of Hampton spent several days last week with relatives and friends at this place.

Fred L. Greenfield was a business caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Harry Hardy of Hampton was a caller at Alexander Thursday.

Mrs. Will Aldinger and two sons visited with relatives at Hampton the last of the week.

Lewis Bell and Fred Greenfield called at Latimer Monday evening.

A. A. Williams of Rowan was doing some painting at Alexander last week.

Jack Kew of Dows was a caller in town last Friday.

G. S. Yaw of Iowa Falls was a business caller in town the first of last week.

The many friends of Adolph Eden are glad to learn that he is somewhat improved after the past several weeks of illness.

Mrs. Clarence Murphy and son Raymond, and Mrs. Leslie Reed and baby were callers at Hampton last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and children were visitors at Hampton on Friday.

The Methodist church is being improved by a coat of paint on the floor. L. C. Peters is doing the work.

Mrs. James Moore has been enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Oscar Walsh, of Hampton.

Miss Nettie Benson of Belmond is spending several days in Alexander at the home of her uncle, Wm. Foughty.

Oscar Hensel was a business caller at Coulter last Thursday.

Aldrich Beenen was a business visitor at Des Moines last Thursday.

Miss Loraine Cerley of Dows is visiting at the L. C. Peters home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son and Miss Jessie Bell were visitors at Belmond last Friday evening.

Mrs. Aldrich Beenen and two children and Miss Edith Beenen were visitors at Dows, Friday.

The Dorcas society will be entertained at the home of Mrs. John Arends next Wednesday afternoon, August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoffer and children visited with relatives at Belmond last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Roed and two daughters who have been living at Duncomb moved their household goods here and have located on the Hans Barkema farm south of Alexander.

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

(Continued from page 3.)

Wes Azeltine was a Ft. Dodge caller Monday of this week.

Linden Whitten has been sick the past week.

Mrs. Clifford Bachman, of Dows daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hackley, of this place is very ill with typhoid fever.

Sofia Eson was at Belmond last Wednesday having some dental work done.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steffens Wednesday, July 27th. The little ne did not survive. Mrs. Steffens has been very ill following the birth of the baby but is thought to be gaining a little. For a few days her life was despaired of. Miss Pearl Mickelson, of Clarion has charge of the case. Mrs. Steffens has the sympathy of the community in their time of trouble.

Clarence Williams, who has been spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williams, returned to his home and work in Washington, D. C. Friday night.

Miss Nora Shafer is having quite a siege of rheumatism. She is able to be about the house most of the time but is under the doctor's care.

A large number of the Rowan young people attended the dance at Cornelia Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toyne and children and Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum returned from their vacation trip Saturday night.

Miss Mildred Duffy has resigned her position as clerk in the Theo. Hansen store. She will go to Cedar Falls to school this fall.

Fred Williams went to Hayfield one day last week to make arrangements for moving there some time in August. He will work for Peter Schreck on the farm as Mr. Schreck is moving to town having procured the janitor work at the school house at that place.

Walter Myers came home Sunday night from Lacona where he has been working in the drug store since June.

W. A. Duffy's received word from Bert McKinstrey concerning his injury several months ago caused from falling from a building on which he was working. His ankles were crushed but the letter stated he was well enough now to walk without his crutches most of the time.

Mrs. R. H. Keith and children were Dows callers Saturday.

Last Tuesday the following people enjoyed a picnic supper at Lake Cornelia: A. H. Emerson and wife, Stella and Carl, Ruth and Esther Emerson, Frances Farren, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fanselow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hiams and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath and Mrs. Howard Box, all of Rowan, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Chassell of Belle Fouche, So. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Church of Belmond and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Church of Garner.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley enjoyed a picnic at Silom Springs near Iowa Falls. Between 50 and 60 persons were present at the picnic.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Chassell and family went to Des Moines Thursday to visit relatives of the doctor.

Mrs. Marsa of Rake came last week to help care for her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Underdahl, and her new grandson.

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ORDINANCE NO. 122

AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY AND HEALTHFUL MILK AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Town Council of the Town of Belmond, Iowa, does ordain as follows:

Section I. All individuals, partnerships, associations and corporations engaged in the distribution or sale of milk within the Town of Belmond shall be required to obtain a milk license from the Dairy and Food Commision of the State of Iowa. They shall also register with the Clerk of the Town of Belmond.

Section II. For the purpose of this ordinance, milk, cream and skimmilk shall comply with the definitions and standards of Section 2, Chapter 206, Acts of the 38th General Assembly.

Section III. For the purpose of this ordinance, milk, cream and skimmilk shall be considered adulterated, as provided in Section 2, Chapter 206, Acts of the 38th General Assembly, and the same shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance.

Section IV. For the purpose of this ordinance, milk, cream and skimmilk shall be considered to be misbranded and deemed a violation of this ordinance:

If it is labeled or branded so as to deceive or mislead the purchaser or if the package bears any statement, design or device which is false or misleading in any particular.

Section V. All milk intended for delivery to consumers shall be bottled except in the case of consumers taking two gallons or more at one delivery, and shall be delivered in the original bottle. (If desired,—Nothing within this section shall be construed as applying to hotels, restaurants, or other eating houses.) Milk shall not be bottled on any delivery wagon or at any other place than in the milk house or milk plant.

Section VI. No dirty, unwashed bottles shall be returned to a delivery man or store. Persons engaged in selling or distributing milk are forbidden to receive or have in their possession dirty or unwashed bottles or containers. Milk bottles, milk cans, or other containers for milk shall not be used for any other purpose than containing milk or milk products. Milk bottles shall be thoroughly rinsed with clean, cold water immediately after being emptied. Dairymen shall not leave bottles at any dwelling or other building under quarantine so long as the quarantine is maintained. Persons desiring milk at such places must provide a receptacle into which the milk may be emptied.

Section VII. No raw milk shall be sold, exchanged or exposed for sale or exchange or delivery or brought to another for domestic or potable use except that produced from a healthy cow or herd of cows as determined by a physicial examination, and produced from a cow or herd of cows which have been placed and maintained under State or Federal supervision for the eradication of tuberculosis, provided that, a cow or herd of cows shall be considered under such supervision when there is on file in the office of the Iowa Commission of Animal Health an application for such supervision, or which have been tested and found free of tuberculosis by an "accredited" practicing veterinarian. A cow or herd of cows other than those placed under State or Federal supervision shall be tested for tuberculosis at least once a year, and where reactors are found, they must be removed and a retest conducted within six months. No cow or cows shall be allowed to associate with or added to a cow or herd of cows which have been found to be free from tuberculosis, as above provided, except such cow or cows as have been free of tuberculosis as above provided. For the purpose of this ordinance, an "accredited" practicing veterinarian is one who has successfully passed an examination of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Commission of Animal Health of this State and is authorized to make tuberculin tests of accredited herds of cattle under the provisions of section six (6) of the Uniform Methods and Rules governing accredited herd work which was approved by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, December 6, 1920. Such tuberculin test of a cow or herd of cows, whose milk is or shall be sold or offered for sale, may be applied at any time within six (6) months from the date of the passage of this ordinance. Every operator of a dairy farm shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, notify the Health Department havng jurisidiction over his milk, of the presence of any disease among his cows.

Section VIII. No milk except that produced from a cow or herd of cows provided for in Section VII, shall be sold, exchanged or exposed for sale or exchange or delivery or brought to another for domestic or potable use except it shall first have been efficiently pasteurized. Milk shall be deemed to have been efficiently pasteurized when it has been subjected to a temperature of approximately 145 degrees Fahrenheit, and not less than 142 degrees, and held at this temperature for at least twenty-five (25) minutes. Every pasteurizing apparatus shall be equipped with a standard type automatic time and temperature recording device which shall be attached, adjusted and used in a manner prescribed by the Board of Health. The recording chart shall be dated and filed at the pasteurizing plant and be available for inspection by the Board of Health. No milk produced by a cow or cows which have reacted to the tuberculin test shall be pasteurized and sold as fluid milk.

Section IX. Barns in which milk is produced shall be clean, well lighted and ventilated, and shall have floors constructed of cement or other imperious material. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate within fifty (50) feet of the barn. Cows shall be clean and free from visible dirt at all times. Milking shall be done with clean, dry hands into some form of small top pail with smooth seams, or with a properly cleaned and sterilized mechanical milker.

Milk shall be removed from the barns immediately after milking to a clean place and strained through a new cotton or other clean, efficient strainer. Milk shall be cooled immediately after milking to a temperature approximating that of well water or less and maintained at that temperature until delivered, except during the process of pasteurization.

All milk houses, milk depots, milk plants and milk distributing vehicles shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times, as provided in the State Sanitary Laws.

All utensils which come in contact with milk shall be thoroughly washed and sterilized with live steam or boiling water or by other effective and harmless method of sterilization approved by the enforcement officer.

Section X. All persons engaged in the production, handling and distribution of milk, shall be free from all cummunicable diseases and from contact with any communicable disease. Every operator of a dairy farm, milk depot, milk distributing plant or milk delivery wagon shall within twenty-four (24) hours notify the Health Department having jurisdiction over his milk of the presence of any communicable disease on his farm, among his employees or the families of his employees.

Section XI. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to cause all daries, pasteurizing plants and other places, where milk intended for sale in the Town of Belmond is produced or handled, to be inspected for the purpose of determining whether such places are equipped and operated as required by this ordinance.

The Town Council shall appoint a suitable person to be known as the "Town Dairy Inspector" who shall have charge of the inspection and supervision of the production, sale and distribution of milk, under rules and regulations prescribed or adopted by the Board of Health or the Town Council, and shall perform such other similar duties as may be assigned to him.

The Town Dairy Inspector or his assistant or any other properly designated employee of the Board of Health, may investigate and take samples of milk and cream to determine the quality and wholesomeness of the same, and they shall make or cause to be made an examination of the same to determine whether or not said milk or cream complies with the provisions of this ordinance. The Town Dairy Inspector shall inspect or cause to be inspected as often as he deems necessary, all producing and distributing agencies supplying milk or cream to the inhabitants of Belmond, and the places where milk or cream is stored or offered for sale. A complete record of conditions found, with the results of the analysis shall be kept in the office of the Board of Health.

Section XII. PENALTY. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of misdomeanor and for each offense shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days.

Approved by Dairy and Food Commision.

M. C. BARRY, Mayor.

Attest: Guy Byers, Clerk.

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COUNTY FAIR COMING IN FINE SHAPE

The annual Wright county fair is due next week, and things are being lined up for the main event of the summer season in Wright county.

The exhibits are commencing to be entered, and the indications are that the fair this year will be by far the most attractive of history in the way of exhibits of all kinds. Those in the livestock department are being rapidly entered, and so many exhibits of swine are being entered that the question of housing all of them is becoming serious. A number of the biggest raisers of purebred cattle in the county are preparing to have the best samples of their stock at the fair this year, and equal exhibits are expected from poultry and horses.

The community tent is to be one of the features of the fair this year. The township clubs are preparing their displays and exhibits.

Fair officials are advertising the fair extensively, placing advertisements in all the surrounding papers and making a tour of the towns in Wright and adjacent counties, as far away as Iowa Falls. Reports from the towns visited indicate that there will be a record attendance.

The fair dates are August 10, 11 and 12. Some of the banners on the cars were dated wrong, leading some people in Belmond to become mixed on the dates. It is probable that a large number will attend from here.

The News states that it is probable that a series of games between Clarion, Kanawha, Dows and Belmond will be staged at the fair. The band from Belmond will play at the fair on Friday, August 12, the Clarion and Goldfield bands furnishing the music the other two days.

Belmond Local News

The freight on the Great Western managed to ditch a gravel car at the crossing west of town Wednesday morning, and delayed things for a short time until the car of gravel could be gotten back on the track.

Pearl Rierson returned on Monday from her trip to Minnesota, where she spent the past four weeks visiting relatives at Ruthtown and Winthrop.

The county tennis tournament will be held at Eagle Grove next week on Thursday. It is not known whether a team from Belmond will participate or not.

Dorothy Purcell was a visitor at Clarion Friday at the home of her cousins, Floyd Bailey and wife.

Raymond Walton of Iowa Falls was visiting relatives here on Sunday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Bailey and Mrs. Purcell drove to Thornton on Wednesday evening of last week to hear the Coe College quartette. The boys gave the evening's program on the Thornton chautauqua course. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Minnie Luick accompanied Mrs. Bras home to Winnipeg, Canada, the first of the week, where she will visit for a while. Later Mr. and Mrs. Bras and Miss Luick expect to make a tour of the country, going from coast to coast.

Art Cuppett left Monday afternoon of this week for northern Minnesota, where he intends to purchase a two hundred acre farm. He was up there last week to look the land over, and finding a splendid bargain decided to take advantage of it.

The fire company desires the public to be informed that during a fire all water faucets in the city must be turned off, and all water connections in the homes shut. There is an ordinance to this effect, stating that all faucets must be shut while the company is engaged in fighting fire. The loss of water with many faucets going at the same time during a fire might cause such a drain on the water supply as to seriously hinder the department in their work.

The city council met on Monday evening of this week and passed the odinance regarding the sale of milk in the town of Belmond. The ordinance may be found on another page of the Independent.

Mrs. Fred Cloud and daughter Maud returned to their home at Caldwell, Kansas, Tuesday evening, after a two weeks visit at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. T. D. Rankins.

Earl Bryan of Hampton was a visitor here Thursday of last week with friends. He is the ice cream manufacturer of that place.

Let us do your fancy dry cleaning and pressing. Having added new equipment we are prepared to handle rush orders. Satisfaction guaranteed. —New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of Case Hotel. Phone 28.

Miss Helen Harberts returned on Monday from Alexander where she has been nursing the past week or two.

Miss Mildred Lockwood of Clarion was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morse.

Mrs. Davis and children from Des Moines have been visiting at the R. C. Morse home.

Miss Mary Reese of Waterloo has been spending the past week visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baldridge and at the home of other relatives in this vicinity.

Carl Snyder drove up from Newton last Saturday to meet his wife, who returned to this place after spending a few weeks visiting her folks in Minnesota. They returned to Newton the first of the week.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Miss Doris Bailey went to Charles City on Thursday of last week where she spent a few days visiting at the home of Mrs. Satter, formerly Miss Randall, the music teacher of the Belmond school.

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter Ruth spent a few days last week at the Stebbleton home in Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Joy of Alden returned home the first of the week after a visit here with friends the past week.

Let us do your developing and printing. Prints reduced or developing to 10 cents a roll.—Schultz Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Shaffer and Mrs. John Balridge were called to Nevada, Iowa, last week by the death of a relative at that place.

The county fair looms up in fine shape, the program being practically arranged for the three big days.

Two second-hand kerosene stoves for sale. Also two second-hand washing machines, which can be equipped for power.—Townsan Hardware.

The Hampton-Algona game on last Thursday was won by the latter team 5 to 4.

Harry Pergakes and wife of Iowa Falls were in town Wednesday of this week, looking after business interests here. Mr. Pergakes is one of the company who own and operate the Candy Kitchen.

Miss Jennie Gealow was on the sick list yesterday.

Rev. Sheveland of Kenyon, Minnesota, was in town last week, called here by the funeral of Mr. Sheveland held at the St. Olaf church last week Tuesday.

The Algona ball team has gone the way of the LuVerne and Charles City salaried teams, and disbanded for the lack of funds.

Threshing has been going on in this vicinity the past week, and the reports of the yield are that oats are running very light and are of but mediocre quality. One famer reports 23 bushels to the acre, while another says that his went 46, which is remarkably good this year.

J. J. Flynn had a slight accident with his car last week, when the thing became balky and ran up over the sidewalk and into the billboard east of the opera house.

Miss Josie Gealow arrived the first of the week from Washington, D. C., for a couple weeks visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gealow. She is employed by the government in the income tax department.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jorgenson left last week for Ryan, Iowa, where Mr. Jorgenson will be employed on the big ditch recently secured by C. N. Hildebrand of this place. Ryan is near Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker left last week for Illinois were they will spend the next month visiting relatives and friends.

Wm. Harbison has accepted a position in the Cash Market.

J. S. White received a call last week from the express department head at Albert Lea, asking to take a run on one of the thru trains in Minnesota for ten days. As the run is an important one and not entrusted to any but experienced expressmen, Joe is to be complimented upon receiving the offer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry drove to West Bend last Friday to see the grotto at that place and to take in the ball game.

This vicinity was visited by a regular honest-to-gosh soaker of a rain on Sunday night and Monday, which was worth millions of dollars to the farmers of northern Iowa. The rain was about three weeks too late to save the potatoes, but the corn and sugar beets received an immense amount of benefit. It was the first real rain Belmond had had in about two month, or since the first week in June.

Mrs. Duncan and daughters Nellie and Myrtle of Kanawha were visitors here with friends on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. E. J. Theel of Clarion was a guest of friends here on last week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson entertained their son and wife and family from Huxley on Sunday.

Mr. Wallace Ramsay, editor of the Herald-Press, spent Sunday at Britt, where he joined his wife and daughter Ruth who were visiting at the Stebbleton home.

Mrs. John Christie of Garner was a visitor last week at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robbins at this place.

Mrs. G. F. McBurney and Coetta Foster went to Cedar Rapids on last Friday, Dr. McBurney driving down after them the first of the week.

Mrs. Mortimer and son George visited a few days last week with relatives and friends at Minneapolis.

Miss Marion Arnold of Garner was the guest of her friend Marjorie Purcell on Friday of last week.

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church will be entertained at the home of Miss Hazel Hembd today.

J. D. Walton was a visitor at the county seat town last week Thursday at the homes of Steve Hill and Lima Perry.

The Misses Gladys and Pearl Barry are spending a few weeks vacation at the home of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash Harris and daughter Leota, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mantz drove over from West Bend Sunday morning and spent the day with Rev. Leinbach and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson arrived home last week from Clear Lake after three weeks at that place. They visited their son Bert at Buffalo Center, and Mrs. Chas. Meacham at Titonka.

A farmer residing near Belmond came to town one night recently in his Henry, and immediately became the center of attraction. Various remarks and the interested looks of the bystanders directed his attention to the top of his car, where he found one of his hens roosting and holding on for dear life. The last seen of the young man he was cutting the dust for home, with the hen sounding the Klaxon at every bump.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Curtis of Canon City, Colorado, started for their home yesterday after a visit of several weeks at the home of relatives and friends here.

The M. E. Sunday school picnic will be held Friday afternoon at the grove south of town. All members and their families are invited to be present.

Miss Margaret Karney of Louisville, Montana, former trimmer at the Barry Sisters' millinery shop, has been visiting at the Barry home here the past week.

Sam Lieuwen was among the local people who were at West Bend last week Friday. Sam was formerly a resident of that place, and was greeting numerous old friends during his stay there.

Roy Ryder of Rowan was in town last week Friday evening on some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosecrans spent a couple of days at Garner last week, at the home of relatives and friends there.

Mrs. Wm. Meyers of Chicago has been a guest the past week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Smith.

Leo Kenefick left Wednesday afternoon for Denver, Colorado, and other western points. He expects to remain in the west for several months.

Tuesday night about 10:30 some body tried to work the tire-in-the-road stunt on some young men from Belmond, but with very poor success. Leland Finn, Adolph Rierson, Carl Wenzel, Henry Luick and Archie Rierson were driving by the dumping grounds north of town when they saw the tire lying in the road. Instead of stopping they drove on to the Great Western tracks, turned around, and with wrenches and other tools handy went back. Luick saw two men in the weeds. The boys came to town, got the nightwatch and Ray Morris, and went back. They found where the men had been in the weeds, but there was no trace of the men. If a kid trick the ones guilty can congratulate themselves over their lucky escape, and if meant in earnest by robbers their trouble went for nothing.

LEGION AUXILIARY

There will be a meeting of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of ex-service men held in the Legion club rooms Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing of the Legion. All those eligible are urged to attend.

Miss Mary Wallace spent a few days last week visiting at the home of her friend, Mrs. Barnes at Garner. While there she made a trip to West Bend to see the grotto at that place.

Miss Mable Adams of Havelock who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adams the past week, returned to her home on Thursday.

Mrs. Jaeger of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has been visiting at the M. C. Barry home, returned to her home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bohning and Miss Leona Jacobs expect to leave the last of this week for California, where they will make their future home.

The Great Western freight Sunday afternoon set fire to a field of stubble on the old Man Luick farm south of town, and several acres of the stubble were burned, but with no damage.

Mrs. Hans Hanson has been on the sick list the past week, but is reported better at this writing.

James Kenefick was a business caller last week in Minnesota. He says the crops up there are fine.

The district Epworth League Cabinet meeting, the first of the year, is to be held here today at the home of the district secretary, Mrs. J. S. White.

Mrs. Anderson of Great Falls, Montana, returned to her home the first of the week. She had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rena Bailey, and will be remembered by Belmond people as Miss Geraldine Brewsaugh.

Miss Charlotte Claussen and Miss Frances Leach, of Rainer, Washington, are guests at the home of the former's brother, H. C. Claussen, this week.

N. M. Wolcott of Des Moines was in town on Thursday of last week, enroute home from Fort Dodge where he had been visiting at the home of his son Lon, and a few days visit here with friends and on business matters.

Mrs. T. A. Townsan and little daughter have been visiting relatives at Carrol, Iowa, the past week.

Herman Schultz was a business visitor last week at points in Minnesota, looking after real estate interests there.

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

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Encouraged by the generous support of the public last year, the fair officials have arranged for a still bigger and better fair this year. More and better acts; more elaborate fireworks displays at night; faster races, with a large number of entries, and an attempt to lower the track record of 2:10; a greater live stock show; an enlarged exhibit of agricultural, horticultural, and handiwork, with special displays by township clubs; a real fair in one of Iowa's best counties---that's exactly what you will see this year.

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August 10, 11 and 12

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

POULTRY CULLING HALTED

The threshing season which came about two weeks earlier than usual this year has interfered with the poultry culling schedule. The work as planned would have been completed by August 8, but several townships have decided to postpone this important work until the rush of the threshing season is over. The schedule as rearranged will be as follows:

Dayton, August 3—Harry Poundstone 9:30; Issac Knutson 1:00; T. L. Thompson 3:30.

Lake, August 4—O. J. Lewis 9:30; Wm. Stecher 1:00; Clarence McBride 3:30.

Grant, August 5—Harry Brooks 9:30; Harry Woodley 1:00; E. A. Poulson 3:30.

Lincoln, August 8—Homer Lord 9:30; Ray Wharton 1:00; Harry Sweet 3:30.

Eagle Grove, August 15—Will McCutcheon 9:30; Will Byro 1:00; D. D. Paine 3:30.

Liberty, August 16—Roy B. Martin 8:30; Robert Lester 10:00; Frank Bjornson 1:00; J. B. Rasmussen 3:30.

Boone, August 17—Engh Bros. 9:30; Everret Nelson 1:00; W. H. Heimke 3:30.

Norway, August 18—E. N. Erickson 9:30; Philip Veldhouse 1:00; Thor Wicks 3:30.

Troy, August 19—Places for demonstration not sent in.

FARM BUREAU AT THE STATE FAIR

Monday August 29 will be farm bureau day at the state fair. Such is the official announcement by the fair management, co-operating with federation officials, and the program for that day is being shaped with especial regard for the interests and developemest of the organization.

So far as the Federation's share in the day is concerned, plans for entertainment are not yet sufficiently matured for publication. But they are well under way and will be announced at an early date. Speakers of national prominence will be secured and everything possible be done to make the occasion a noteworthy one. The state fair management will erect a big tent near the agricultural building—which is centrally located and in which the federation will maintain headquarters thruout the day—and provide a band for the day.

In this connection it might also be stated that the fair management has set aside a large tract in the most desirable part of the camp grounds for the use of farm bureau members, in order that all who belong to the organization may be together. It is not only convenient to the tent where the big meetings will be held but to all other attractions of interest.

"AS OTHERS SEE US"

"The farmer is willing to walk the deflation pike back to normal and he is walking it—but he is determined that others must walk with him or he will turn around and go in the other direction. He is organized and awake. The Illinois Agricultural association, for example, has 108,000 members who pay dues of firteen dollars a year. Other states are similarly organized. The state farm bureaus in Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Texas have more than 100,000 members each, and the American Farm Bureau federation has more than 1,000,000 members and is increasing at a rate of 50,000 a month. These organizations command a high order of talent. They are well advised and they are determined. The very fact that they are not asking for class legislation inspires confidence in their counsel. (From an article by Forrest Crissey in the Saturday Evening Post July 16, 1921, page 79.)

"I have met many of the leaders of the new farm movement and I testify in all sincerity that they are endeavoring to deal with their problems, not as promotors of a narrow class-interest, not as exploiters of the hapless consumer, not as merciless monopolists, but as honest men bent on the improvement of the commonwealth.

"We can and must meet such men and such a cause half way. Their business is our business—the nation's business." (Statement by Bernard M. Baruch in "Some Aspects of the Farmer's Problems." The Atlantic Monthly July 1921, page 120.)

"But it is not in co-operative that the most significant phase of the new agrarianism is to be found. That phase is the organization of the modern farmer group. After a long and costly process of trial and failure which led many men to believe that the farmers could never be organized, what once seemed so difficult has been accomplished so quietly and so quickly that even the farmers themselves scarcely realize the significance of what has happened. Almost over night, the Farm Bureau has become a factor of major national importance. Thereare active survivals of earlier organizations of which the Grange is probably the most powerful and useful. Furthermore there are organizations of specialists within the agricultural field such as the Dairymen's League and the National Wool Growers' association. The center of this complex of organizations hohwever is to be found in the farm bureau." (From "The Farmer" in the Commonwealth, by Ralph Gabriel, Yale University, in the North American Review for May 1921.)

TOMLINSON TO JUDGE LIVESTOCK

Paul C. Tomlinson, county agent of Poweshiek county, with headquarters at Malcom, Iowa, will judge the livestock at the Wright county fair this year. Mr. Tomlinson comes to Wright county as a competent judge of livestock, having judged at the various county fairs in all parts of Iowa.

LIVESTOCK AT THE FAIR

From all indications more livestock will be exhibited at the country fair this year than ever before in the history of the local fair. Entries have been made in the swine department and the superintendent of that department is beginning to wonder where he will keep all the swine.

A good showing is assured in the cattle department as a number of the leading purebred breeders of the county are planning to show their purebred stock this year. The livestock exhibit this year is sure to be "humdinger" and every livestock farmer in Wright county is earnestly urged to give his support and co-operation in making this the best fair ever.

DAYTON CLUB FEDERATED

The "Live Wires" sewing club in Dayton township met at the home of Marjorie Miller on Wednesday afternoon, July 27.

Miss Spencer was present and the club was federated.

There are twelve members and the colors are purple and gold.

The following officers have been chosen: President, Amy Benson; secretary and treasurer, Fern Watts; club reporter, Bertha Benson; club leader, Amy Benson.

We are planning a booth and demonstration at the Wright county fair. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Alice Whitty, August 17.

Club Reporter.

COUNTY WOOL SHIPMENT

The wool growers of Wright county pooled their wool for shipment at Clarion, July 28 and 29 with a result that 8229 pounds were brought in for shipment to the wool warehouse at Chicago.

A great number of wool consignors have indicated their desire to have their virgin wool made up into woolen blankets. The shipment of blankets which was received at the county agent's office a short time ago has been distributed and each farmer who ordered his wool made into woolen blankets was highly pleased with the quality of the woolen blankets.

GRANT LADIES MEETING

The ladies of the Grant township farm bureau held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Tucker, Friday afternoon, July 29. A most interesting program furnished from talent within the township was given at this meeting.

Miss Kate Liddle, county health nurse, gave some valuable hints on "Better Health for School Children." Those who have been watching the work of the county health nurse know the wonderful good which has been accomplished by Miss Liddle with the school children of the county. Indeed, the parents are beginning to realize that better babies and healthier children are quite as important as better livestock.

Pearl Woodley, member of the Grant township Girls' club, gave a demonstration on "Bathing the Baby." This would indicate that the work in the girls' club is of practical nature and should be helpful to any girl who is interested.

Mrs. J. H. Munnis gave a most interesting talk on "Indications of Sickness," and her remarks seemed to indicate that she had made a thoro study of this subject.

We understand plans were made at this meeting for a Grant township picnic which is to be held at Pikes Timber August 24. The officers announce that no program will be arranged and that this picnic will be strickly a social affair and it is hoped that everyone will come prepared to have a good time.

WALL LAKE SOCIAL

The regular monthly meeting of the Wall Lake township Farm Bureau was held at the Eugene Wasson home near the Center School Friday evening, July 29, and was attended by a goodly number of the farmers of this township.

No special program was arranged before hand on account of sickness in the home of the chairman of the program committee, also because the members of the program committee were too busy with the harvesting work.

The county agent was present and gave a short talk on general activities of the farm Bureau. He spoke in particular of the action which has been taken by the National Farm Bureau federation during the past few months in matters relating to the National Legislative program for agriculture. He urged upon the members the necessity of standing by their organization and being loyal to their working machine which is their only hope for relief from the present strained conditions.

After the county agent's talk the remainder of the evening was spent in a social mix of the good people of the community. Ice cream and cake were enjoyed by all before the meeting broke up.

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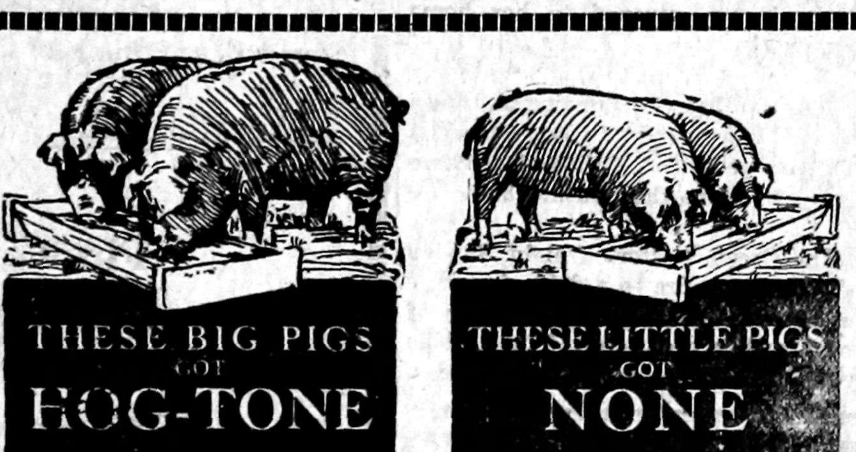

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Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams are the parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Joy, who arrived at their home in Iowa City on July 6. Mrs. Williams will be remembered by Belmond folks as Miss Ruth Huntington.

Tom Maitand has purchased a restaurant near Fort Dodge, and this week began moving his household furniture to his new home.

Mrs. Ed. Webb spent a few days last week at Estherville, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs.

Mrs. Webb spent a few days last week at Wallingford, visiting with her son Harry, who was recently appointed the pastor of the church at that place. Harry is coming along in nice shape with his new charge.

The Clarion News is still fighting the ball game played at Clarion recently between Clarion and Belmond and last week used about two colmuns of solid type to rehash the affair. Go to it, Brother, we'll settle the affair Friday.

W. C. Tyrrell, Sr., returned last week to his home at Beaumont, Texas, after a few weeks vacation here and at Wisconsin.

D. E. Harris of Rowan was a visitor here one day last week, he and his wife driving up.

Julius Gealow of LaSalle, Ill., came last week to spend a few days here with relatives.

The Independent is indebted to the Monitor and News of Clarion for the loan of type and setting of some last week. The linotype of the Independent went on the bum and it was necessary to have the type secured from away for a day or two.

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A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the County of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 18 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

CHAPTER XV.—Dying, Ann Rutledge calls for Abe, and he bids her farewell at her bedside. Following her demise a settled sadness descends on him. He is no longer "Abe," but "Abraham Lincoln."

CHAPTER XVI.—Overcoming his despondency, Lincoln returns to his work. Abolition sentiment is crystalizing and he throws himself into the movement.

CHAPTER XVII.—Traylor sells his farm and moves to Springfield. Lincoln plans to secure a divorce for Bim in order that she may marry Harry Needles, whom she has always really loved. McNamar returns to New Salem, too late.

Our travelers passed rough boarded houses with grand-looking people in their dooryards and on their small porches—men in broadcloth and tall hats and ladies in silk dresses. It was six o'clock and the men had come home to supper. As the horsemen proceeded larger buildings surrounded them, mostly two stories high. There were some stores and houses built of red brick. Beyond the scatter of cheap, wooden structures they came to streets well laid out and crowded and busy and "very soft" to quote a phrase from the diary. Teams were struggling in the mud, drivers shouting and lashing. Agents for hotels and boarding houses began to solicit the two horsemen from the plank sidewalks. The latter were deeply impressed by a negro in scarlet clothes, riding a horse in scarlet housings. He carried a scarlet banner and was advertising in a loud voice the hour and place of a great land sale that evening.

A sound of many hammers beating upon boards could be heard above the noises of the street and behind all was the constant droning of a big steam saw and the whir of the heavy stones in the new grist mill. It was the beginning of that amazing diapason of industry which accompanied the building of the cities of the West.

They put out in the livery stable of the City hotel and at the desk of the latter asked about the price of board. It was three dollars a day and no politeness in the offer.

"It's purty steep," said Samson. "But I'm too hungry for argument or delay and I guess we can stand it to be nabobs for a day or so."

The hotel clerk had a Register of the Residents of the City of Chicago wherein they found the name and address of John Kelso. They went out to find the house. Storekeepers tried to stop them as they passed along the street with offers of land at bargains which would make them millionaires in a week. In proceeding along the plank sidewalks they were often ascending or descending steps to another level.

On La Salle street they found the home of Jack Kelso. It was a rough boarded small house, a story and a half high. It had a little porch and dooryard enclosed by an unpainted picket fence. Bim, in a handsome, blue silk gown, came running out to meet them.

"If you don't mind I'm going to kiss you," she said to Harry.

"I'd mind if you didn't," said the young man as he embraced her.

"We must be careful not to get the habit," she laughed.

"I'd enjoy being careless for once," said Harry.

"Women can be extravagant with everything but carelessness," she insisted. "Do you like this gown?"

"It is lovely—like yourself."

"Then perhaps you will be willing to take me to the party tonight. My mother will chaperon us."

"With these clothes that have just been hauled out of a saddle bag?" said Harry with a look of alarm.

"Even rags could not hide the beauty of him," said Kelso as he came down from the porch to greet them. "And look at her," he went on. "Was there ever a fairer maid in spite of all her troubles? See the red in her cheeks and the diamond glow of youth and health in her eyes. You should see the young men sighing and guitaring around her."

"You'll hear me tuning up," Harry declared.

"That is father's way of comforting my widowhood," said Bim. "He has made a wonderful beauty mask and often he claps it on me and whistles up a band of sighing lovers. As a work of the imagination I am a great success."

"The look of you sets my heart afire again," the boy exclaimed.

"Come—take mother and me to the party at Mrs. Kinzie's," said Bim. "A very grand young man was coming to take us in a wonderful carriage, but he's half an hour late now. We won't wait for him."

So the three set out together afoot for Mrs. Kinzie's, while Samson sat down for a visit with Jack Kelso.

The Kinzies' house was of brick and larger and more pretentious than any in Chicago. Its lawn, veranda and parlor were crowded with people in a curious variety of costumes.

Nearly all the festive company wore diamonds. They scintillated on fingers; some of which were knotted with toil; they glowed on shirt bosoms and morning as well as evening gowns; on necks and ears, which should have been spared the emphasis of jewels.

Col. Zachary Taylor, who had just arrived from Florida and was presently returning with a regiment of recruits for the Seminole war, was at Mrs. Kinzie's party. He remembered Harry and took him in hand and introduced him to many of his friends as the best scout in the Black Hawk war, and, in spite of his dress, the young man became one of the lions of the evening.

After refreshments the men went outside to smoke and talk—some with pipes—of canals, railroads and corner lots, while the younger people were dancing and being proudly surveyed by their mothers.

As Harry and the ladies were leaving Col. Taylor came to them and said:

"Young man, I am the voice of your country. I call you to Florida. Will you go with us next week?"

Harry looked into Bim's eyes.

"The campaign will be over in a year, and I need you badly," the Colonel urged.

"I can not say no to the call of my country," Harry answered. "I will join your regiment at Beardstown on its way down the river."

That night Harry and Bim stood by the gate talking, after Mrs. Kelso had gone into the house.

"Bim, I love you more than ever," said the boy. "Abe says you can get a divorce. I have brought the papers for you to sign. They will make you free. I have done it for your sake. You will be under no obligation. I want you to be free to marry whom you will. I would be the happiest man in the world if you were to choose me. I haven't the wealth of some of the city men. I can only offer you my love."

"Be careful and, please, let go of my hand," she said. "I'm not going to say a word of love to you. I am not free yet. We couldn't marry if we wanted to. I wish you to be under no sense of obligation to me. Many things may happen in a year. I am glad you are going to see more of the world before you settle down. It will help you to be sure to know yourself a little better and to be sure of what you want to do."

"I think that I know myself fairly well," he answered. "There are so many better men who want to marry you! I shall go away with a great fear in me."

"There are no better men," she answered. "When you get back we shall see what comes of our little romance. Meanwhile I'm going to pray for you."

"And I for you," he said as he followed her into the house, where the older people sat waiting for them. Harry gave the papers to Bim to be signed and attested and forwarded to Mr. Stuart in Springfield.

On their way to the hotel Samson said to Harry:

"I don't believe Bim is going to be carried away by any of these high-flyers. She's getting to be a very sensible person. Poor Jack has caught the plague. He has invested in land. Thinks it will make him rich. He's in poor health, too—kidney trouble—and Bim has a baby with all the rest—a beautiful boy. I went upstairs and saw him asleep in his cradle. Looks like her. Hair as yellow as gold, light complexion, blue eyes, handsome as a picture."

That night, in the office of the City hotel, they found Mr. Lionel Davis in the midst of a group of excited speculators. In some way he had got across the prairies and was selling his land and accepting every offer on the plea that he was going into the grain business in St. Louis and had to leave Chicago next day. He choked the market with bargains. The buyers began to back off. Mr. Davis closed his carpet bag and left.

"It was a kind of horse stealin'," said Samson as they were going to bed. "He got news down there on the main road by pony express on its way to St. Louis. I'll bet there's been a panic in the East. He's awake and the others are still dreamin'."

CHAPTER XIX.

Wherein Is One of the Many Private Panics Which Followed the Bursting of the Bubble of Speculation.

Samson and Harry saw the bursting of the great bubble of '37. Late that night, Disaster, loathsome and thousand-legged, crept into the little city. It came on a steamer from the East and hastened from home to home, from tavern to tavern. Great banks had suspended payment; New York had suffered a panic; many large business enterprises in the East had failed; certain agents for the bonds of Illinois had absconded with the state's money; in the big cities there had been an ominous closing of doors and turning of locks; a great army of men were out of employment. The little city was in a frenzy of excitement. The streets were filled with a shouting, half-crazed throng. New fortunes had shrunk to nothing and less than nothing in a night. Lots in the city were offered for a tithe of what their market value had been. Davis had known that the storm would arrive with the first steamer and in the slang of business had put on a life-preserver. Samson knew that the time to buy was when every one wanted to sell. He bought two corner lots in the city and two acres on the prairie half a mile from town. They got their deeds and went to the Kelsos to bid them good-by.

After hearty farewells Samson and Harry set out for their home. They were not again to see the gentle face and hear the pleasant talk of Jack Kelso. He had once said, in the presence of Samson, that it is well to remember, always, that things can not go on with us as they are. Changes come—slowly and quite according to our calculations, or so swiftly and unexpectedly that they fill us with confusion. Learned and wise in the weighty problems of humanity he had little prudence in regulating the affairs of his own family.

Kelso had put every dollar he had and some that he hoped to have into land. Bim, who had been teaching in one of the schools, had invested all her savings in a dream city on the shore of an unconstructed canal.

Like many who had no experience with such phenomena they underestimated the seriousness of the panic. They thought that, in a week or so, its effect would pass and that Illinois would then resume its triumphal march toward its high destiny. Not even Samson Traylor had a correct notion of the slowness of Time.

The effect of the panic paralyzed the city. Men whose "red-dog money" was in every one's pocket closed their shops and ran away. The wild adventurers cleared out. Their character may be judged by the words of one of them reported by the editor of the Democrat:

"I failed for a hundred thousand dollars and could have failed for a million, if Jackson had kept his hands off."

Hard times hung like a cloud over the city. Its population suffered some diminishment in the next two years, in spite of its position on the main highway of trade. Dream cities, canals and railroads built without hands became part of the poetry of American commerce.

That autumn, men and women who had come to Mrs. Kinzie's party in jewels and in purple and fine linen had left or turned their hands to hard labor. The Kelsos suffered real distress, the schools being closed and the head of the house having taken to his bed with illness. Bim went to work as a seamstress, and with the help of Mrs. Kinzie and Mrs. Hubbard was able to keep the family from want. The nursing and the care of the baby soon broke the health of Mrs. Kelso, never a strong woman. Bim came home from her work one evening and found her mother ill.

"Cheer up, my daughter," said Jack. "An old friend of ours has returned to the city. He is a rich man—an oasis in the desert of poverty. He has loaned me a hundred dollars in good coin."

"Who has done this?" Bim asked.

"Mr. Lionel Davis."

"We must not take his money," said Bim.

"I had a long talk with him," Kelso went on. "He has explained that unfortunate incident of the horse. It was a bit of offhand folly born of an anxious moment."

"But the man wants to marry me."

"He said nothing of such a purpose."

"He will be in no hurry about that," said Bim. "He is a shrewd operator. Every one hates him. They say that he knew what was coming when he sold out."

That evening Bim wrote a long letter to Samson Traylor, telling him of the evil days which had come to them. This letter, now in possession of a great grandson of Samson and Sarah Traylor, had a singular history. It reached the man to whom it was addressed in the summer of 1844. It was found with many others that summer in Tazewell county under a barn which its owner was removing. It brought to mind the robbery of the stage from Chicago, south of the sycamore woods, in the autumn of '37, by a man who had ridden with the driver from Chicago and who, it was thought, had been in collusion with him. A curious feature of the robbery had been revealed by the discovery of the mail sack. It was unopened, its contents undisturbed, its rusty padlock still in place. The perpetrator of the crime had not soiled his person with any visible evidence of guilt and so was never apprehended.

Then for a time Bim entered upon great trials. Jack Kelso weakened. Burning with fever, his mind wandered in the pleasant paths he loved and saw in its fancy the deeds of Ajax and Achilles and the topless towers of Ilium and came not back again to the vulgar and prosaic details of life. The girl knew not what to do. A funeral was a costly thing. She had no money. The Kinzies had gone on a hunting trip in Wisconsin. Mrs. Hubbard was ill and the Kelsos already much in her debt. Mr. Lionel Davis came.

He was a good-looking young man of twenty-nine, those days, rather stout and of middle stature, with dark hair and eyes. He was dressed in the height of fashion. He used to boast that he had only one vice—diamonds. But he had ceased to display them on his shirt-front or his fingers. He carried them in his pockets and showed them by the glittering handful to his friends. They had come to him through trading in land where they were the accepted symbol of success and money was none too plentiful. He had melted their settings and turned them into coin. The stones he kept as a kind of surplus—a half hidden evidence of wealth and of superiority to the temptation of vulgar display. Mr. Davis was a calculating, masterful, keen-minded man, with a rather heavy jaw. In his presence, Bim was afraid of her soul that night. He was gentle and sympathetic. He offered to lend her any amount she needed. She made no answer, but sat trying to think what she would best do. The Traylors had paid no attention to her letter, although a month had passed since it was written.

In a moment she rose and gave him her hand.

"It is very kind of you," said she. "If you can spare me five hundred dollars for an indefinite time I will take it."

"Let me lend you a thousand," he urged. "I can do it without a bit of inconvenience."

"I think that five hundred will be enough," she said.

It carried her through that trouble and into others, of which her woman's heart had found abundant signs in the attitude of Mr. Davis. He gave the most assiduous attention to the comfort of Bim and her mother. He had had a celebrated physician come down from Milwaukee to see Mrs. Kelso and had paid the bill in advance.

"I cannot let you be doing these things for us," Bim said one evening when he had called to see them.

"And I cannot help loving you and doing the little I can to express it," he answered. "I would like to make every dollar I have tell you in some way that I love you. That's how I feel and you might as well know it."

"But I do not love you, Mr. Davis."

"Let me try to make you love me," he pleaded. "Is there any reason why I shouldn't?"

"Yes. If there were no other reason, I love a young soldier who is fighting in the Seminole war in Florida under Col. Taylor."

"Well, at least, you can let me take the place of your father and shield you from trouble when I can."

"You are a most generous and kindly man!" Bim exclaimed with tears in her eyes.

So he seemed to be, but he was one of those men who weave a spell like that of an able actor. He excited temporary convictions that began to change as soon as the curtain fell. He was no reckless villain of romance. If he instigated the robbery of the south-bound mail wagon, of which the writer of this little history has no shadow of doubt, he was so careful about it that no evidence which would satisfy a jury has been discovered to this day.

On account of the continued illness of her mother Bim was unable to resume her work in the academy. She took what sewing she could do at home and earned enough to solve the problems of each day. But the payment coming due on the house in December loomed ahead of them. It was natural, in the circumstances, that Mrs. Kelso should like Mr. Davis and favor his aims.

Mrs. Kelso's health had improved slowly so that she was able then to spend most of each day in her chair.

One evening when Davis sat alone with her, she told him the story of Bim and Harry Needles—a bit of knowledge he was glad to have. Their talk was interrupted by the return of Bim. She was in a cheerful mood. When Mr. Davis had gone she said to her mother:

"I think our luck has turned. Here's a letter from John T. Stuart. The divorce has been granted. I am going to write to Harry and tell him to hurry home and marry me if he wants to. Don't say a word about the divorce to our friend Davis. I want to make him keep his distance. It is hard enough now."

Before she went to bed that night she wrote a long letter to Harry and one to Abe Lincoln, thanking him for his part in the matter and telling him of her father's death, of the payment due and of the hard times they were suffering. Two weeks passed and brought no answer from Mr. Lincoln.

The day before the payment came due in December, a historic letter from Tampa, Fla., was published in the Democrat. It was signed "Robert Deming, private, Tenth cavalry." It gave many details of the campaign in the Everglades in which the famous scout, Harry Needles, and seven of his comrades had been surrounded and slain. When Mr. Davis called at the little home in La Salle street that evening he found Bim in great distress.

"I throw up my hands," she said. "I cannot stand any more. We shall be homeless tomorrow."

"No, not that—so long as I live," he answered. "I have bought the claim. You can pay me when you get ready."

He was very tender and sympathetic.

When he had left them Bim said to her mother: "Our old friends do not seem to care what becomes of us. I have no thought now save for you and the baby. I'll do whatever you think best for you two. I don't care for myself. My heart is as dead as Harry's.

CHAPTER XX.

Which Tells of the Settling of Abe Lincoln and the Traylors in the Village of Springfield and of Samson's Second Visit to Chicago.

Bim's judgment of her old friends was ill founded. It was a slow time in which she lived. The foot of the horse, traveling and often mired in a rough muddy highway, was its swiftest courier. Letters carried by horses or slow steamboats were the only media of communication between people separated by wide distances. So it is easy to understand that many who had traveled far were as the dead, in a measure, to the friends they had left behind them and that those separated by only a hundred miles had to be very enterprising to keep acquainted.

In March Abe Lincoln had got his license to practice law. On his return from the North he had ridden to Springfield to begin his work as a lawyer in the office of John T. Stuart. His plan was to hire and furnish a room and get his meals at the home of his friend, Mr. William Butler. He went to the store of Joshua Speed to buy a bed and some bedding. He found that they would cost seventeen dollars.

"The question is whether you would trust a man owing a national debt and without an asset but good intentions and a license to practice law, for so much money," said Honest Abe. "I don't know when I could pay you."

Speed had heard of the tall representative from Sangamon county.

"I have a plan which will give you a bed for nothing if you would care to share my room above the store and sleep with me," he answered.

"I'm much obliged, but for you it's quite a contract."

"You're rather long," Speed laughed.

"Yes, I could lick salt off the top of your hat. I'm about a man and a half but by long practice I've learned how to keep the half out of the way of other people."

"I'm sure we shall get along well enough together," said Speed.

Mr. Lincoln hurried away for his saddle-bags and returned shortly

"There are all my earthly possessions," he said as he threw the bags on the floor.

So his new life began in the village of Springfield. Early in the autumn Samson arrived and bought a small house and two acres of land on the edge of the village and returned to New Salem to move his family and furniture. When they drove along the top of Salem hill a number of the houses were empty and deserted, their owners having moved away. Two of the stores were closed. Only ten families remained. They stopped at Rutledge's tavern, whose entertainment was little sought those days. People from the near houses came to bid them good-by.

Pete and Colonel, invigorated by their long rest, but whitened by age and with drooping heads, drew the wagon. Sambo and the small boy rode between Sarah and Samson. Betsey and Josiah walked ahead of the wagon, the latter leading a cow. That evening they were comfortably settled in their new home. When the beds were set up and ready for the night Sarah made some tea to go with the cold victuals she had brought. Mr. Lincoln ate with them and told of his new work.

Betsey was growing tall and slim. She had the blond hair and fair skin of Samson and the dark eyes of her mother. Josiah had grown to be a bronzed, sturdy, good-looking lad, very shy and sensitive.

"There Are All My Earthly Possessions," He Said.

"There's a likely boy!" said Samson as he clapped the shoulder of his eldest son. "He's got a good heart in him."

"You'll spoil him with praise," Sarah protested and then asked as she turned to the young statesman, "Have you heard from Bim or any of the Kelsos?"

"Not a word. I often think of them."

"There's been a letter in the candle every night for a week or so, but we haven't heard a word from Harry or from them," said Sarah. "I wonder how they're getting along in these hard times."

"I told Jack to let me know if I could do anything to help," Samson assured them.

Late in November Mr. Lincoln went out on the circuit with the distinguished John T. Stuart, who had taken him into partnership. Bim's letter to him bears an indorsement on its envelope as follows:

"This letter was forwarded from Vandalia the week I went out on the circuit and remained unopened in our office until my return six weeks later. —A. Lincoln."

The day of his return he went to Sarah and Samson with the letter.

"I'll get a horse and start for Chicago tomorrow morning," said Samson. "They have had a double blow. Did you read that Harry had been killed?"

"Harry killed!" Mr. Lincoln exclaimed. "You don't mean to tell me that Harry has been killed?"

"The Chicago Democrat says so, but we don't believe it," said Samson. "Here's the article. Read it and then I'll tell you why I don't think it's so."

Abe Lincoln read the article.

"You see it was dated in Tampa, November the fifth," said Samson. "Before we had read that article we had received a letter from Harry dated November the seventh. In the letter he says he is all right and I calculate that he ought to know as much about it as anyone."

"Thank God! Then it's a mistake," said Lincoln. "We can't afford to lose Harry. I feel rather poor with Jack Kelso gone. It will comfort me to do what I can for his wife and daughter. I'll give you every dollar I can spare to take to them."

Samson hired horses for the journey and set out early next morning with his son, Josiah, bound for the new city. The boy had begged to go and both Samson and Sarah thought it would be good for him to take a better look at Illinois than his geography afforded.

Joe and his father set out on a cold clear morning in February. They got to Brimstead's in time for dinner.

Henry put his hand on Samson's pommel and said in a confident tone: "El Dorado was one of the wickedest cities in history. It was like Tyre and Babylon. It robbed me. Look at that pile of stakes."

Samson saw a long cord of stakes along the road in the edge of the meadow.

"They are the teeth of my city," said Brimstead in a low voice. "I've drawed 'em out. They ain't goin' to bite me no more."

"They are the towers and steeples of El Dorado," Samson laughed. "Have any of the notes been paid?"

"Not one and I can't get a word from my broker about the men who drew the notes—who they are or where they are."

"I'm going to Chicago and if you wish I'll try to find him and see what he says."

(Continued next week)

GARNER GIRL NEAR DEATH FROM TORCH

Miss Frances Livermore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Livermore, came near being burned to death last Thursday afternoon, says the Garner Signal. She was at the home of Mayor Zeiger and she and she and Audrey were playing with a cat-tail torch. They had poured kerosene on the cat-tail and set afire to it. Audrey had the torch and in handing it to Frances, Frances' clothes caught fire. Frances is just recovering from a broken arm and her arm is not well enough so she can use it very much, so she took the torch in her left hand. She is clumsy with her left hand and that probably accounts for her catching fire.

Her left sleeve caught on fire first, and in putting this out it is supposed that she set her dress afire. She ran to the sink and jumped into it. She turned on three water faucets. When she saw she could do nothing in this way she jumped from the sink. Audrey in the meantime got a heavy sweater and calling to Frances to stand still she wrapped the sweater about her and smothered the fire.

Frances burned her hand in trying to put out the fire on her sleeve, but was burned more seriously on her back and left side from the hip to the shoulder. In places the burns are not so serious, but in places where her clothing was heaviest and fit tight she was very badly burned. About the waist where a rubber band fit tight she has the worst burn. She was dressed in light cloting, wearing but a gngham dress and light undergarments.

She is confined to her bed and will be for some days. She is compelled to lie on her right side and it becomes very tiresme, as her arm was broken a short time ago and she has but recently taken it out of sling. It is not thought there are any burns but what will heal in a short time.

But for the level-headed work of her playmate Audrey Zeiger, the story might have been much worse. Audrey did all that anyone could do in such circumstances and certainly did a heroic deed in saving Frances from a more serious accident.

PILOT KNOB NEAR GARNER TO BE STATE PARK

Success has at last attended the efforts of those interested in setting aside Pilot Knob and additional land in that neighborhood for a state park, according to a Forest City item. The report states that several men from that city drove to Des Moines where they had an interview with several of the members of the state board of conservation, and arranged for a formal hearing, when the same gentlemen again went to Des Moines and placed the matter before the board in all its aspects.

The state board of conservation recommended the project, and the executive council by a unanimous vote decided to acquire Pilot Knob and the land in the vicinity for a state park, a committee being appointed to represent the state and to work with the local committee in arranging for the purchase of the land.

Owing to the limited amount of money which the state has available, for the numerous desirable sites in Iowa suitable for state parks, as large an amount of ground will not purchased at this time as was hoped, but under the action of the executive committee there will be acquired at this time in the neighborhood of 225 acres, which will include Pilot Knob and the most desireable land in the vicinity for park purposes.

When is Belmond going to have Morse Lake made a state park?

GERM CAUSES ROPY BREAD

Have you ever made bread that became ropy, stringy and sticky on the inside of the loaves from 24 to 48 hours after it was baked?

If you have had this experience perhaps you do not know that the cause of the trouble is a tiny heat resisting organism, a common germ which floats around in the air. This organism sometimes causes slimy coating to form on boiled potatoes which have been put away in the cupboard and it is often called potato bacillus.

According to Dr. R. E. Buchanan, head of the bacteriology department of the Iowa State college, potato bacillus causes ropy bread during the hot months of July and August. Dr. Buchanan says there are three precautions to be taken against this trouble. First: be certain that clean flours are more likely to contain the germs than others. Second: sufficient time should be allowed for the bread to raise as well as this will allow time for formation of the lactic acid in large enough quantities to check the action of the germ. Third: bread should always be kept in a cool place. High temperature incourages the bacterial growth.

CLARION MOTHER DEFENDS SON WHO TOOK CAR

Arthur W. Rasmussen, twenty-five, accused by his father of stealing the family automobile and running away with it several months ago, is facing indictment by the October grand jury, and is out on $1,000 cash bond furnished by his mother. The father, Carl Rasmussen, swore to the information charging the son with the theft, and his decision to have the young man prosecuted apparently came after a several days' study of the matter and, we understand, he has given the county attorney his word that he will not fail to prosecute the case.

Young Rasmussen was brought up from Omaha last week. He had been working in that vicinity a part of the time since the automobile was stolen several months ago. People knowing him there offered to go on his appearance bond, but not being residents of the state, could not qualify. His mother, however, came to the clerk of court's office with $1,000 in cash and he was released.

The Rasmussen automobile was taken from the garage on the farm near Florence several months ago. The car was insured against theft and when it was not found the insurance company paid the loss. The car was finally located in the Omaha vicinity and Rasmussen connected with the theft.

A neighbor's son was either implicated with him or accompanied him. Two weeks ago the young men returned to Clarion and an attempt was made to steal the Franklin car. The mother heard the car leave the garage and aroused her husband. He made an effort to stop it, but was too late, the car getting into the road before he could get close enough to shoot at the robbers. He notified Sheriff Lang, and Mr. Lang in turn notified the police authorities of neigh bring towns, and the boys were captured at Fort Dodge.

When Mr. Franklin learned it was his own son implicated he declined to prosecute, paid the expenses incident to the recovery of the car, and took the car home. It is "talk" the Franklin boy was persuaded to start home with his father, but on the road he gave him the slip and made a getaway. Sheriff Lang states that his office is not interested in the young man at this time, and he doesn't know where he is.

In addition to the automobile escapades, the boys are alleged to have circulated some checks locally and one or more were declared to have been forgeries. The Franklin boy's folks, however, deny that he had anything to do with the checks.—News.

THINGS TO BE DONE IN AUGUST

Green feeds for milk cows—Cut a little green corn fodder each day and haul it up for the milk cows. They need green feed to supplement the drying pastures. A few minutes a day at this job yields returns in the form of a large cream check.

Prepare for school year—Final preparations for sending the young people off to school should be made in August. Send for college catalogues, select the school and help son or daughter to pick out the proper courses. A college education is a paying proposition for young people who expect to stay on the farm. Of 409 farmers in ebraska, those who had attended high school made 32.1 per cent more money than those who had only a common school course. Men who attended college made 19.7 per cent more than the high school men, giving the college man an advantage over the common school man of 51.8 per cent.

Give the silo the once-over—Remove rotted silage and water from the silo and see that necessary repairs are made preparatory to filling. If a stave silo, draw the hoops snug before filling. Be sure that none of the silo doors are missing or off their hinges. Have a supply of building paper or old newspapers on hand to seal the doors. Attention to details about the silo now will save many a valuable minute after the filling crew arrives.

Cull the flock—The natural laying season of the hen in this locality is April, May and June, unless she has been bred for production in which case the laying period begins earlier and lasts much longer. Because this is true, July and August is the time to do the first culling of the flock, for the hens that begin to moult now are the biggest slackers and should be sold while the market price is good. At this time it is well to cull out the hens with low vitality, poor feet, small snaky heads; the old, over-fat and diseased ones. It will reduce the feed cost and will get the flock in better shape for winter, besides giving more room for the young chicks which should have every chance to make a quick growth.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING PLANS MUST BE SOUND

In an address delivered at Hot Springs, Va., last month, George Livingston, former chief of the U. S. Bureau of Markets, in toucing upon co-operative marketing of farm products with reference to a national marketing program, said "Farmers' co-operative marketing organizations are a permanent economic institution and are destned to have a far-reaching effect upon the farmer and the general public. They enable the farmer to participate in the profits of distribution and at the same time open up a more direct road from producer to consumer. But developement in this direction must be based on the safe foundation of economic laws. Plans must be sound and workable. It is easy to draw up an ideal co-operative marketing plan on paper. It is quite a different matter to put it into successful peration. Success in co-operative marketing depends quite as much upon capable management and competent leadership as upon the plan of the organization."

There are several examples of successful and efficient farmers' co-operative marketing organizations in operation in different sections of the country today, which comply with Mr Livingston's requirements.

"Sic 'Em!"

A parrot who had been taught to say "Sic 'em" had escaped from his cage and was perched in the upper branches of a tree when two dogs came along. The parrot said "Sic 'em," and the dogs began to fight. Pleased with the result, he kept on saying "Sic 'em," and climbed down the tree to get a better view of the fracas. Finally he got down to the ground and said, "Sic 'em" again. One of the dogs suddenly turned his attention to the parrot and shook a few thousand feathers out of him. The parrot climbed back into the tree and thoughtfully remarked to himself: "The trouble with me is I talk to damn much."

WEST BEND GROTTO WONDERFUL PIECE OF ART AND BEAUTY

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around the trunk of the tree, mouth open for the apple which the tempter suggested to the first parents to eat against the decree of God. An inscription beneath the tree will read "Paradise Lost." The walls of this enclosure are being trimmed with a beautifu gallery of assorted stones and molded into a trough-like fashion to be filled with earth and choice flowers symbolic of the original state of paradise. The gate of paradise and the angel guarding it will be shown above these walls.

Next to this comes the grotto itself with a beautiful archway or entrance. The interior is shaped in clover-leaf form symbolic of the Trinity. The rounding walls exhibit in the east half circle a stained glass window, "The Annunciation," showing the Blessed Virgin, to whom the Archangel Gabriel carries the message that she has been chosen to be the mother of His Only Divine Son. The second half round to the south shows in purest Carrara marble Mary, the mother of Christ, presentin her arms to the world the Christ Child with arms outstretched. This figure stands in a niche with a gentle green background of New Mexico copper ore trimmed with pillars and arch of calcite crystals. (Editor's note: In this arch there by actual count over eighteen thousand six hundred small white stones).

Over the arch of this niche appears the Star of Bethlehem with a comet's tail in the ceiling. At the end of this tail is shown in three significant letters the word "Ave" turned upside down or rather pointing to heaven to remind that it was God first, not man, who addressed the Virgin "Hail Mary." This "Ave" means the wman of Redemption who as an Instrument of God gave to the world a Savior. The word "Ave" read backwards means "Eva," the woman, a tool of Satan, who led the first parents into sin.

Along the walls of this niche the water courses down in two cascades symbolic of the two natures in Christ human and divine, and of the graces of Redemption ever handed out to man thru the church founded by Christ. From these cascades the water is channeled in a winding course into a crystal fountain beneath the statue. This second section shows the birth of Christ.

In the third half cirlce is inclosed in a niche beautifully worked out of crystal, the cross of Christ, standing and beside it the emblems of the cruifixion: The hammer, the three nails, the tongs, the lance, the stick with the sponge and above the Cross the Roman or Latin inscription: I. N. R. I., "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews." Below the Cross is inscribed I. H. S., the Constantinian motto: "By this sign shalt thou conquer," meaning the spiritual victory thru the Cross. Over the niche of the Cross appears the figure of the sun: "Christ the Sun of Justice."

On the opposite side of the cross over the niche of the window is shown the Crescent of the moon, St. John comparing the mother of Christ to the brightness of the moon, symbolic of her immaculate conception. These three half cirlces of the grotto are in a height of 18 feet now to be crowned with a beautiful dome to rise 26 feet high, symbolic of the Unity of the Deity.

The mysteries of grace are shown over the walls. The two matrimonial rings are shown over two pillars under the dome: "Matrimony the pillar of society carrying the load of humanity." Near the entrance is shown the last supper, the symbolism of wheat and grape vine, the cup and bread. Below this are symbolized the keys of heaven.

Over the entrance of this grotto is to be placed in an open gate of stone in Carra marble of "Jesus Pleading" inviting the world unto Hismself. Beside Him on the pillars of the entrance are the life size figures of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Back of this grotto will be shown beautifully worked out in crystals the open tomb of Christ with the stone cover of the tomb lying at the side and an angel sitting at one end of the tomb and the life size figure of Christ standing on a projecting k proclaiming his victory over death and sin in his resurrection.

Over the archway of this group will be shown, of petrified wood, the Cross of Christ and the two thieves crucified at each side of him; this will bear an inscription of crystal stone "Calvary."

Four years more of patient work will be spent by the builder to realize or put into execution the entire plan. The most charming feature of this work lies not only in the delicacy with which the collection of stones is arranged but especially in the fact that nature here repeats itself.

The parish pastor invests all his spare hours in this life work. The grotto stands on a piece of church ground which the pastor has turned into a handsome little park. This piece of ground was years ago an unsightly slough, but he has redeemed it by digging a lagoon 15 feet deep to gain the ground with which to grade the balance of the park. It is now covered with stately trees and affords a much sought place of recreation.

The pastor has generously opened this piece of ground to all visitors and welcomes them with no charge for viewing the grotto. What he can save of his salary is invested in this shrine, the grotto. Still he calls himself rich.

Anxious

"It is an established fact," said the lecturer, "that the sun is gradually but surely losing its heat and in the course of 70,000,000 years it will be exhausted; consequently this world of ours will be dead, and, like the moon, unable to support any form of life."

The head and shoulders of an exmember of the audience rose above those of his fellows. "Pardon me, professor!" he cried, "how many years did you say it would be before this calamity overtakes us?"

"Seventy millions, sir," said the professor.

"Thank heaven!" gasped the interrogator, sinking back exhausted into his seat. "I thought you said 7,000,000."

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BIG COMMUNITY PICNIC IS BEING PLANNED

Clarion Loses To Belmond Friday In Hot Game

Dispute Between Two Towns Is Settled When Belmond Wins Game 9 To 8

GAME GOES 10 INNINGS

In what was decidedly the most thrilling, nerve-racking and hotly contested game that has been played on the local grounds this summer the Belmond ball team defeated the county seat bunch last Friday by 9 to 8 in ten innings.

It was red hot from the word go, with both teams fighting tooth and toenail and taking advantage of every break. Clarion came all loaded up, their team was completely reorganized last week with a change in managers, and they started the battle in the early part of the game when they scored four times in the third inning. Four to nothing certainly looked like Dennis for the Belmond bunch, but in thier half of the third they pounded the pill hard, and when the dust had lifted the score board showed four and four, even—Stephen.

After that, the game was nothing to nothing in more runs for a couple of innings, when Clarion again scored, pushing two runs over by a combination of hits and errors.

The Belmond boys couldn't make it around the four bases and Clarion remained ahead, 6-4. Then to add more misery, Clarion scored twice more, one run in each of two innings, making the score 8 to 4 for the "coal heavers." The "beet weeders" couldn"t see the plate and the game went into the ninth 8-4, with Clarion happy and Belmond gloomy but determined.

And then, boy howdy, that ninth inning! After one man was down, Belmond began pounding the ball, and they pounded it hard and often. The outfield were chasing all over the lot, while Belmond runners were going round the bases like butter on a hot plate. When the third out was made, the result loomed up 8 to 8, with both teams and the spectators up on their toes and struggling for breath.

The tenth began with everybody on the grounds pulling their little finger for luck. Clarion got a man on, and pushed him almost around, but the third out came in the nick of time to save a run for the County Seaters. Belmond began their half in sickening fashion, when the first man was out. But the next one got on, was advanced to second, and then comes "Tommy" with the big stick. After two strikes and three balls were called on him, and there were two men out, he met the ball square and drove a smashing two-base hit into deep center, bringing home the winning run for Belmond.

You could hear the crowd draw its breath, like a breeze sighing down the valley, when Tommy hit that ball and they saw it was going to be a clean hit.

But Belmond can call themselves somewhat lucky over that game. They bunched their hits, that explains it. Clarion secured more hits, getting 12 to Belmond's 9, and 8 of the 12 were for extra bases, while Belmond got 6 for extra sacks. They made less errors, and ran the bases better. Strong, pitching for Belmond, fanned 21 men, which explains the deal somewhat. McGrath for Clarion had four strike outs. In the third inning Pillmer drove one for three bases while all three sacks were filled, giving the locals three runs.

It was certainly some game, and one that gave the fans the worth of their money and time. Each pitcher hit three men and walked two, one Clarion player who was hit by a pitched ball having his arm fractured.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson, who have been visiting their son Harry Sorenson at Owatonna, Minnesota, returned last week. They stopped at Clear Lake to take in the big day last Thursday.

COURT NEWS OF INTEREST

Sheriff Lang has received notice that a Ford car owned by Willie Wiggins of Goldfield was stolen at Eagle Grove last Saturday evening.

Louis Sheppler has brought action against Stewart Smith for $127.50 and costs which he claims is due him for hay purchased during the latter part of last winter.

Huntington Savings Bank vs. C L. Lein, Helen M. Lein and K. A. Lein is in acton recently filed asking judgment no a promisory note in the sum of $3,648.86 with intrest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent together with cost of action and a statutory attorney's fee.

Judgement is asked by the farmers Savings Bank of Goldfield against Amos Thompson and Katherine Thompson in the sum of $872.97 with interest at the rate of 8 per cent from October 4, 1921, together with costs of action and attorney's fee. Plaintiff claims the above amount due them on two promissory notes.

Marriage License

Only one marriage license was issued during the week, Warren Cleaver Hamilton and Eva Alberta Cressey, both of Clarion.

Births

July 28, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tendall, of Clarion, a daughter, Carol Marcena.

July 29, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dunn, of Clarion, a son, William Edward Dunn, Jr.

July 29, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Holm, of Kanawha, a son.

July 30, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols, of Clarion, a daughter, Della May Nichols.

July 30, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Braun, of Alexander, a daughter, Maria Doretha Braun.

July 31, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ziegler, of Clarion, a daughter, Janice Ardell Ziegler.

July 31, 1921—Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Campbell, of Clarion, a son, Richard Clifton Campbell.

Board of Vital Statistics

A board of vital statistics, specified under a new state law, has been created for Wright county by the board of supervisors who organized the county into six districts and appointed registrars as follows:

District No. 1—Boone and Liberty; W. M. Cons, Goldfield, registrar.

District No. 2—Eagle Grove and Eagle Grove township; J. K. Baker, Eagle Grove, registrar.

District No. 3—Troy and Woolstock; D. H. Huff, Woolstock, registrar.

District No. 5—Pleasant, Belmond, Norway and Iowa; Guy Byers, Belmond, registrar.

District No. 6—Lake Dayton, Lincoln, Grant; Clarion and Wall Lake; R. V. Goslin, Clarion, registrar.

The duties of the registrars will be to record all births, deaths, etc., for their respective districts and physicians will file reports with them instead of reporting to the office of the district court.

HAMPTON OUTPLAYS LOCAL TEAM AND WIN 10-5

Last Wednesday the local aggregation of ball tossers went to Hampton where they met that team for the fourth time, and also met defeat to the tune of 10 to 5. It was just a case of being outplayed. The Hampton pitcher, Wilson from Clarion, struck out 15 Belmond batters, while Pillmer caused nine to fan the breeze. Belmond secured five hits to Hampton's three, but Hampton's counted for more and were combined with some exceedingly costly errors on the part of Belmond. Errors were plentiful on both sides, but the Belmond errors came at the opportune times for the Franklin county swatters and they took advantage of them. Hampton took the lead in the early part of the game, and held it to the end, the Belmond boys never having much of a chance to overcome it. Two costly errors were responsible for five of Hampton's runs, according to report. It was just a case of being beaten by better ball playing, and the Franklin county aggregation deserved the game.

Martial Holtzbauer had his tonsils and adenoids removed at Dr. Steele's hospital Tuesday.

Sunday School Picnic Friday Big Event

Single Ladies And Married In Big Ball Game With Married Ones Victors

PLENTY OF FINE EATS

The Methodist Sunday School picnic held at Franklin Grove last week Friday afternoon was one of the most enjoyable events held this summer, and the source of much fun and amusement, as well as the source of a bountiful lot of fine eats. As a sample of the latter, one of those present reports that he consumed:

Five sandwiches,
Two pieces of Angel Food coke.
Two pickles,
One piece of apple pie,
One piece of Fudge cake,
Two different salads,
One big dish of baked beans,
One big cup of coffee,
And some ice cream, the "some" being an unknown quantity.

The older men at the picnic had a horse shoe pitching contest, possibly polishing up for the North Iowa Fair contest or the county championship. The big feature of the afternoon's program, however, was a baseball game between the married and single ladies, wherein the former brot home the bacon by a 13 to 11 score after five innings of sensational playing in which the married ladies and the single ones were about equally classed.

J. S. White did the catching for the married team, while Albert Chamberlain was with the singles. Mary Thompson was in the box for the singles, with Mrs. Otto Hanson doing the heaving for the married team. Both pitchers had about an equal number of strikeouts, reported as 12 in number, or thereabouts, while the hits, about 15, were as equally divided, both catchers getting home runs and Mrs. Ray Klemme and Mrs. J. S. White featuring with a two-base hit apiece. B. B. Strieby was the ump and coach for both sides. The lineup was as follows:

SINGLES		DOUBLES
Mary Thompson	p	Edna Hanson
A. Chamberlain	c	J. S. White
Henriette Jenison	1b	Mrs. J. S. White
-------------	2b	Mrs Stapley
Charlotte Claussen	3b	Mrs. R. Morris
A'pha Bayliss	lf	Mrs. Strieby
Miss Kurtz	cf	Mrs. Ray Klemme

Two fielders were all that were needed. But one walk was granted by the pitchers, Thompson giving one, and one player was hit by a pitched ball, which record outclasses the pitchers in the town game the same day. As a fun-producer the game is reported the biggest hit of the season.

About 100 were present at the picnic and everyone is enthusiastic over the good time they had.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP FARM BUREAU SOCIAL THE 16TH.

The Pleasant Township Farm Bureau will hold a lawn social on Tuesday evening of next week, August 16th, at the home of O. D. Jenison. Ice cream and cake will be served, and a home talent play, the feature of the evening's program, will be given by the teachers of the township. Everybody is invited, both the Farm Bureau members and the people from town.

The county fair is on this week, and the reports of the first day's attendance are good, with a large crowd for opening day present. The fair this year is better than ever before and the exhibits are reported as being the best ever, the attractions beyond previous years, and the whole fair in general the best yet. Quite a number of Belmond people were at the opening day. Friday the local band will furnish the music at the fair.

JENISON-HOGENSON

On Wednesday, August 10th, occurred the the marriage of Miss Henriette Alvina Jenison to Mr. Ben B. Hogenson, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Jenison, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, the Rev. J. H. Edge, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Belmond, officiating. The wedding was very quiet, only the immediate relatives being present.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom left for a short honeymoon trip to Minneapolis, where the groom has a brother residing.

Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Hogenson will reside for the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Jenison, on east Spruce street, pending the completion of their own home, now under course of construction on the lot just west of the Earn Luick home, which they recently purchased. They expect their new home to be ready for occupancy about Thanksgiving.

The bride is one of Belmond's best known and popular young ladies, with a host of friends who wish her the best of happiness in her new life. She was born on the farm near Belmond, and has lived all her life in this vicinity. She has attended various summer schools and undertaken privately studies which would fit her for her chosen profession, teaching, and has taught in a number of country schools, the consolidated school at Alexander. and for four years in the Belmond schools, holding a First Grade certificate.

Mr. Hogenson is a young man of splendid character, and while as yet not very well known in Belmond, has made many friends among those whom he has met. He was born in Norway, and came to America about five years ago. He resided in Seattle for a couple of years, and the past two years has made his home in the vicinity of Belmond most of the time. He is an industrious young man, and a carpenter by trade. His parents are dead, one brother residing in this country, and three sisters in the old country.

The Independent takes pleasure in joining with the friends of this young couple in extending congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

SCHWICHTENBERG-JONESON

Friday evening, August 5th, at the home of Henry Greffen, near Goodell, occured the marriage of Miss Vera Schwichtenberg and Roy Joneson, the Rev. J. H. Edge, pastor of the Methodist church of Belmond, officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. H. Schwichtenberg living near Goodell and the groom is from Illinois. They left via auto Monday morning for Morriss, Illinois, where they will make their home.

The couple had secured their license in Hancock county, and after coming to Belmond to have the ceremony performed had to go back to Goodell in order to have the marriage take place in the same county in which the license was secured.

GEE! MEBBE WE'LL BE IN THE PICHERS!

Clarion is going to get some movie publicity, it is predicted, as a result of the storm sewer project. The reason for this lies in the fact that the project calls for the use of the largest cement tiles heretofore constructed on a sewer job, and the cement manufacturers supplying the cement for the Belmond Construction Co. recognize in this a chance for some excellent advertising. It is understood that the reinforcing used is on a scale heretofore considered more or less impossible, but American ingenuity always rises to the occasion and the tiles, almost six feet in diameter, are being made perfectly.

Several carload were unloaded here Sunday. At that time all the tile on the ground had been laid. There are around eight to the load.

The movies of the project will include pictures taken in the Belmond plant where the tiles are being made. Then will come the hauling to Clarion, the unloading by the huge cranes and then the actual placing of the tiles. Maybe the best looking of our county and city officials will get in on the pictures, and perhaps Clarion's business section.

FOUR TOWNSHIPS ASK CITY TO PARTICIPATE

Belmond, Pleasant, Grant And Iowa Township Farm Bureaus To Have Big Time

PICNIC HELD IN GROVE

To Ask Chamber Of Commerce To Participate --- Belmond Band To Furnish Music

A committee consisting of the chairman and a number of representatives from each of the four townships in the northeast section of Wright county met at the home of J. H. Munnis, on Thursday evening, August 4th, for the purpose of planning and organizing a joint picnic of Grant, Iowa, Pleasant and Belmond townships.

It was suggested that we invite the city of Belmond to participate in this community affair and a committee was appointed to present this proposition to the commercial club of Belmond.

The following committees were named to make all necessary plans for a good community picnic:

J. E. Miller, president of the day.

Program committee: M. G. Luick, chairman, Belmond; Violet Lukens, Grant; J. E. Miller, Iowa; Grace Gartz, Pleasant.

Athletic committee: T. S. Streveler, chairman, Iowa; Harry Woodley, Grant ;Win Dziewanowski, Pleasant; A. E. Martin, Belmond.

Finance committee: R. E. Lee Aldrich, chairman, Iowa; J. E. Lamb, Grant; J. F. Henn, Pleasant; G. C. Baker, Belmond.

Grounds committee: Chester Luick, chairman, Pleasant; Harry Brooks, Grant; Leo Veeder, Iowa; A. Thompson, Belmond.

Committee to interview Belmond Commercial Club: Mrs. J. E. Miller, chairman, Iowa; Mrs. A. E. Martin, Belmond; Mrs. A Meinders, Pleasant; Mr. Lee G. Hill, Grant.

The picnic will be held at the Franklin grove near the Tyrrell farm all day Wednesday, August 24th.

ANDERSON-EDGE

On Thursday, August 4th, occured the marriage of Miss Maria Elizabeth Edge of Humboldt to Mr. Edward Carl Anderson of Fort Dodge, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's brother, Rev. J. H. Edge, pastor of the Methodist church of Belmond, Rev. Edge performing the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a three-course wedding dinner was served, the couple leaving for a short honeymoon trip to Minneapolis and points in Northern Michigan.

They will reside in Fort Dodge, and will be at home after September 1st.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Edge, Sr., of Boulder, Colorado, who were present at the ceremony. She is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, and since her graduation has taught in the schools at Truro and Burt, Iowa.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, of Monitisque, Michigan, is an ex-service man, and since his discharge from the service has been employed with the M. & St. L. railroad as fireman, with headquarters at Fort Dodge.

The Independent joins with the friends here of the couple in extending best wishes.

GOT A FARM TO RENT?

Have you got a farm to rent, of from 80 to 160 acres, near Belmond, or in this vicinity? If you have, call at the Independent office and you will be put in touch with a man who is looking for one. Nothing over 160 acres will be considered, as the man wants to farm alone. Renter wants to go on farm this fall.

CORNELIA LAKE LOOKS LIKE FUTURE RESORT

Lake Cornelia, south of Belmond, apears to be coming along in somewhat swift fashion as a summer resort. The latest reports state that a man from that place, who owns ground abutting the lake, has been in touch with concessions at Lake Okoboji and that these concessions may change from Okoboji to Cornelia next year. One of the concessionaries at Okoboji is reported as desiring to secure ten acres adjoining the lake at Cornelia and bring to that place concessions that will make the place the most popular resort in this section of the country.

Roy Ryder, of Rowan has secured several acres on the north side of the lake, where he has laid out a ball diamond and will stage games every Sunday between the best teams in the surrounding country. Clarion and the Mason City Independents played there this week Sunday.

It is also reported that efforts may be made to have the power lines extended north from Clarion to Cornelia, to serve the cottagers there and the farmers along the way. The country club is understood to highly favor this effort. Dr. Best, of Clarion, who owns a farm adjoining the lake, is reported as figuring on a fresh-water storage tank to be located on his farm, and piped to supply the cottages along the lake so that the summer resorters there may have both electric lights and running water in their cottages. Property in Cornelia is quite active for cottage sites, and should the power line be extended, the water piped down, and the concessions brought in, Lake Cornelia will undoubtedly become one of the most popular resorts this side of Clear Lake. It would seem, however, that one of the first and biggest things they will have to do there will be to dredge out the lake and make it more attractive as a bathing and fishing place, for the scum of weeds and rushes greatly interferes with it now.

DOUGHTERY DEFEATS BELMOND

Sunday at Dougherty the Dougherty team smeared the local ball team by a score of 8 to 7 in ten innings. After they had the game won six to nothing, the locals blew up, the pitcher got wild, and with about a dozen errors more or less and some good safe swats the Irish brought home the bacon by scoring six runs in the sixth and one in the tenth to win. It was a featureless game, with little interest except in the sixth, when Belmond scored five and Dougherty six. A pitcher from Webster City pitched for the locals, and was wild, used an "Emery" ball, and generally proved he wasn't wanted. Quite a number of local people drove up to see the game.

REGISTRARS FOR VITAL STATISTICS NAMED

Registrars for Wright county were named by the Board of Supervisors last week. These men will keep the records of the births and deaths in the various districts in the county, and these records will be sent to the state department at Des Moines.

Under the new law passed in the last legislature, the records of births and deaths in the various districts must be reported to the registrars for the respective districts. Blanks will be furnished for the purpose. Certificates for burial, or for the removal of the dead, must also be obtained from the registrars. These registrars may appoint deputies in the townships if they feel that such help is needed.

The registrar for the local district is G. J. Byers, who has under his jurisdiction the townships of Belmond, Norway, Pleasant and Iowa. Clerk Goslin has the largest territory of any of the registrars, having on his list five townships. The new law requiring the registration of births and deaths by districts is generally condemned by physicians, it is understood, in that it scatters the registration over the county instead of centralizing it under one head at the county seat, as the records have been kept for years.

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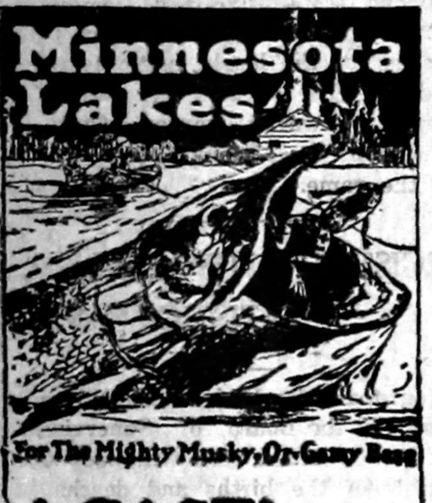

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THE FARM BUREAU

For the first time in history, the man who tills the soil has been thoroly organized with his neighbor and has a word to say in the disposal of his poduct and the making of those laws and rules which effect his business.

It is so because of one thing, the American Farm Bureau Federation, an organization of, for and by the farmers of America. The need of such an organization; one in which the farmer could join with his fellow agriculturist and demand a part in the making of laws, the levying of taxes and the marketing of grains and live stock, was seen many years ago. Many attempts were made to form and perfect such an organization, but altho a number were formed, none of them seemed to stick, to fill the purpose for which they were created. Meanwhile the farmer went along taking his medicine and what he could get, which was far from a square deal, until, a few years ago, the Farm Bureau began to come to the front.

And the way the Farm Bureau has come forward, solidified the farmers into a unit that grows every day into a more determined and formidible demander and defender of the rights and privileges of the farmer, and an organization which daily becomes one of the most important factors of the American national life.

There were some who said that it couldn't be done; that the farmer could never be organized and made to stick; that he wouldn't obide and couldn't be made to stick, to any sort of an agreement whereby he would have to do as the majority wished, regardless of what he wanted to do himself. It must give those people considerable thought as they see the farmers organized now into one of the strongest brotherhoods in the history of Amerìean labor. And that is what the Farm Bureau is today, an organization that stands on a par with the American Federation of Labor, with men at its head who know the national life and needs, who are hardheaded, practical men with a thoro knowledge of agriculture, the needs and rights of the man who raises the nation's food stuffs, and who are at all times on the job seeing that these rights and needs are met.

It is a good thing, and about time, that the farmer has come to have a say in what shall be done. For too many years the farmer has had to take what he could get, with some one else regulating the price of his labor and product for their own ends and with little or no thought of what was due the man who produced. It is within the knowledge of every man today of the time when to be a farmer was to be ridiculed, called hayseed and hick and any other "appropriate" name which designated the backwoods and the tall timber. Do you hear it today? You do not not. Instead you hear the farmer spoken of in a tone so far different that it seems as tho it was ever thus: Instead of being ridiculed he is envied; where once was ribald laughter now is respect. The old idea of a rag-tailed-shirted long, lean, lanky and bewhiskered person who chewed straw and said "b'gosh" and "by heck" and who ate with his knife and lived on potatoes and skim-milk gravey seems to have disappeared, somehow, and when you consider the straight-forward man, dressed as neatly and sensibly as any city dude, who knows the whys and wherefors of any company, can you wonder?

And the reason of the farmers' self-respect today lies largely in the Farm Bureau. He is no longer alone, an atom in the midst of the ocean, but he is instead a unit, with a voice in the affairs that concern him, and a voice that daily grows more powerful and compelling. The Farm Bureau, if it has done nothing else, has been worth while because it has given the farmer the iniative and the opportunity to demand his just dues.

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CLIPPINGS

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Sometimes we hear the wise ones say that these Ames experts don't know their business and that their testing of cattle for tuberculosis is all guess work. Possibly it is, we are not qualified to say. But here is an instance where an Ames man made a good guess at least. Recently an expert on hens was culling flocks in this neighborhood. At the County Home he culled 87 hens as not worth their keep. Supt. "Bob" put these 87 hens in a pen by themselves for ten days and in that time they laid two eggs. At Earl Terwillger's he culled 36 hens. Earl put these hens in a pen by themselves and in ten days got one egg. The expert was about right, wasn't he?—Klemme Times.

Mrs. W. R. Ramsay of Belmond came last Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Stebbleton and family. Mr. Ramsay and daughter motored up Sunday and the Ramsays' and the Stebbletons all motored over to Clear Lake to spend the day with Mrs. T. J. Pierce and the six Britt girls who are camping at that place.—Britt News-Tribune.

Mrs. Chamberlain and son of Belmond were Klemme visitors yesterday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forrestal of Belmond were Klemme visitors Tuesday.—Times.

Mr. Fred Rathburn of Belmond was a business caller here Wednesday of last week.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Papousek of Belmond were Sunday guests of Mrs. Papousek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jocobs. They and the Cobbs family autoed to West Bend Sunday to visit the grotto.—Garner Signal.

Miss Leoda Smith went to Belmond last Friday evening and from there she went on to Mason City.—Times.

Mrs. Wallce Ramsay of Belmond visited the Garner Ramsays last week and on Thursday went to Britt to visit relatives.—Garner Leader.

Joe Starnes and family spent Sunday at Belmond visiting relatives and friends.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lesher, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Pierce of Belmond, Mrs. Joe White and Miss Jennie Stella were auto visitors at West Bend Sunday. They went to view the beautiful grotto there. They also stopped at Humboldt to see the fountain that was built by the same priest. Hundreds of visitors were at the grotto Sunday.—Garner Signal.

Miss Beatrice Leavy from Belmond has been visiting her friend, Miss Anna May Aldrich, the past week.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stacy of Belmond drove over Sunday for a visit with their Hampton friends and relatives. Mrs. Stacy remainded for a several days' visit but Mr. Stacy returned home Sunday night. He is now assistant manager and general all round handy man for the Belmond Independent.—Hampton Chronicle.

Master Coolidge Lieuwen of Belmond, a nephew of Mrs. M. L. Baker, is a guest ot present at the Baker home.—Kanawha Reporter.

Harry Pritchard had an unusual accident Sunday. He was at the home of his uncle and aunt, near Belmond. He was sitting on the ground with his hands behind him, and a hog came up behind him and bit one of his arms. It was not a serious wound but as given him more or less pain.—Garner Leader.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. next Sunday.

Owing to the pastor being away there will be no preaching services at our church next Sunday. The Sunday school will meet as usual. There will be no Epworth League service.

Sunday morning, August 21st, the Rev. M. O. Insko, manager of the Methodist Publishing House at Lucknow, India, will be with us and give the address. Rev. Insko has been in India the past five years and will have a message of information and inspiration to all who hear him. Remember the date, August 21st.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Last Sunday night was the banner night for attendance, at the out-door services. There were 93 present and the meeting was full of inspiration.

Next Sunday evening at Mr. Ralph Christies' we hope to pass over the 100 mark. We believe not only that it can be done but that it will be done. The attendance at all the services of the church have been excellent all summer. Let us keep the good work going by being faithful ourselves and getting others who are not enlisted in the Lord's work to come and worship with us.

Services next Sunday, Bible school at 10:00 a. m., morning worship at 11:00, and the evening services at Mr. Ralph Christies' at 8:00. Mrs. Christie is the leader.

An important business meeting of the Aid society will be held in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon. Every member is requested to be pesent.

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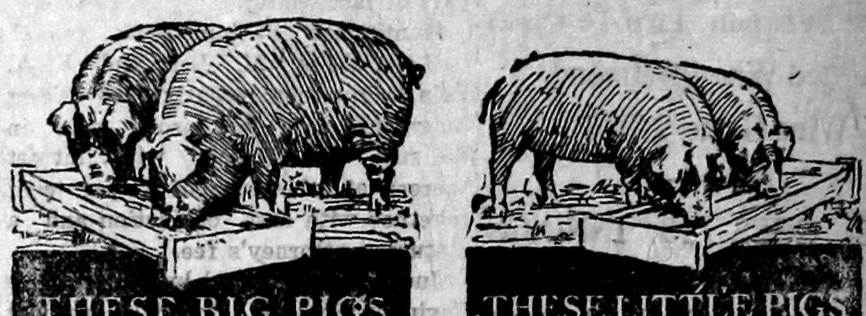

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Rowan Attends the First Wright County Tennis Tournament At Eagle Grove, August 4th, 1921.

Those attending were Rev. Harold Tompkinson and wife, William Rietz and wife, Donald McCallum, Henry Williams, Guy R. Sheldon and wife, Donald Farran and Miss Mildred Azeltine.

D. W. Farran and William Rietz were defeated in the preliminaries, the former being matched with Andrews of Eagle Grove and the latter with Whitman of the same city.

Tompkinson and Sheldon went into the second bracket, being matched with each other. Tompkinson was the winner in this match but was defeated in his next set of games by Whitman

Andrews defeated Whitman but forfeited his right to the title by dropping out and allowing Whitman to assume his place.

Tompkinson and Rietz, in the doubles, went to their second bracket and were defeated there.

Sheldon and Farran lost their first set of games.

Everyone from Rowan voted Eagle Grove the best bunch of goodfellows met up with in many a day. The entire tournament was satisfactory from any point of view and it is hoped that we may make this an annual event in the county. Eagle Grove seems to be the ideal place to hold it.

Union Sunday School Picnic August 18th, for Rowan M. E. and Congregational Churches, At Lake Cornelia.

All the folks are requested to meet at your church Sunday School not later than 9:00 o'clock a. m., Thursday morning, August 18th, and then when all is ready we will proceed to the lake.

This picnic is for all who are interested in either of those Sunday Schools, or any other departments of those two churches. We want the parents to set this day apart so that we can all spend the day together with your children and friends.

There will be games for the young and the old, also baseball, which will begin at 1:00 o'clock, and horse-shoe games.

There will be all kinds of races, and a "Royal Good Time."

Let us prepare for this day with our filled baskets, with some homemade candy in one corner for the children.

Dinner at 12:00 a. m. Remember the day, August 18th.

We will need cars for the children. Men, we are depending on you to help us with your cars on this day.

Let's go, August 18th.

Rowan M. E. Sunday School.
Rowan Cong's Sunday School.

Mr. McCutcheon, of Goldfield spent several days of last week at the home of his brother-in-law, R. H. Kieth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hackley were Dows visitors Monday at the home of their sister, Elva, who is still very sick. She is reported a little better

Mrs Herb Hadley and children spent a few days of last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Pascoe, at Eagle Grove.

Mrs. Roy Fitz, of Clarion, spent the first of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, and attended Chautauqua.

Mr. Carl Kalvig, who is working in the yards at Clarion came Saturday night to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs Sarah Moon had a narrow escape last week from what might have proven a very serious accident when an old sheep knocked her down and wouldn't let her get up again. Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, hearing the call for help went down right away and drove the sheep off. Mrs. Moon is very lame since the accident.

The foreman of the bridge gang on the new state road had the misfortune to break his leg Monday. This is indeed a misfortune at this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sheldon, Mrs. Guy Sheldon and children visited relatives at Iowa Falls Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller and Mrs. Blanche Jennings and Mrs. Hugh Whitten were at Clarion Monday decorating the booth for Iowa township for the Fair.

Congregational Church Notes

Morning service, 11:00.
Sunday School, 12:00.
Evening service, 8:00.

Rev. Tomkinson and Rev. Nye will give addresses fitted for the occasion including special music.

The Christian Endeavor will have their service at 7:30 Sunday morning.

The Junior Endeavor will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the church.

The Mid-week prayer meeting will be Wednesday evening at 8:00.

M. E. Church Notes

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson will conduct the service in the M E. church next Sunday morning and will use for his subject, "The Beauty of the Lord."

The Union Service will be held at the Congregational church Sunday evening, when Rev. H. Tomkinson will speak on "The Church—the enemy of Progress." This sermon will be an answer to an address given recently by a Chautauqua lecturer. Come and hear the other side.

Mrs George Whitten, Mrs. Charles Peddle, Miss Vinnie Whitten, and little Ivan Williams were Hampton callers Saturday having dental work done.

Mrs. Alvin Haupt, of Clarion, spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Walters. Mr. Haupt came Saturday to spend over Sunday with them. He returned home Monday but Mrs. Haupt stayed longer.

Mrs. S. E. Hearn, of Dumont, spent several days at the C. E. Johnson home Mr. and Mrs. Hearn returned to their home in Dumont Saturday evening. Mr. Hearn has been working for Mr. Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson went to Bristow Saturday night to visit relatives at that place and also at Allison over the week-end

Mrs. Dan Fletcher and her uncle, Fred Clark, returned Saturday from their visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tim Weld and family at Bruce, Wisconsin.

Little Ruth Brinkman, of Coulter, has been visiting at the homes of her cousins, Gladys and Evelyn Whitten the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fletcher and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stahl and daughter, of Renbieck, spent Saturday night at the home of their sister, Mrs Will Whitten and family. They were enroute to Pomeroy to visit another sister, Mrs. Clifford Snow.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten returned Saturday from Latimer where she has been caring for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey who have been sick. She returned to Latimer again Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C Box and daughter, Blanch, Mrs. Jessie Agnew and children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box, at Clarion, Saturday.

Miss Jennette Kerkvink, a former teacher of this place, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ryder the past week and canvassing Morgan township selling books.

Word received by relatives that Mrs. Bert Pierce, nee Zetta Stout, of Thompson, was operated on Monday of last week at Albert Lea, Minnesota, the trouble being appendicitis. She is reported as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs, of Goodell, motored from Goodell Saturday evening to spend over Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. L. W. Rooney and two daughters, Alice and Doloris, of Sioux City, came Thursday to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leslie Andrews. Mrs. Rooney will be remembered as Minnie Bohlen.

Perle LeGue had the misfortune to injure one of his eyes Wednesday when a piece of emery stone with which he was sharpening a scythe flew into it. He went to Dows Thursday where he had the eye ball scraped and it is doing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferguson were Belmond callers Wednesday, where Mrs. Will Ferguson had some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller represented the Iowa Township Farm Bureau at a committee meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Munnis Thursday evening. Plans were made for a union picnic of Iowa, Belmond, Grant and Pleasant townships to be held August 24th. More definite announcements will be made later.

Remember the box social which the Iowa Farm Bureau Community Club will hold at the school house August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler were Clarion callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Kiar and family were Hampton callers Saturday.

The Misses Clara Andrews and Helen Newlin, of Coulter, visited at the home of their cousin, Bernice Hansen, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tresidder went to Clarion Tuesday to help their son, Howard and family get settled in their new home which they have just purchased. Mr. Tressider stayed the rest of the week helping his son in his draying business, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey visited Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey in Belmond.

Mrs. Kiefe, of Hampton, visited the latter part of the week at the home of her brother, Mr. Fred Weber. Mr. and Mrs. Weber and family motored to Hampton with her Sunday and spent the night with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten and daughter Gladys, motored to Pomeroy Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow

Mr and Mrs. Al Nelson and children, of Ellendale, Minnesota, motored to Rowan Saturday to visit at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olsen and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and other old friends. They were former residents of Rowan. They returned to their home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Anderson went to Ellsworth Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, parents of Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher spent Sunday in Clarion at the parental Fitz home.

Mrs. Lizzie Lawson, of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Bingham, returned to her home Monday of this week.

Mr. J. S. Farren, and sons Douglas and Bobby spent Sunday at Lanesorbo at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynch.

Duncan Farren spent Sunday with friends at Belmond.

Theo Hansen is having the excavating done for the basement to his new store building which he will erect east of the State Bank. It will be 22 x 80 feet and will make a fine addition to the buildings of the town.

Mr. J. L. Sinclair, of Clarion, will put in a stock of goods in the building now occupied by Mr. Hansen.

Earl Bailey was a Clarion caller Monday of this week.

Gay Fletcher took a load of show hogs to Clarion Monday to enter at the Fair for Roland Harris.

Mrs. Otto Jensen and baby were Clarion visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey.

Mrs. Hugh Whitten went to Latimer Saturday to spend the week-end at the Ramsey home and help care for the sick. They are reported a very little better.

L. A. McCallum was at Galt last Wednesday doing some electrical repair work.

Mrs. Inga Groen was a Clarion shopper between trains Saturday.

Little May Hyde who had her tonsils removed at Belmond last week is getting along very well.

Word received Monday of this week states that Mrs. George Pritchett is able to leave the hospital but will not be home for a short time.

Jesse Steffens has improved so much in health that the nurse, Miss Pearl Mickelsen of Clarion left last Thursday.

Mrs. Milton Brown, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler, returned to her home at Meringo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huey are the proud parents of a fine baby boy since last Saturday. Mother and baby are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sinclair came Wednesday from Clarion to visit at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler. Mr. Sinclair returned home the same day but Mrs. Sinclair remained until Friday when her son, Russell, motored after her.

The residence owned by A. C. Rietz and occupied by Charles Emerson has been much improved in appearance the past week by a coat of paint. Frank Kercheval did the work.

Theo Hansen and J. F. Howell were Mason City business callers Wednesday.

Frank Snyder met with quite a loss this week when his Ford car was stolen at Clear Lake last Thursday. He has not got any track of it yet. Mr. Sim Stout found some fellows at work on his car but they got away before he could get up to them. They had it wired ready to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard McCallum, of Waterloo motored to Rowan Wednesday to visit at the home of Mrs. McCallum's brother, Dick Virden and family.

Mrs. Mary Ballou, who visited at the home of her brother, O. E. Ballou over Sunday of last week, went to Anita Wednesday to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cate.

Miss LaVonne Ballou went to Dows Tuesday evening to visit at the home of her cousin, Miss Alice Kent. She returned home Monday of this week.

Messrs. Will Bailey Sr. and Arthur Emerson were Dows callers, Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Jensen was a Carion visitor Friday.

Mrs. Moon was a Clarion caller, Thursday.

George Pritchett returned from Rochester Tuesday but went back again Thursday.

Mrs. Bert Barker and daughter, Bonneta, of Hampton, spent the past week at the parental Barker home.

D. A. French was a business caller at Ft. Dodge, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs W. A. Hoke left Friday for Marshall, Mnnesota, where he will work on a road graveling outfit and Mrs. Hoke will cook for the men.

Russell Bailey has been visiting at Dows several days the past week.

George Pritchett was a Coulter caller between trains Thursday morning.

This has been a week of social gatherings. Friday forenoon Mrs. A. H. Emerson entertained a dozen little boys in honor of her son, Edward's birthday. Refreshments were served at noon and all the little chaps enjoyed themselves very much.

Thursday evening the Christian Endeavor held their regular social time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kieth. About thirty-five young people were present. The evening was spent in music and games after which the hostess served ice cream and cake. Everyone voted a very pleasant evening.

The following young ladies went from the Endeavor social to the home of Miss Stella Emerson where they held a slumber party complimentary to Miss Ella Couchman, of Des Moines. Misses Izetta Fletcher, Mildred Ducy, May Virden, Ruth Emerson, Frances Farren, and Ella Couchman. One guest reported refreshments at 2:00 a. m. and the slumber part from 2:30 to 5:30. About six a. m. they all went to the home of Miss Milldred Duffy for a breakfast party. It seems needless to say they enjoyed these parties very much but were very sleepy the next day.

Another gathering in town Thursday evening was at the home of Mrs. Ben Hadley in honor of Mrs. J. L. Sinclair, of Clarion. The following ladies were present: Mesdames C. W. Fowler, F. H. Fowler, F. M. Myers, A. H. Emerson, J. L. Sinclair and Fred Brooks The hostess served ice cream and cake and a very pleasant evening is reported.

Friday evening about forty young people of the neighborhood met at the Hinkley home for a social time. Dainty refreshments were served and a fine time is reported.

Wednesday Mrs. Harold Gates entertained at a 12:00 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Beck, of Des Moines. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and family, Mrs. Blanche Jennings, Miss Marjorie Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Beck and baby, and Edgar Mantle. The last six mentioned drove to Goodell in the afternoon where they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs.

Monday morning Albert Emerson Fred Brooks, and son George, and Ray Harson left for Minneapolis where they will spend several days on business and then motor to the lakes in the northern part of Minesota for a short fising trip.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ryder Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCallum and Miss Jeanette Kervink motored to Lake Cornelia where they camped out over night and spent Sunday at the lake.

Last Thursday a great many of our people attended the Legion Day at Clear Lake. Eight Legion members from the Andrew Whitten Post of this place attended. Albert Moeller ing took the 40-8. Among others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruger, Frank Snyder, Guy Stumph, Leonard McCallum, Will Whitten, Charley Moon, Frank Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitten, Miss Vinnie Whitten, Mrs. Charles Peddle and Mrs. Mary Williams and small son, Ivan.

The Congregational Ladies' Aid Society met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charley Burger. A good crowd attended and a nice lot of work was accomplished.

The ladies of the M. E. church met Friday and cleaned the church and put down the new carpet. The church looks very nice since it is redecorated. They served picnic dinner in the basement.

Sunday Ryder's Independents played ball at Lake Cornelia against Clarion. The score stood 6-4 in favor of the Independents. They played eleven innings.

Lowell Hoken will make his home with his sister, Mrs. Darrell Stout while his parents are in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kapps, of Ft. Atkinson came Monday to visit at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. George Liming. They were accompanied by the former's brother, Vincent, and sister, Minnie.

There was a large attendance at the Missionary Meeting last Thursday afternoon which was held at Mrs. Jennie Rowan's. The lesson was followed by a picnic supper on the lawn which was thoroly enjoyed by about fifty people.

The Young Ladies' Mission Study Club of the Congregational Church will hold their last picnic of the season Tuesday afternoon, August 16th. Now keep this date in mind and be sure to come with your dishes. We have a good lesson and a fine time.

The Rev. H. Tomkinson was unable to fill his pulpit last Sunday as he was confined to his bed with inflammatory rheumatism. He is much better at the present writing. A Mr. Bradshaw, from Ft. Dodge supplied the pulpit for both morning and evening services.

Mrs. Lem Rowen is much improved since her recent operation at the Steele hospital at Belmond.

Chautauqua was well attended this year and the programs were enjoyed very much. It paid out all right.

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Going To the Fair?

Need Clothes?

Here's your chance!

This store will present customers with tickets to the North Iowa Fair on the following basis:

For every $10 a customer spends at this store from Saturday, August 13th to Saturday, August 20th inclusive we will give an admission ticket to the fair or amphitheatre, which ever he wants.

For instance if he buys a forty dollar suit he will get two tickets to the Fair and two to the Amphitheatre—or four tickets to the Fair, at his option, etc.

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Iowa's Largest Clothiers
Mason City, Iowa
Home of Hrrt Schaffner & Marx Clothes

YOUNG EAGLE GROVE BOY KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Eagle.—Kent Withers was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when the car in which he was riding turned turtle on the road east of town. It was the Albert Lamfers car and Mrs. Lamfers was driving. The car struck some loose gravel in the road just east of the Mrs. Wm. Pletcher farm home, where Albert Klein now lives. The car turned over several times, throwing both Mrs. Lamfers and Kent Withers clear of the wreckage. Young Withers skull was fractured and the back part of his head was crushed. Mrs. Lamfers sustained minor bruises about the shoulder and knee. Mrs. A. B. Klein and Mrs. Roy Comstock were sitting on the porch of the Klein home and witnessed the accident. They carried Mrs. Lamfers and the fatally injured lad into the Klein home and summoned assistance. Mr. Withers was located by telephone at the Martin grocery. Mrs. Withers was taking care of Mrs. Lamfers' two children at their former home on the Smith farm about a mile east of Al Watkins'.

Father Knew

"Papa," asked little Willie, "why do they call it the mother tongue?"

"Willie," answered father, "who uses it the most?"—Allith Bulletin.

Same Old Story But a Good One.

Mrs. Mahala Burns, Savanna, Mo., relates an experience, the like of which has happened in almost every neighborhood in this country, and has been told and retold by thousands of others, as follows: "I used a bottle of Chamberlian's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery). I had another attack of the same complaint three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended it to dozens of people since I first used it and shall continue to do so for I know it is a quick and positive cure for bowel troubles."

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

VICTORY FOR FARMING INTERESTS.

Valuation of Iowa land for purposes of taxation will not be raised at this time, but will remain upon the 1919 basis, according to a recent decision of the executive council of Iowa. This decision was announced after a hearing in which the Iowa Farm Bureau federation presented arguments against any program of advancement calculated to add to the present tax burdens of farmers.

The hearings occupied several days. Besides the federation, representatives of the railroad, telephone companies, express companies, public utilities and various other business interests were given opportunity to present their respective claims. The federation, speaking in the interest of the farmers of Iowa, was represented by Attorney J. G. Mitchell, President Hunt and members of the committee on taxation.

Mr. Mitchell had fortified his position by a searching survey of agricultural conditions covering every county in the state.His evidence and "exhibits" were incontrovertible, and he was able to present the case of the farmers in a sane, businesslike manner never attempted before in connection with the problem of tax equalization.

The decision of the council is a distinct victory for the federation in particular and the farmers in general. The trend of the times is unquestionably toward boosting values with the idea of keeping the levy down. Valuations of railroads, public utilities and some other kinds of property were materially increased and there is every reason to assume that land values would have been advanced if the federation had not made such a convincing showing to the effect that farm lands are already carrying a disproportionate share of the burden Incidently it adds another item to the growing list of things accomplished by the federation for the farmers of Iowa.

OFFICIALS WILL VISIT IOWA STATE FAIR.

Arrangements for the special Farm Bureau Day, Monday, August 29th., have been completed. Needless to say that everybody is invited and will be welcome. Farm Bureau headquarters will be maintained in the agricultural building thruout the fair. A big tent, located convenient to headquarters, will be provided for the program of music and speaking on the special day.

President Hunt of the Iowa federation will preside at the meetings. Jim Howard and John Coverdale have promised to come out from Chicago and take part in the speaking program. Standing as they do, upon the high point of federation activities they will speak of matters of nation-wide importance. Beyond that these men need no introduction in Iowa.

Mrs. Florence Richardson of Mahaska county will speak on farm bureau topics from the standpoint of the farm women. Senator Capper has agreed to come out from Washington if he can manage to break away from the grind under the capital dome long enough to make the trip. Secretary Henry C. Wallace can be counted on for nothing short of physicial disability or a jail sentence could keep him from attending the Iowa state fair.

The program will include a round-table discussion, in which everybody is invited to participate. The state fair management will furnish a band for the day and there will be other music, vocal and instrumental suitable to the occasion.

PICNIC AT TYRRELL GROVE

A committee consisting of the chairman and a number of representatives from each of the four townships in the northeast section of Wright county met at the home of J. H. Munnis, on Thursday evening, August 4th, for the purpose of planning and organizing a joint picnic of Grant, Iowa, Pleasant and Belmond townships.

It was suggested that we invite the city of Belmond to participate in this community affair and a committee was appointed to present this proposition to the commercial club of Belmond.

The following committees were named to make all necessary plans for a good community picnic:

J. E. Miller, president of the day.

Program committee: M. G. Luick, chairman, Belmond; Violet Lukens, Grant; J. E. Miller, Iowa; Grace Gartz, Pleasant.

Athletic committee: T. S. Streveler, chairman, Iowa; Harry Woodley, Grant :Win Dziewanowski, Pleasant; A. E. Martin, Belmond.

Finance committee: R. E. Lee Aldrich, chairman, Iowa; J. E. Lamb, Grant; J. F. Henn, Pleasant; G. C. Baker, Belmond.

Grounds committee: Chester Luick, chairman, Pleasant; Harry Brooks, Grant; Leo Veeder, Iowa; A. Thompson, Belmond.

Committee to interview Belmond Commercial Club: Mrs. J. E. Miller, chairman, Iowa; Mrs. A. E. Martin, Belmond; Mrs. A Meinders, Pleasant; Mr. Lee G. Hill, Grant.

The picnic will be held at the Franklin grove near the Tyrrell farm all day Wednesday, August 24th.

ORGANIZE GIRLS SEWING CLUB

With the help of Miss Hazel Spencer the "Wall Lake Willing Workers" have organized a girls sewing club. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Golda Smith and the officers were elected.

Miss Gladys Smith and Miss Nessa Howieson will act as club leaders, Velma Mosher president, Myrl Mosher vice president, Golda Smith secretary, Mildred Mosher treasurer. Leona Mosher, club reporter. The other members are Margurite McHale, Mildred Schroeder, Velma Schroeder and Virginia Schroeder.

Green and white were selected as our colors and three leaf clover for our emblem. Plans were made to have a booth at the Wright county fair.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. Our next meeting is to be at the home of Miss Mildred Schroeder with Miss Margurite McHale assistant hostess on August 19th.

Leona Mosher, Club Reporter.

WATCH OUT FOR THIS RUG MAN!

Wallace's Farmer.—We believe in giving a man a chance, but there is a limit to anyone's patience. C. H. Yaham, 1504 Eleventh street, Des Moines, Iowa, who sells rugs under the name of the Yarham Advertising Rug company, no longer deserves our patience.

Last May the first complaints relative to his work began to arrive from Calhoun county, Iowa. We took these up with him by letter at the above number, which is a dwelling house and not a factory. We received no reply. We phoned, and were informed that Mr. Yarham was out of town. We requested an appontment, and received an indication that we would receive one in a short time, but had no further response. More inquiries continued to arrive, until we finally, turned the matter over to our attorney for investigation. Our attorney has received two promises that Mr. Yarham would meet him, but so far he has not arrived.

Here are a few of the complaints. One lady says:

"I am going to ask you to help me collect a debt. You can see by the enclosed checks that I have bought and paid for a couple of rugs. They were nothing to compare with the samples I ordered from. In fact they were not worth having. So I sent them back to the company C. O. D., May 19, 1921. If you can help me colloect this, I would appreciate it, but I would be glad to give the small amount to see this fellow behind the bars. He is simply robbing the people and has gotten a number around here in deeply."

One of the best complaints from the standpoint of showing the method of the company and agents in doing business is from a man, who writes as follows:

"Enclose find statements and copy of order for rug. About Feb. 1 I canceled the order, which they refused to do. They claim that I signed a note, which I never did, unless it was a copy note the same as the order blank. He refuses to send the old carpet. Our rug was not to be made until they received the old carpet. The agent took along 64 pounds of old rubber the day he took the order."

The collection method which the Yarham Advertising Rug company used is gleaned from the letters which this man sent us. The first statement sent out put the cost of the rugs at $66.35 and gaye credit of $16.40 for the old carpet which was to be sent, making the net cost $49.95 less the credit for the carpet.) The next statement includ ed an additional charge of 65 cents as interest on note and other expenses. The third statement called attention to interest on note and other expenses of $1.40. The fourth statement included as interest and storage, $2.40.

The fifth statement, which finally aroused the ire of our subscriber and led him to send the complaint to us, gives an additional charge of $5.40 for interest, cost of collection, storage, etc., and had the following written in pencil across the printed form: "Eventually you must pay; why not now? We have over 29 years yet to collect. As you are the man to pay the expenses, it's up to you to pay and stop them."

Just as we are writing this report so as to protect our subscribers, still another statement was forwarded to us which asks $10.40 for interest, storage and collection, and which states in pencil, "We will return your note with your rugs. Better keep your contract and ship your stuff in—or we charge you $12 for your keeping it." This sounds like old-time stuff. We are writing for our Service Bureau member to tell Mr. Yarham to see our attorney. If he does there should be some interesting developements, for there are several things that he will be asked to settle.

***We advise our subscribers to be on the lookout for any man of this type or calibre. Prevention is easier than cure and always more satisfactory. Be sure an agent deserves your confidence before doing business with him.—From the Service Bureau department, Wallaces' Farmer, August 5, 1921.

The agent referred to, Mr. Yarham, has been a more or less frequent caller at Belmond, and the Independent reprints the foregoing article for what it may be worth to our subscribers.

Hot Weather Diseases.

Disorders of the bowels are extremely dangerous, particulary during the hot weather of the summer months, and in order to protect yourself and family against a sudden attack, get a bottle of Chamberlain Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. Itcan be depended upon. Many have testified to its excellence.

STRENGTH SERVICE

How About Your Family?

The Savings Account means more for the future of the family than almost all the advice the world can offer. It means a right start upon the right course. Give your family the assurance of permanent financial protection by opening a Term Savings Account paying 5 per cent interest annually, with us. One dollar will do it.

A little Liberty Bell Bank to put your little savings in is yours with a Savings Account.

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No wonder the fat man chuckled

I SWELLED with pride.
THE FAT man next to me.
WAS READING one.
OF MY cigarette ads.
AND I felt him chuckle.
NOW NO one had ever.
PRAISED THAT ad.
SO I had to ask.
IF HE liked it.
AND HE said, "Sure."
AND LAUGHED some more.
THEN HE said.
"LOOK HERE" and pointed.
AND WHERE I'd written.
"PURE TOBACCO."
THE PRINTER had set.
"PURE TABASCO."
AND THAT'S why the man.
THOUGHT MY ad.
WAS HOT stuff.
BUT THEN he said.
"FORGET THE ads.
I NEVER read 'em.
BUT LEMME tell you.
SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
THEY OUGHT to say.
ABOUT THAT cigarette.
AND THAT is this.
THEY SATISFY."
AND DARNED if I don't think.
HE REALLY believed.
HE WAS giving me.
SOMETHING NEW!

YOU can blame it on the printer if you don't see "They Satisfy" in a Chesterfield advertisement. But be sure of this—you'll find it in the cigarette every time. Wonderful Turkish and Domestic tobaccos, wonderfully blended—it sounds easy. But you'll find nothing else like Chesterfields. *That blend can't be copied.*

Air-Tight Tins of 50
Ask your dealer to show you the new vacuum-sealed tins of 50 Chesterfields. A compact, convenient and absolutely AIR-TIGHT packing—the cigarettes keep fresh indefinitely.

They Satisfy
Chesterfield
CIGARETTES
LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.

The APPEARANCE

of your printed stationery reflects the character of your business

First impressions are usually lasting, and you should no more think of representing yonr business with ill-arranged, poorly printed stationery than with an uncouth, inexperienced salesman. The psychological effect would be the same.

If IT'S PRINTED WE CAN DO IT.

The Snap and vitality of our "distinctive,, printing registers instant approval. Ask a user.

Shift your printing troubles over to our shoulders--they are a burden to you--a pleasure to us.

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A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the County of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

CHAPTER XV.—Dying, Ann Rutledge calls for Abe, and he bids her farewell at her bedside. Following her demise a settled sadness descends on him. He is no longer "Abe," but "Abraham Lincoln."

CHAPTER XVI.—Overcoming his despondency, Lincoln returns to his work. Abolition sentiment is crystalizing and he throws himself into the movement.

CHAPTER XVII.—Traylor sells his farm and moves to Springfield. Lincoln plans to secure a divorce for Bim in order that she may marry Harry Needles, whom she has always really loved. McNamar returns to New Salem, too late.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Traylor and Harry Needles visit the "boom" city of Chicago, where Bim, now the mother of a son, is living with her parents. She has her divorce. Harry leaves for the Seminole war. An unscrupulous, rich speculator, Lionel Davis, desires to marry Bim, but she repulses him.

CHAPTER XIX.—Ruined by the panic of '37, Kelso dies and Bim and her mother are left penniless. Davis presses his suit, and, made desperate by the news of Harry's death, Bim almost makes up her mind to marry him.

CHAPTER XX.—Lincoln is admitted to the bar. Traylor ascertains that the report of Harry's death is false. He hurries to Chicago. Davis has swindled Brimstead, a friend of Traylor's, in real estate deals, and Traylor seeks to collect the money. Smallpox breaks out at Honey Creek, and Bim goes there as a nurse.

"That's just what I wish," said Brimstead. "His name is Lionel Davis. His address is 14 South Water street. I sold him all the land I had on the river shore and he gave me his note for it."

"If you'll let me take the note I'll see what can be done to get the money," Samson answered.

"Say, I'll tell ye," Brimstead went on. "It's for five thousand dollars and I don't suppose it's worth the paper it was wrote on. You take it and if you find it's no good you lose it just as careful as you can. I don't want to see it again."

They had a happy half-hour at the table, Mrs. Brimstead being in better spirits since her husband had got back to his farming. Annabel, her form filling with the grace and charm of womanhood, was there and more comely than ever.

They had been speaking of Jack Kelso's death.

"I heard him say once that when he saw a beautiful young face it reminded him of noble singing and the odor of growing corn," said Samson.

"I'd rather see the face," Joe remarked, whereupon they all laughed and the boy blushed to the roots of his blond hair.

"He's become a man of good judgment," said Brimstead.

Annabel's sister Jane, who had clung to the wagon in No Santa Claus Land, was a bright-eyed, merry-hearted girl of twelve. The boy Robert was a shy, good-looking lad a little older than Josiah.

"Well, what's the news?" Samson asked.

"Nothin' has happened since we saw you but the fall of El Dorado," Brimstead answered.

"There was the robbery of the mail stage last summer a few miles north of here," said Mrs. Brimstead. "Every smitch of the mail was stolen. I guess that's the reason we haven't had no letter from Vermont in a year."

"Maybe that's why we haven't heard from home," Samson echoed.

"Why don't you leave Joe here while you're gone to Chicago?" Annabel asked.

"It would help his education to rassle around with Robert an' the girls," said Brimstead.

"Would you like to stay?" Samson asked.

"I wouldn't mind," said Josiah, who, on the lonely prairie, had had few companions of his own age.

So it happened that Samson went on alone. Near the sycamore woods he came upon a gray-haired man lying by the roadside with a horse tethered near him. The stranger was sick with a fever. Samson got down from his horse.

"What can I do for you?" he asked.

"The will of God," the stranger feebly answered. "I prayed for help and you have come. I am Peter Cartwright, the preacher. I was so sick and weak I had to get off my horse and lie down. If you had not come I think that I should have died here."

Samson gave him some of the medicine for chills and fever which he always carried in his pocket, and water from his canteen.

"Is there any house where I could find help and shelter for you?" he asked presently.

"No, but I feel better—glory to God!" said the preacher. "If you can help me to the back of my horse I will try to ride on with you. There is to be a quarterly meeting ten miles up the road tonight. Nothing shall keep me from my duty. I may save a dozen souls from hell—who knows?"

Samson was astonished at the iron will and holy zeal of this iron-hearted, strong-armed, fighting preacher of the prairies of whom he had heard much. He lifted him and set him on the back of his horse.

"God blessed you with great strength," said the latter. "Are you a Christian?"

"I am."

They rode on in silence. Presently Samson observed that the preacher was actually asleep and snoring in the saddle. They proceeded for an hour or more in this manner. When the horses were wallowing through a swale the preacher awoke.

"Glory be to God!" he shouted. "I am better. I shall be able to preach tonight. A little farther on is the cabin of Brother Cawkins. He has been terribly pecked up by a stiff-necked, rebellious wife. We'll stop there for a cup of tea and if she raises a rumpus you'll see me take her by the horns."

Mrs. Cawkins was a lean, sallow, stern-faced woman of some forty years with a face like bitter herbs; her husband a mildmannered, shiftless man who, encouraged by Mr. Cartwright, had taken to riding through the upper counties as a preacher—a course of conduct of which his wife heartily disapproved. Solicited by her husband she sullenly made tea for the travelers. When it had been drunk the two preachers knelt in a corner of the room and Mr. Cartwright began to pray in a loud voice. Mrs. Cawkins shoved the table about and tipped over the chairs and dropped the rolling-pin as a counter demonstration. The famous circuit rider being in no way put out by this, she dashed a dipper of cold water on the head of her husband. The praying stopped. Mr. Cartwright rose from his knees and commanded her to desist. On her declaration that she would not he laid hold of the woman and forced her out of the door and closed and bolted it and resumed his praying.

Having recorded this remarkable incident in his diary, Samson writes:

"Many of these ignorant people in the lonely, prairie cabins are like children. Cartwright leads them on like a father and sometimes with the strong hand. If any of them deserve a spanking they get it. He and others like him have helped to keep the cabin people clean and going up hill instead of down. They have established schools and missions and scattered good books and comforted sorrows and kindled good desire in the hearts of the humble."

As they were leaving, Mr. Cawkins told them that the plague had broken out in the settlement on Honey creek, where the quarterly meeting was to be held, and that the people had been rapidly "dyin' off." Samson knew from this that the smallpox—a dreaded and terrible scourge of pioneer days—had come again.

"It's dangerous to go there," said Cawkins.

"Where is sorrow there is my proper place," Cartwright answered. "Those people need comfort and the help of God."

"I got a letter from a lady there," Cawkins went on. "As nigh as I can make out they need a minister. I can read print handy but writin' bothers me. You read it, brother."

Mr. Cartwright took the letter and read as follows:

"Dear Sir: Mr. Barman gave me your name. We need a minister to comfort the sick and help bury the dead. It is a good deal to ask of you but if you feel like taking the chance of coming here I am sure you could do a lot of good. We have doctors enough and it seems a pity that the church should fail these people when they need it most. If you have the courage to come you would win the gratitude of many people. For a month I have been taking care of the sick and up to now no harm has come to me.

"Yours respectfully,

"BIM KELSO."

"'A man's heart deviseth his way but the Lord directeth his steps,'" said Cartwright. "For three days I have felt that He was leading me."

"I begin to think that He has been leading me," Samson declared. "Bim Kelso is the person I seek."

"I would have gone but my wife took on so I couldn't get away," said Cawkins.

"I'll come back some day soon and you and I will pry the devil out of her with the crowbar of God's truth and mercy," Cartwright assured him as he and Samson took the road to the north.

On their way to the Honey creek settlement the lion-hearted minister told of swimming through flooded rivers, getting lost on the plains and suffering for food and water, of lying down to rest at night in wet clothes with no shelter but the woods, of hand-to-hand fights with rowdies who endeavored to sell drink or create a disturbance at his meetings. Such was the zeal for righteousness woven by many hands into the fabric of the West. A little before sundown they reached the settlement.

Samson asked a man in the road if he knew where they could find the nurse Bim Kelso.

"Do ye mean that angel o' God in a white dress that takes keer o' the sick?" the man asked.

"I guess that would be Bim," said Samson.

"She's over in yon' house," the other answered, pointing with his pipe to a cabin some twenty rods beyond them. "Thar's two children sick thar an' the mammy dead an' buried in the ground."

"Is the plague getting worse?" Cartwright asked.

"No, I reckon it's better. Nobody has come down since the day before yestiddy. Thar's the doctor comin'. He kin tell ye."

A bearded man of middle age was approaching them in the saddle.

"I am Peter Cartwright—the preacher sent of God to comfort the sick and bury the dead," said Samson's companion.

"We welcome you, but if you stop here you will have to stay until the epidemic is over."

"That I am prepared to do."

"Then I shall take you where you can find entertainment, such as it is."

"First, this man wishes to speak to Miss Kelso, the nurse," said Cartwright. "He is a friend of hers."

"You can see her but only at a distance," the doctor answered. "I must keep you at least twenty feet away from her. Come with me."

They proceeded to the stricken house. The doctor entered and presently Bim came out. Her eyes filled with tears and for a moment she could not speak.

"Why didn't you let me know of your troubles?" Samson asked.

"Early last summer I wrote a long letter to you," she answered.

"It didn't reach me. One day in June the stage was robbed of its mail down in Tazewell county. Your letter was probably on that stage."

"Harry's death was the last blow. I came out here to get away from my troubles—perhaps to die. I didn't care."

"Harry is not dead," said Samson.

Her right hand touched her forehead; her lips fell apart; her eyes took on a look of tragic earnestness.

"Not dead!" she whispered.

"He is alive and well."

Bim staggered toward him and fell to her knees and lay crouched upon the ground, in the dusky twilight, shaking and choked with sobs, and with tears streaming from her eyes but she was almost as silent as the shadow of the coming night. She looked like one searching in the dust for something very precious. The strong heart of Samson was touched by the sorrowful look of her so that he could not speak.

Soon he was able to say in a low, trembling voice:

"In every letter he tells of his love for you. That article in the paper was a cruel mistake."

After a little silence Bim rose from the ground. She stood, for a moment, wiping her eyes. Her form straightened and was presently erect. Her soul resented the injustice she had suffered. There was a wonderful and touching dignity in her voice and manner when she asked: "Why didn't he write to me?"

"He must have written to you."

Sadly, calmly, thoughtfully, she spoke as she stood looking off at the fading glow in the west:

"It is terrible how things can work together to break the heart and will of a woman. Write to Harry and tell him that he must not come to see me again. I have promised to marry another man."

"I hope it isn't Davis," said Samson.

"It is Davis."

"I don't like him. I don't think he's honest."

"But he has been wonderfully kind to us. Without his help we couldn't have lived. We couldn't even have given my father a decent burial."

"Has he been out here to see you?"

"No."

"And he won't come. That man knows how to keep out of danger. I don't believe you'll marry him."

"Why?"

"Because I intend to be a father to you and pay all your debts," said Samson.

The doctor called from the door of the cabin.

Bim said: "God bless you and Harry!" as she turned away to take up her task again.

That night both of them began, as they say, to put two and two together. While he rode on in the growing dusk the keen intellect of Samson saw a convincing sequence of circumstances—the theft of the mail sack, the false account of Harry's death, the failure of his letters to reach their destination, and the fact that Bim had accepted money from Davis in time of need. A strong suspicion of foul play grew upon him and he began to consider what he could do in the matter.

Having forded a creek he caught the glow of a light in the darkness, a little way up the road. It was the lighted window of a cabin, before whose door he stopped his horse and hallooed:

"I am a belated and hungry traveler on my way to Chicago," he said to the man who presently greeted him from the open doorway.

"Have you come through Honey Creek settlement?" the latter asked.

"Left there about an hour ago."

"Sorry, mister, but I can't let you come into the house. If you'll move off a few feet I'll lay some grub on the choppin' block an' up the road about a half-mile you'll find a barn with some hay in it, where you and your horse can spend the night under cover."

Samson moved away and soon the man brought a package of food and laid it on the block and ran back to the door.

"I'll lay a piece of silver on the block," Samson called.

"Not a darned cent," the man answered. "I hate like p'ison to turn a feller away in the night, but we're awful skeered here with children in the house. Good-by. You can't miss the barn. It's close ag'in' the road."

Samson ate his luncheon in the darkness, as he rode, and presently came upon the barn and unsaddled and hitched and fed his horse in one end of it—the beast having drunk his fill at the creek they had lately forded—and lay down to rest for the night, with the saddle blanket beneath him and his coat for a cover. A wind from the north began to wail and whistle through the cracks in the barn and over its roof, bringing cold weather. Samson's feet and legs had been wet in the crossing, so that he found it difficult to keep warm. He crept to the side of his horse, which had laid down, and found a degree of comfort in the heat of the animal. But it was a bad night, at best.

"I've had many a long, hard night, but this is the worst of them," Samson thought.

There's many a bad night in the history of the pioneers, its shadows falling on lonely, ill-marked roads, cut by rivers, creeks and marshes and strung through unnumbered miles of wild country. Samson was up and off at daylight in a bitter wind and six inches of snow. It was a kind of work he would not have undertaken upon any call less commanding than that of friendship.

He reached Chicago at noon, having had nothing to eat that day. There was no such eager, noisy crowd in the streets as he had seen before. The fever of speculation had passed. But there were many people on the main thoroughfares, among whom were Europeans who had arrived the autumn before. They were changing but the marks of the yoke were still upon them. In Chicago were the vitals of the West and they were very much alive in spite of the panic.

Samson bought some new clothes and had a bath and a good dinner at the City hotel. Then he went to the office of Mr. Lionel Davis. There to his surprise he met his old acquaintance, Eli Fredenberg, who greeted him with great warmth and told of having settled in Chicago.

A well-dressed young man came out of an inner office.

"I'd like to see Mr. Davis," said Samson. "Tell him that I've got some money that belongs to him and that I'm ready to deliver it."

The young man disappeared through the door of the private office and soon returned and conducted Samson into the presence of Mr. Davis. The two men recognized each other.

"Well, sir, what is it about?" the young speculator demanded.

"The daughter of my old friend, Jack Kelso, owes you some money and I want to pay it," said Samson.

"Oh, that is a matter between Miss Kelso and me," Mr. Davis spoke politely and with a smile.

"Not exactly—since I knew about it," Samson answered.

"I refuse to discuss her affairs with you," Davis declared.

"I suppose you mistrust me," said Samson. "Well, I've offered to pay you and I'm going to make it plain to them that they don't have to worry any more about the money you loaned them."

"Very well, I bid you good morning."

"Don't be in a hurry," Samson answered. "I have a note of five thousand dollars against you. It is indorsed to me by Henry Brimstead and I want to collect it."

"I refuse to pay it," Davis promptly answered.

"Then I shall have to put it in the hands of a lawyer," said Samson.

"Put it where you like but don't consume any more of my time."

"But you'll have to hear me say that I don't think you're honest."

"I have heard you," Davis answered calmly.

Samson withdrew and went to the home of Mrs. Kelso. He found her with Bim's boy in her lap—a handsome little lad, then a bit over two years old—at the house on La Salle street. Samson told of the failure of Bim's letter to reach him and of his offer to return the money which Davis had paid for their relief.

"I don't like the man and I don't want you to be under obligation to him," said Samson. "The story of Harry's death was false and I think that he is responsible for it. He wanted her to marry him right away after that—of course. And she went to the plague settlement to avoid marriage. I know her better than you do. She has read him right. Her soul has looked into his soul and it keeps her away from him."

But Mrs. Kelso could believe no evil of her benefactor, nor would she promise to cease depending on his bounty.

Samson was a little disheartened by the visit. He went to see John Wentworth, the editor of the Democrat, of whose extreme length Mr. Lincoln had humorously spoken in his presence. The young New Englander was seven feet tall. He welcomed the broad-shouldered man from Sangamon county and began at once to question him about Honest Abe and "Steve" Douglas and O. H. Browning and E. D. Baker and all the able men of the middle counties. At the first opportunity Samson came to the business of his call—the mischievous lie regarding Harry's death which had appeared in the Democrat. Mr. Wentworth went to the proofroom and found the manuscript of the article.

Samson told of the evil it had wrought and conveyed his suspicions to the editor.

"Davis is rather unscrupulous," said Wentworth. "We know a lot about him in this office."

Samson looked at the article and presently said: "Here is a note that he gave to a friend of mine. It looks to me as if the note and the article were written by the same hand."

Mr. Wentworth compared the two and said. "You are right. The same person wrote them. But it was not Davis."

When Samson left the office of the Democrat he had accomplished little save the confirmation of his suspicions. There was nothing he could do about it.

He went to Eli Fredenberg. "What has Davis done to you?" Samson asked, recalling where he had met Eli that morning.

Eli explained that he had borrowed money from Davis to tide him over the hard times and was paying 12 per cent for it.

"Dis morning I get dot letter from his secretary," he said as he passed a letter to Samson.

It was a demand for payment in the handwriting of the Brimstead note and had some effect on this little history. It conveyed definite knowledge of the authorship of a malicious falsehood. It aroused the anger and sympathy of Samson Traylor. In the conditions then prevailing Eli was unable to get the money. He was in danger of losing his business. Samson spent the day investigating the affairs of the merchant. His banker and others spoke well of him. He was said to be a man of character and credit embarrassed by the unexpected scarcity of good money. So it came about that, before he left the news city, Samson bought a fourth interest in the business of Eli Fredenberg. The lots he owned were then worth less than when he had bought them, but his faith in the future of Chicago had not abated.

He wrote a long letter to Bim recounting the history of his visit and frankly stating the suspicions to which he had been led. He set out on the west road at daylight toward the Riviere des Plaines, having wisely decided to avoid passing the plague settlement.

CHAPTER XXI.

Wherein a Remarkable School of Political Science Begins Its Sessions in the Rear of Joshua Speed's Store. Also at Samson's Fireside Honest Abe Talks of the Authority of the Law and the Right of Revolution.

The boy Joe had had a golden week at the home of the Brimsteads. The fair Annabel, knowing not the power that lay in her beauty, had captured his young heart scarcely fifteen years of age. He had no interest in her younger sister, Mary. But Annabel, with her long skirts and full form and glowing eyes and gentle dignity, had stirred him to the depths. When he left he carried a soul heavy with regret and great resolutions. Not that he had mentioned the matter to her or to any one. It was a thing too sacred for speech. To God, in his prayers, he spoke of it, but to no other.

He asked to be made and to be thought worthy. He would have had the whole world stopped and put to sleep for a term until he was delivered from the bondage of his tender youth. That being impossible, it was for him a sad, but not a hopeless world. Indeed, he rejoiced in his sadness. Annabel was four years older than he. If he could make her to know the depth of his passion, perhaps she would wait for him. He sought for self-expression in The Household Book of Poetry—a sorrowful and pious volume. He could find no ladder of rhyme with an adequate reach. He endeavored to build one. He wrote melancholy verses and letters, confessing his passion, to Annabel, which she did not encourage, but which she always kept and valued for their ingenuous and noble ardor. Some of these Anacreontics are among the treasures inherited by her descendants. They were a matter of slight importance, one would say, but they mark the beginning of a great career. Immediately after his return to the new home in Springfield, the boy, Josiah, set out to make himself honored of his ideal. In the effort he made himself honored of many. His eager brain had soon taken the footing of manhood.

A remarkable school of political science had begun its sessions in the little Western village of Springfield. The world had never seen the like of it. Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, E. D. Baker, O. H. Browning, Jesse B. Thomas, and Josiah Lamborn—a most unusual array of talent as subsequent history has proved—were wont to gather around the fireplace in the rear of Joshua Speed's store, evenings, to discuss the issues of the time. Samson and his son Joe came often to hear the talk. Douglas looked like a dwarf among those long-geared men. He was slight and short, being only about five feet tall, but he had a big, round head covered with thick, straight, dark hair, a bulldog look and a voice like thunder. Douglas and Lincoln were in a heated argument over the admission of slavery to the territories the first night that Samson and Joe sat down with them.

"We didn't like that little rooster of a man, he had such a high and mighty way with him and so frankly opposed the principles we believe in. He was an out-and-out pro-slavery man. He would have every state free to regulate its domestic institutions, in its own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States. Lincoln held that it amounted to saying 'that if one man chose to enslave another no third party shall be allowed to object.'"

In the course of the argument Douglas alleged that the Whigs were the aristocrats of the country.

"That reminds me of a night when I was speaking at Havana," said Honest Abe. "A man with a ruffled shirt and a massive gold watch chain got up and charged that the Whigs were aristocrats. Douglas in his broadcloth and fine linen reminds me of that man. I'm not going to answer Douglas as I answered him. Most of the Whigs I know are my kind of folks. I was a poor boy working on a flatboat at eight dollars a month and had only one pair of breeches and they were buckskin. If you know the nature of buckskin, you know that when it is wet and dried by the sun it will shrink and my breeches kept shrinking and deserting the sock area of my legs until several inches of them were bare above my shoes. Whilst I was growing longer they were growing shorter and so much tighter that they left a blue streak around my legs which can be seen to this day. If you call that aristocracy I know of one Whig that is an aristocrat."

"But look at the New England type of Whig exemplified by the imperious and majestic Webster," said Douglas.

"Webster was another poor lad," Lincoln answered. "His father's home was a log cabin in a lonely land until about the time Daniel was born, when the family moved to a small frame house. His is the majesty of a great intellect."

There was much talk of this sort until Mr. Lincoln excused himself to walk home with his two friends who had just returned from the North, being eager to learn of Samson's visit. The latter gave him a full account of it and asked him to undertake the collection of Brimstead's note.

"I'll get after that fellow right away," said Lincoln. "I'm glad to get a chance at one of those men who have been skinning the farmers."

They sat down by the fireside in Samson's house.

"Joe has decided that he wants to be a lawyer," said Samson.

(Continued next week)

CLASS OF 1915 HOLD REUNION PICNIC

Enjoyable Time Is Had By Members Of Class On Sunday At Franklin Grove

Last Sunday the Class of 1915 packed their lunch baskets and hied to Franklin grove via auto (Ford and otherwise), to again unite in living over those glorious old school days when no new building stood in all its grandeur, but just that good old substantial one, with Prof. Scarbro's jovial face peeping around the corner and Miss White was so shocked at "those Seniors."

A bountious picnic dinner was partaken of in true picnic fashion in that picturesque little spot near the flowing well, and even tho all were not present their voices were heard and we felt them near—memories of other picnics held at this same spot.

A very interesting message was read from our classmate, Bernice Butts, who is enjoying sunny California. Agnes Enger, another classmate, in Colorado, sent us her well wishes. A very pleasant afternoon was spent in talking over old times and playing base ball.

Just as King Sol was sinking behind the western hills in all his splendor we partook of a bounteous supper and then bid each other farewell until next year, then we hied back to the busy world again, each one feeling better for having spent this day with old friends.

Those present were: Iris Trumbell, Goldie Christie, Cecelia Barry, Mrs. J. S. White, Jos. White, Jasper M. Johnson of Belmond, Clifford Hanson of Alexander, Marie Smith of Goodell, and Jos. O. Hanson of Rowan.

USE POOR APPLES FOR VINEGAR

Instead of letting the low grade apples in the orchard decay after the good apples have been selected and stored, why not borrow your neighbor's press and produce some home-made vinegar?

Apples which contain 10 per cent sugar should be used for this purpose. The Early Harvest, Yellow Transparent, Baldwin, Ben Davis, Jonathon and Russett usually contain more than ten per cent.

The following rules may be followed advantageously in vinegar making: Never use green apples, for they are deficient in sugar. Dirty or decayed apples contain foreign elements and should never be used. After pressing, the juice should be run into kegs or barrels. These receptacles should be sterilized with scalding water before they are used. The vinegar should be kept in a temperature ranging between 45 and 60 degrees. Nothing should be added to the vinegar during the first period of fermentation, in which the sugar in the apples is being converted into alcohol. This fermentation will be completed in from two to six months, at which time the bubbles of gas are no longer given off.

The clear liquid should now be poured off into new barrels. The acetic acid fermentation, which completes the vinegar making process, will now set in. Normally it will be completed in from 16 to 20 months. The acid fermentation may be hastened by adding to each barrel one or two gallons of pure cider vinegar containing mother. At no time should the barrels be more than three-quarters full.

FOURTH SPRAY IMPORTANT

Due partly to the early frosts and partly to the fact that uncared for orchards bear heavy one year and lightly the next, the Iowa apple crop is doomed to be small and according to the promology section of the Iowa Experiment station, it will be even smaller if the fourth spray is not applied.

This year there are more scab and more codling moth than in the ordinary season, the former appearing most frequently in the northern parts of the state and the latter in the central and southern parts.

The fourth spray is due from July 20 to July 30. It should be made up as follows: Four quarts of lime sulphur to 50 gallons of water or bordeaux 4-4-50. Add one pound of lead arsenate powder to either of these mixtures.

ANNOUNCE DATE FOR OLD SETTLERS' ANNUAL PICNIC

W. V. Palmer, secretary of the Boone Valley Old Settlers' Association, this week announces the date for the annual picnic at Riverside Park, Goldfield, which will be held Friday. September 2nd. The usual basket dinner will be a feature of the day, and the public is urged to participate and help make this one of the biggest events in the association's history.

SCORES AT LEAST 100 PER CENT

Secretary Charles Barber, of the North Iowa Fair, has been swamped with letters for the past few days by prospective exhibitors desiring information governing rules of entry. One letter in particular, is a knockout. It is reprinted here so that the readers may enjoy it.

Deer Sekretary:

Will you please give me some informashion on the koming North Iowa Fair, Mason City, August 13 to 19? I have never kompeted in a fair but I have a cow which I am willing should swing tailes with any other cow I ever saw.

have herd several of my naybors tell how they're goin to sweep the boards at the fair but you can bet your sweet life Sek, they're going to get fooled. The only thing they're going to sweep is chimpneys. I haven't been braggin to my naybors about this cow of mine but I have been keeping close tab of her milk supply. She is a wonder. She is the only pure-bred cow I've got but wait until next summer. Nancy, as I affecshionately call her, is such a outstanding cow compared with all the scrubs. I wouldn't have any but pure-breds. She gives as much milk at times as my other eight cows put together. I bought her on recommendashion of the county agent, and let me tell you, Sek, these county agents knows ther business, too. It was the county agent who said that I should bring my cow to the fair, so I am takin this tip and riting to you for the necessary informashion. I have never entered any conest that I did not score at least 100 per cent. The past prize I won was in a horse-shoe pitchin contest in our town. They had several slikkers from the city entered and they though they would win in a walk, but they didn't figure on Old Bill. I tuk everything they had ecxept their return tickets, for they were pretty chesty, and wanted to bet. You know how smart those alecks from the city are. Well I got seven watches, and carry three of them at all times, one in my vest, one in my overalls, and one in my coat, so I can tell time if any tow of them happens to stop, which they doesn't. Well, if you write and give me the dope on the fair I'll be much obliged.

Yours truly,
BILL SMITH, R. F. D. 2.
—Globe Gazette.

FIFTY PER CENT LESS APPLE TREES NOW THAN IN 1910

What has become of Iowa as a fruit growing state?

According to the census report recently issued, there are only about 42 per cent as many fruit trees in the state as there were ten years ago.

The number of apple trees alone has been reduced about 50 per cent. In 1910 there were 5,847,034 trees, while in 1920 there were only 2,996,469. The figures show that there are now only about one third as many young trees not bearing as there were 10 years ago.

The falling off of the fruit production is marked on the case of every fruit with the exception of strawberries, which have shown a small increase.

In 1920, 61.7 per cent of the farms in Iowa reported bearing apple trees while in 1910 68.5 per cent reported. There are 131,791 farms in Iowa having orchards. It is estimated that 10,000 orchards were sprayed this year as compared with 3,000 last year. In this respect orcharding conditions are on the upgrade and the increase in spraying somewhat offsets the disease in the trees.

Since spraying orchards as a rule do not produce enough for consumption in the home, these figures show that Iowa does not produce enough fruit for her own needs. Last year it was estimated that 2,000 carloads of apples were shipped into Iowa from outside points. In addition to the large shipments last year, Iowa produced more apples than in any year for the past four. There is no basis, says the extension department at Iowa State college, for the belief that apples raised in Iowa can not be sold. The difficulty in Iowa is that the apples are not cared for, and therefore cannot compete with those which are shipped in free from insect and disease injury.

KEEP FLOCKS AT SUMMER GAIT

How can Iowa farm flocks be kept up to a 50 per cent egg production during the summer months?

"Cull them out," is the answer H. A. Bittenbonder, head of the poultry husbandry department of the Iowa State college, gives to this question. If the flock consists of a good egg laying strain and is properly managed, the birds should maintain an average production of an egg every other day, he says. If flocks fall below this average, it is probable that some of the hens are not laying or there is disease in the flock.

In either case the loafers should be gotten rid of if the flock is to produce what it should.

BRIGHT LIGHTS MUST GO BY SEPTEMBER 1ST IS ORDER

Statewide enforcement of the outomobile headlight law will be undertaken September 1st.

Within the last few days every county treasurer in Iowa has received from the state department notice to this effect, together with the list of lenses which the state highway commission has thus far passed on and approved.

The first list of approved lens for the automobile which is required by the provisions of this state law which went into effect July 1st, arrived at the county treasurer's office last week and names eight lenses on the list. A few lenses have passed the state highway commissioner at Ames as complying with the new state law.

The dimmer requirements are set forth in section 25 of the motor vehicles law. The section on dimmers was revised somewhat by the last legislature. It now declares that lights shall be of sufficient illuminating power to be visible at a distance of 500 feet and to reveal any persons, vehicles or substantial objects 75 feet ahead of the lamps."

Other provisions of the law include:

"It shall be unlawful to use on a vehicle of any kind any lighting device of over 4 candle power, equipped with a reflector, unless the same shall be so designed or so arranged that the directly reflected and undiffused beam of such light when measured 75 feet or more ahead of the light shall not rise 42 inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands under all conditions of load.

"If a spotlight is used on a motor vehicle it shall be unlawful for any person to direct its rays toward the eyes of the driver or occupants of an approaching vehicle, or to the left of the center of the traveled way when meeting another vehicle.

"No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway of this state equipped with an electrict bulb or other lighting devices of a greater caacity than 32 candle power, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or obscured.

"Any person who shall turn all or any of his motor vehicle's lights off for the purpose of avoiding arrest or identification, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction subject to a fine of $100 or imprisonment for a period of not to exceed thirty days or both fine and imprisonment."

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FARMERS' MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS SOUND

Reports that the Wisconsin Cheese Producers' federation is nearly bankrupt have been given considerable circulation. However, Henry Krumrey, president of that organization, says, thru the columns of Hoard's Dairyman, that the federation does not owe any bank a dollar and that the members are now financing their own orgnization with their product and are saving thousands of dollars in interest.

This is but one of the many schemes resorted to by the enemies of co-operative effort to make it difficult for co-operative marketing companies to carry on their work.

ROBBERS VISIT COULTER AGAIN

Hampton Chronicle—The meat market of C. C. Williams at Coulter was broken into last Tuesday night and a good sized haul of fresh and canned meats was taken. The loot consisted of about 100 pounds of bacon, three or four big hams and several cans of salmon and dried beef. Entry was made thru the back door, the screen of which had been cut to allow the thief to work on the lock. From all appearances the man must have been frightened and made a hurried exit, as he made no attempt to conceal his act, leaving the ice box open and the back door also open.

As soon as the theft was discovered Sheriff Atkinson was notified and the bloodhounds were called for from Waterloo. No clue was fund that would give the authorities any lead at all, and when the hounds arrived at noon the scent had become so faint that they were unable to pick it up.

Altho the authorities have not as yet been able to find any clue which would lead to the capture of the thief they are still at work on the case, and are making every attempt to locate the culprit.

A PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF IOWA:

The management of the State Fair will again offer from August 24th to September 2nd inclusive the greatest exhibition of its character that will be assembled in the United States during the year. Agriculture, manufactures, science, industry, art, literature, all the diversified departments of human activity, will contribute their highest achievements for the entertainment, the instruction, and the improvement of the public. The exposition will be a liberal education in itself, and every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth should embrace the invaluable advantages there rendered available. Everywhere thruout the country it is recognized as occupying the foremost position among similiar enterprises, and the loftiest ambition of our sister States is to approximate in some measure to the unrivaled eminence it has attained.

The Fair is the common property of all our people, and it is as essentially an institution of the State as the College at Ames or the University at Iowa City. Every citizen must experience a genuine interest in its prosperity, and a profound satisfaction in its progress. I invite all loyal Iowans to manifest that interest by visiting the exhibition and to enhance that satisfaction by enjoying its excellence.

"O all that is good, Iowa affords the best."

N. E. KENDALL
Governor.

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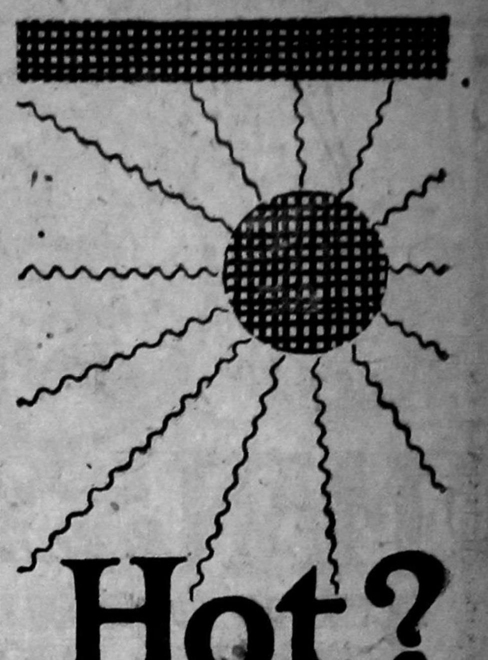

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PROGRAM FOR BIG PICNIC IS NOW READY

Kanawha Wins By 3 To 2 In Eleven Innings

Belmond Gives Ancient Enemy The Toughest Battle Of The Season

TO MEET AGAIN SUNDAY

There have been some hard-fought ball games played here this summer, with some closely contested scraps, but the supreme game of them all for fight and terrific playing occured here Sunday when Belmond went down in defeat before the swatters from Kanawha by the score of three to two after eleven innings of the most grueling base ball that local fans have seen all summer.

Belmond was beaten by better playing, but the margin was so small that it was hardly noticeable. Both teams made four errors, both had four hits, and while McCauley had 12 strike-outs to Pillmers' nine, Belmond had eight men left on bases to Kanawha's five.

Belmond held the enemy to second base the first inning, and then when the local boys came to bat in their turn the first man up, Corcoran, hit the first ball pitched for a clean single between short and third. The second man sacrificed, and Houge, the third up, drove a pretty hit over the second baseman and Belmond had two runs.

Kanawha couldn't score until the third, when a single combined with a couple of errors gave them a run. In the four and fifth neither side saw the plate, Kanawha scoring one run in the sixth.

From that on up to the eleventh it was the prettiest ball game ever, with neither side having a bit the best of the argument. In the tenth Belmond managed to get as far as the third sack, but there they died.

Then in the eleventh the Kanawha team came to bat and the first man had the luck to soak one for four sacks, and thereupon the rooters from the lakes went bugs. Up to that time they had been very quite, considering, but when that four-sacker came round they had cause to rejoice, for it won the game for them, Belmond could not negoiate the circuit in their half of the eleventh.

All things considered, Belmond can feel proud of that game. They were against what is universally conceded to be one of the strongest aggregations in northern Iowa; Kanawha has beaten Mason City, West Bend, Algona, Clarion, and at the fair on last Thursday never let a Hampton batter reach first base in the whole game, and trimmed Webster City the next day. The fact that the Belmond boys would have won Sunday but for one or two critical errors, and the fact that it took Kanawha eleven innings of the hardest ball they have had to put up this year to turn the trick, is enough to show that Belmond was putting up a brand of base ball that was a credit.

Sensational catches by Ray. Dillon and Houge, the local outfield, and two spectacular stops and put-outs by Pillmer, featured the fielding part of the game. Pillmer pitched a magnificent game, striking out Locke, the "home-run king" of the Kanawha aggregation, nearly every time he came to bat, and allowing but the four hits, three of which were but the merest scratches.

McCauley was also there, and was in tip-top shape. Belmond's hits off his delivery, however, were clean, solid hits and could not be fielded.

An immense crowd witnessed the game, estimated at between six and seven hundred, and the grounds were packed with cars. Mayor Barry and the police authorities maintained perfect order, and there was not one particle of rag-chewing and milling over the diamond which has disgraced a number of games around. They are to be commended for the excellent

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COURT NEWS OF INTEREST

Garner Investment Co, Des Moines, is suing E. A. Patton of Rowan on two notes given the Gibford Chemical Co. in the sum of $2350. A similar is that of the Bond and Mortage Co. of DesMoines, which is suing the above defendant for $1175. In both cases plaintiff claimed to have purchased the notes in question from the chemical company. A third case is brought by O. J. Sweet of DesMoines, also for $1175.

County Attorney Rogers and Sheriff Lang called at Galt Tuesday in an official capacity. Poke Johnson and Ben Cain became involved in a mixup Saturday night in which a jack knife and a razor played a prominent part Neither was badly hurt and both were fined about $25 including costs.

County officials with exception of county superintents from all over the state will be in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at Fort Dodge. All of the Wright county officials are expecting to attend one or more days of the session.

Marriage licenses for the past week Ewd. Carl Anderson and Marie E. Edge, Harlely R. Muhm and Nellie M. Kelling, Ben B. Hogenson and Henrietta Jenison, Wm. K. Speicher and Julia Lusthoff, Eugene Henely and Louise McCoy.

Louis Sheppler has filed a petition in the district court asking $127.50 damages from Stewart Smith, who he alleges sold him a stack of hay, very much of which was rotten.

The board of supervisors met last week and confirmed the assessments made in drainage district No. 183 in Dows. The rehearing on No. 192 was continued to August 24th.

A complete list of county recorders of the state was recently received by Recorder Edith Vaughn showing out of the ninty-nine recorders, 41 are ladies.

The Fair store of Chicago has begun suit against H. F. Davidson and wife of Eagle Grove to collect $333.24 for merchandise sold.

Lars Jonson of Eagle Grove alleges his wife has deserted him and for that reason wants a divorce.

First National bank of Eagle Grove brings suit against Louis Scheppler on his note for $225.

The Bank of Galt is suing John Cartney on his note for $64.95.

News: Louis Scheppler is suing Stewert Smith to recover $127.50, alleeged to have been paid in advance as the purchase price of a certain haystack, containing eight and one-half tons, and represented to be first class quality hay. Scheppler states in his petition filed in district court that he bought the hay on the represention of Smith that it was good hay. Fifteen dollars per ton was the agreed price. But when he went to get the hay he alleged he found it to be poor quality rotten and worthless to a great extent, and on finding this condition to exist he went to Smith and demanded the return of his money. Smith refused to return the money, hense the suit. He asks judgment for the full amount, plus costs.

The Farmers Savings bank of Goldfield is suing Amos and Katherine Thompson to recover $872.97, due on two notes that defendants issued in favor of the plaintiff.

Nothing more is doing in district court this week.

Monitor: Frank Bessman seeks to have the court quiet title to a certain lot in Smith's addition to Dows.

R. S. Woodard of Eagle Grove is defendant in a suit brought by the First National bank of that city to collect the sum of $1607.26 on two promisory notes.

John Brooks Hogan has filed suit against Thomas Brooks et al for the possession of 52 acres of land at Cornelia, which he alleges his grandmother, Mrs. James Books, left him on her death. In case defendants fail to transfer said land plaintiff asks judgement for $15,000.

Monday the board of supervisors awarded the contract of placing the gravel on the road west from Goldfield to a Mr. McDaniels of Fort Dodge. The county will provide gravel for the job from local pits. Engineer Hilton says work will begin at once and he hopes to have the road ready for travel yet this fall.

Mary Madigan et al have petition-

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County Fair Is One Of The Best Ever Held

Exhibits And Attractions Are Pronounced By All To Be Best Yet

LARGE CROWDS EACH DAY

The Wright county fair held last week is almost universally conceded to be one of the best that has been held so far. The three days of the fair last week drew large crowds every day, and there was something doing all the while. The exhibits were by far the best that have yet been shown, those of stock especiall being excellent, while the club girls of the county had some splendid showings. The attractions at the fair were the best that the management has yet secured, and they were commented upon largely by the visitors. The races were the fastest the track there has seen for many a day, some excellent horses being entered, and they stepped it off in some style. The two ball games were interesting, but the one Friday was marred by the time spent in chewing the rag and kicking on everything kickable. The carnival at the fair was one of the best things that helped to make the fair a success as the attractions offered were clean, wholesome and good. The police on duty were sufficiently large in numbers to keep order and handled the crowd in nice shape. The fireworks in the evening were by far the best that have been shown at a fair in this county, or in any county fair around, for that matter, and they were certainly fine. At this writing the financial end of the fair has not been fully figured up, but it is admittedly a financial success and it is expected that the fair association will have a surplus after all bills are paid of close to one thousand dollars. The attendance during the three days is estimated to have been in the close neighborhood of seventeen thousand. 2,500 the first day, 8,000 the second day, and 6,000 or better on the last day.

CLARION LEGION PLANS "40 AND 8" DAY SOON

News: The American Legion boys of Clarion are taking steps to put on a "40 and 8" initiation in this city early in September. The matter is now being taken up by the Post with Chaplain Tom Roberts, who is in this branch of the Legion work, and as soon as a date is fixed, local committees will be selected to push the proposition.

At the Legion meeting Friday evening the matter was thoroughly discussed, and it was the opinion that to make the day a real day the community would be asked to get behind it and help with the plans for entertaining the crowd expected.

The local post will invite neighborhood towns to join in this celebration. Dows, Belmond and Rowan will furnish candidates for the initiation beyond a doubt. Seventeen candidates filed aplication for the degree Friday night. Fifty are required to establish the chapter here. It is not likely that the number to be initiated will fall below a hundred, once the date is fixed and applications are in order.

Delegates to the state convention at Spirit Lake September 1-2-3 were appointed in part, Commander Campbell and Adiutant Hill being elected, and Commander Campbell authorized to select four other delegates, six in all being the Clarion Post's quota.

The Belmond band furnished the music at the fair the last day and the commentes on their playing was vey favorable. The local band is one of the best in the country and the town can well feel proud of it.

TYRRELL-EMERY

On Saturday, August 6th, occured the marriage of Mr. Harry F. Tyrrell to Miss Ruth Emery the ceremony being peformed at the Methodist parsonage in Iowa City, the Rev. Ellis of the Methodist church officiating.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emery of Ottumwa, and is a graduate of the Ottumwa high school, a very pleasing young lady with many talents and accomplishments. She has been attending the state university at Iowa City.

The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell of this city, is a graduate of the local high school and has been attending the state University the past few years.

The marriage came as a surprise to the many friends here, but they extend their congatulations and best wishes all the more heartily for a long and prosperous life.

FARMER KILLED IN THRESHING MACHINE

Gut Wudtke of Bancroft fell into the self feeding attachment to his theshing machine and was so badly cut up that he died shortly afterwards. He was on top of the machine when it was being located and a jolt caused him to fall into the self feeder. The large knives used to cut the tw[illegible] and push the grain in the cylinder lacerated one of his legs and hips so badly that he bled to death in less than half an our.

BARN AND CONTENTS AT MENNENGA FARM BURNED

On Monday morning, between seven and eight o'clock, the large barn on the H. H. Mennenga farm was discovered to be on fire, and despite the most heroic efforts the barn and all contents except the stock was destroyed. The Mennenga family were just getting ready to drive to the North Iowa Fair at Mason City when Mr. Mennenga noticed a wisp of smoke coming from the cupalo. He at once summoned help, the fire truck from town going out, and a large number of neighbors and friends appeared, to help, but the blaze, supposedly starting in the hay in the mow, spread too rapidly and nothing was saved of the contents. A large hay stack next to the barn was also destroyed, so that Mr. Mennenga, who had his hay all put up and stored in the barn and this stack, is left without any for the coming winter. He had just built the barn about two years ago, at a cost of approximately $3,500, and this, with the contents burned places his loss at about $5,000, a serious consequence in these times. Mr. Mennega is very appreciative of the help rendered by those present in assisting to fight the fire, and wishes, thru the columns of the Independent to thank them all for the help they gave.

BIG TIME PLANNED FOR 88TH REUNION

Camp Dodge, the famous cantonment where thousands of men from this state were trained during the war, is to be revived for the 88th division reunion to be held in Des Moines August 26 to 28, according to the recent press reports.

A mammoth tent city, re-named for the old cantonment where the 88th was trained, is to be erected at Des Moines on the state fair grounds and will be used for housing the veterans for the period of the reunion. Major H. H. Polk of Des Moines, general chairman for the reunion, has received formal notice from General Bundy of the Seventh Corps that the government will provide tents sufficient to house 10,000 men. Quarters will be furnished free of charge to all [illegible]th veterans attending the gathering. The big tent city will be put up immediately before the opening of the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 26. It will be divided into regimental sections along the same lines as Camp Dodge.

This will be the first time the veterans of the division have been assembled at their old training grounds since the close of the war. Practically every state in the mid-west will be represented among the 6,000 to 10,000 delegates who are expected to attend.

BIG TIME TO BE HAD AT GROVE NEXT WEEK

Farm Bureaus Of Belmond, Iowa, Pleasant And Grant Townships To Picnic

TOWN TO JOIN WITH THEM

Hon. E. G. Dunn To Speak. Program Of Music, Readings And Sports To Be Held

The program for the big picnic and all-round good time to be held here on August 24th has been completed, and every indication points to a rousing big day for the members of the Farm Bureau in Belmond, Pleasant, Iowa and Grant townships, and the people of Belmond and vicinity. For everybody is invited to come out and have a good time on that day; the picnic, while essentially a Farm Bureau one, has been extended to the town and entire community and the Chamber of Commerce of Belmond has co-operated with the committees of the various township Farm Bureaus to make the day one to be remembered.

The Chamber of Commerce band of Belmond will be on the job all day to furnish plenty of music for the occasion, and a splendid program has been arranged, composed of music, an address, base ball games, readings, recitations and the like which will make it universally appealing.

Hon. E. G. Dunn of Mason City has been secured to deliver the address of the day, and to Belmond people and those others who heard him at the Fourth of July celebration here last year, that will be sufficient, for Mr. Dunn ranks as one of the most polished orators and at the same time one of the most forceful and emphatic speakers in the state of Iowa. He is very familiar with the troubles and difficulties of the farmer, and in various capacities has been instrumental in bettering agricultural conditions and life. His address alone will be worth coming a long way to hear.

The program for the day as arranged will be as follows:

Opening at 10:00 o'clock sharp, at the Tyrrell farm two miles south of Belmond, and in Franklin Grove the pogram will be as follows:

Music by the band.
Opening Song—America.
Cornet Solo.
Recitation—James Kehler.
Reading—Miss Virgie Jenison.
Solo—Ralph Baker.
Music by the band.
Reading—Miss Hazel Spencer.
Solo—Mrs. Howard Wooden.
Solo—Herbert Nelson.

The program as announced will be completed about 11:00, and from 11:00 to 12:00 Hon. E. G. Dunn will address the audience.

At 12:00 those present will partake of one of the biggest "feeds" that they have ever sat down to, for there will be a wide variety of good things on hand.

The program of sports will commence after dinner and will be as follows:

Races—

Boys under 12, 1st prize $1.00, 2nd .50c.

Boys under 16, 1st prize $1.00, 2nd. 50c.

Girls under 12, 1st prize $1.00, 2nd 50c.

Free for all, 1st prize $2.00, 2nd. $1.00.

Sack race, 1st prize, $2.00, 2nd, $1.00.

Fat mans race, 1st prize $2.00, 2nd $1.00.

Three-legged race, 1st prize $2.00 2nd. $1.00.

Tug of War: Belmond and Pleasant vs. Iowa and Grant, prize $5.00.

Ball game: Iowa and Pleasant vs.

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FREE AIR!

After having had a couple of weeks' rest from the air, perhaps you will now be in the mood for it again.

Perhaps. We are just taking the chance that you are; if you aren't, we shall probably hear about it; we seem to have, heretofore.

We are going to make a proposition to you: We want some of you to try your hand at writing the Air, and to make it worth while, we will give one dollar, one hundre cents, in honest-to-goodness E Pluribus Unum, to every one who submits a column that is printed. One dollar is all it's worth—at any rate so far—and we expect to be flooded with replies.

You can choose your own subject, your own style, and your own words. We'll put it in type, and let the rest of the bunch be the judges. All we ask is that you keep away from two things: Politics and Religion. Ahem. They are the two things which no small-town newspaper cares to monkey with, and which every newspaper steers a wide path from.

Outside of that your field is unlimited. You can criticise the town, the country, the people, fashions, customs or the Independent: we'll print it if it's printable. You don't have to have your name printed, but YOU DO HAVE TO SIGN IT.

All set, let's go! Who's first?

You know you won't have to travedl far nor fast to equal the record so far.

A local farmer the other day, in speaking of his crops, said he had a good crop of corn, and he thought it would run pretty close to twenty gallons per acre.

Since the recent rain he probably will figure it closer to twenty-five.

And at the prevailing price of corn—he ought to make good money on the farm this year; he said he had 80 acres.

We've often wondered why the express companies make their agents lug a gat around, but recently we found out the reason, figured it out in our own mind, that is, and at that and in spite of miscalculations, we'll bet we're pretty nearly correct.

The local express office had five gallons of six-year-old bottled-in-bond stuff that was priceless, worth its' weight in gold—or mud, just as you figure—consigned to a local man.

It was to a doctor, so don't get excited.

Figuring that for 90 cents you can feel like a millionaire, and that you wish you were a giraffe so that you could taste it all the way down your throat, how many headaches were contained in each gallon? And if it has that many, how many are there in four quarts of hootch?

You'll notice we said 90 cents a few lines back; it used to be said that for thirty cents you could feel like a millionaire, but you must remember that prices have risen in the past couple of years. It's more expensive to be a millionaire nowadays.

A recent fashion note says that the latest style will call for the ladies to cover up their ears with earlaps. Either Iowa has been ahead of the styles or else the styles are patterning after Iowa, because it has been our observation that the ears have been pretty well covered this summer.

DID YOU?

Did you ever sit in your car on the street or on your porch or lawn, during an evening and count the autos that pass and note the number that are not complying with the law. Autos driving like the wind, careless and reckless driving, cutout wide open, one light, no front lights at all, no tail light, wrong side of the road, and many other law breaking acts. No regard whatever for the safety of others, or for those who are lying sick and helpless in bed. Auto drivers simply run wild and do as they please, no restraints whatever. We have state laws and city ordinances, if they are good why not enforce them; if they are no good burn them up and pass some that will stick and do the business. If the auto drivers who violate the laws in this town during one week were pinched and fined as they should be we could buy a street sprinkler and the fines coming in every week would maintain it. All in favor say aye.—Renwick Times.

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IF YOU ENJOY THE BAND, SAY IT

The Independent was struck by one thing Saturday evening at the band concert, something which, had it been considered before, would have been given attention, and that was, that the crowd did not seem to appreciate the efforts of the band boys, with but few exceptions.

If you enjoy the band, the efforts of the home boys to give you entertainment that is clean, wholesome and elevating, why not say so? Why not, when they have rendered some especially good selection, show your appreciation and approval? The boys in the band are no more than human, and an expression of approval would not be taken amiss.

Last Saturday evening there were a few, a very few, who seemed inclined to show that they heard the music, enjoyed it, and appreciated it. The Belmond band is an organization of which every local citizen can be justly proud; it is among the best amateur bands in northern Iowa, and has that reputation; so why not let those who compose it known t at we appreciate and enjoy their efforts?

The Independent suggests that on next Saturday evening, the Belmond people give the band boys an expression of approval and appreciation after the first selection. All in favor signify by doing it.

GIVE THEM CREDIT

It is a job that nobody really has any great desire for, this being a small town official, and when it so happens that a town is fortunate enough to have some who do their duty as they see it, and endeavor to enforce the laws and keep things straight, give them credit for it.

Instead of knocking, condemning and cussing the town's authorities, because they are enforcing the laws which you wanted, helped to make and do not want repealed, give them credit for doing their duty. The big trouble with the small town is that it considers things too much from the personal viewpoint and not enough from the public. The enforcement of a certain law makes one man peevish. and he gives the authorities responsible for enforcing it a blackeye to everyone he can, without considering the fact that the law is there, that it was put there for a purpose, was meant to be enforced, and would be a joke witout being enforced. Because it may have interfered with him, with his personal ideas and beliefs, has nothing to do with the case; it is there, and the officials' duty is to see that it is kept. If they didn't see to it, we would all unite in roasting, calling them spineless, easy, good ornaments but poor for use, and so on.

Enforcing the law in the big place, where the authorities are strangers to 95 per cent of the population, is an entirely different proposition than enforcing it in the town where everybody knows the authorities by their "first" names and call them so. The one deals with people whom the officer has no personal interest in or regard for, while the other deals with the people whom the officer meets every day, with his neighbors and his friends. When such an officer has the nerve to do his duty, don't cuss him or "bawl him out"; give him credit. Would you want one who wouldn't enforce them?

Did you ever pause to consider, that if every man was in jail who has broken the law, there would be no-one outside to turn the key?

CLIPPINGS

CHICKEN THIEVES AT BRITT

Chicken thieves are getting in their work again this season. One night recently they went to the Charles Gault farm two miles south of town and stole nearly all their flock of young chickens. The few left are probably those that sulked away in the dark and the thieves failed to notice them. Other chicken thefts have been reported in the country nearby. We believe some sawed off shotguns in the hands of the farmer would be a good protection against these marauders. If a man comes home to his family with the seat of his pants resembling a milk strainer there is no amount of explaining that will convince the women and children that he is ot a thief. The shot would pierce his hide and after his neighbors learned of his plight his conscience would sting ten times harder than the shot stings when it strikes. Usually the women of the farms have the labor and worry of caring for the poultry flocks, and it is a mean man, indeed, who will rob a woman. - Britt News-Tribune.

The Nihoof brothers, of Belmond were Klemme visitors Saturday. The brothers in this ecase arealsetwins. —Times.

Warran Brand suffered a broken arm, just above the wrist joint, while playing ball with the Clarion team at Belmond Thursday Warren was at bat and the pitcher mistook his wrist for home plate—anyway Brand said the pitcher sure had some steam.—Monitor.

If the sample ear left at this office the other day by R. E. Lee Aldrich is a fair average Iowa township will have a bumper corn crop this fall. The ear from Mr. Aldrich's farm measured eleven inches in length and the kernels were well filled for this time of the year.—Monitor.

Thirty new steel coaches of the latest construction and five steel chair cars have been purchased by the Rock Island railroad and will be put into sevice on the company's lines in Iowa. Innovations on the new coaches are free drinking cups, hat rack holders and windows directly opposite each seat.—Hampton Recorder.

Miss Laura Brooks, Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Mrs. Stearnes and Mrs. Howard Doyle, were all calling on friends in Belmond last Thursday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Blank and daughter, Marie, and Minnie, took in the band concert at Belmond Saturday evening.—Times.

Tuesday, while Henry Thorsen was riding in an auto near Britt the wind blew his hat off and he got out of the car and went back to get it. While walking a car passed him so close that one fender hit him in the right leg and one wheel passed over his left foot. While he was not injured seriously it bruised him sufficiently to make navigation rather painful.—Reporter.

A few weeks ago T. T. Roosevelt, Jr., secured a goodly sample of the moss which grows soabundantly at Lake Cornelia and sent it to the department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. for analysis Recently he received a report and classification and now an attempt will be made to find something that will counteract or wholly destroy this noxious weed, if it can be done without harm to the other vegetable and animal life of the lake. Every year from the first part of August until late this moss completely covers the lake and greatly hampers boating, bathing and all other aquatic sports.—Monitor.

There were seven revenue men in Klemme the fore part of the week. Don't get scared because of the great number as that is the way the birds travel now days—big numbers and quick clean up is their system. The Klemme ball team fell under their axe and had to come thru with 15 iron men for the privilege of playing ball. That is the first we knew that a ball team had to pay a revenue in order to play ball. One of the birds called on us to tell the latest fashion for printing show tickets.—Times.

Mrs. Missman and son, Bernes went to Belmond Saturday for an over-Sunday visit with Mrs. Missman's parents.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thayer, of Belmond were shopping in Klemme yesterday. —Times.

Mrs. G. R. Hill and sister, Miss Marie Joynson, of Belmond, returned home Sunday from their visit to a brother in Colorado. They had a very enjoyable outing while away.—Monitor.

TWO BRITT MEN HELD UP ON WAY HOME FROM GARNER

When R. F. Perry and Earl Carl both of Britt, were returning to their home from Garner, last Thursday night at 1:30 they were stopped by a blockade in the road near the M. and St. L. crossing a mile east of Britt. A masked bandit rushed up and placed a gun up to Mr. Perry's face and told them to throw up their hands, which they did. He searched both men and got about six dollars in change and a gold watch. Mr. Perry asked him to give him a locket that was attached to the watch chain as it was a present from his mother. The thief separated it from the chain and gave it back. When satisfied that he had all the money he could get, the thief ordered the men to turn around and go back east. They took a north road and circled the town coming in from the north. The town marshall was notified and went out with the boys to try and locate the men, but without avail. —Times.

Culinary Temperment.

Charlie dear, said young Mrs. Torkins, the new cook is going to leave unless you quit playing the phonograph.

Doesn't she like music.

Yes. But she says those jazz records set so rapid a tempo she forgets her self and works three or four times as fast as her wages call for.

Lady—You say your father was injured in an explosion? How did it happen? Child—Well, mother says it was too much yeast, but father says it was too little sugar.

Any citizen of Belmond can sit on his porch any night of the week, and watching the automobiles go by, pick a dozen in half an hour which are violating the law in some form or another.

The trouble is not that we have too slack enforcement of the laws, but that there are too many laws to be enforced. Less laws, better laws, and a strict enforcement of those laws is what is needed.

Hot Weather Diseases.

Disorders of the bowels are extremely dangerous, particulary during the hot weather of the summer months, and in order to protect yourself and family against a sudden attack, get a bottle of Chamberlain Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. Itcan be depended upon. Many have testified to its excellence.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League at 7:00 p. m.

The Rev. M. O. Insko of Lucknow, India, will preach at the morning service. Mr. Insko has just returned to America after five years of missinary work in India. His message will be of interest to all who hear it.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Last Sunday night was the banner night in attendance upon our outdoor services, there being 103 present. This makes our average attendance for the out-door services 80 1-3. Next Sunday night the services will be at Mr. Oscar Jenison's, and Miss Vida Jenison is the leader. We hope to make the attendance at least 110. Mr. Williams will be on the job to see that rigs are provided for all who are at the church not later than 7:30.

Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m. and we hope to see a fuller attendance than we had last Sunday. It has been a long time since we have fallen below the hundred mark and we hope all will put forth an effort to keep it much above that number.

The morning worship at 11:00 and the evening worship at 8:00 at Oscar Jenison's.

On Saturday night at 8:00 two Indians from our school in South Dakota will give an evening entertainment at the church. These are full blood Sioux Indians and come with the highest recommendation of being able to give a program that is worth while. There is no admission fee but we hope to receive a good offering which will go for the work among the Indians. Come and bring your friends.

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and son Kenneth went to Clarion Tuesday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Heathershaw.

Ella Couchman returned to her work in Des Moines after a two weeks' vacation at the home of Mrs. R. H. Keith and with former schoolgirl friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris went to Ft. Dodge Wednesday to attend a supervisors convention, returning to their home Friday.

S. A. Ferguson was a Hampton caller between trains Wednesday.

Theo. Hansen and J. F. Howell were Clarion business callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Esther Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey, Jr., and children were Clarion shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Langdan were Dows callers Tuesday.

Brooks Heath of Mason City spent several days this week at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks.

P. W. Fortner was a Mason City visitor Wednesday.

The following people attended the big Legion Day at Iowa Falls: D. W. Whitten, Peter Mathiason, C. W. Fowler, F. M. Myers, F. H. Fowler, Ray Azeltine, Chas. Aldinger and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ryder They report a fine time.

The Kalvig family, who have been living in the residence which was vacated by Dr. Gordon, moved their household goods to Clarion last Friday. Mrs. Kalvig and family went Wednesday evening, Mrs. Kalvig returning between trains Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell are moving in the place vacated by the Kalvig family.

Mrs. Mary Braden went to Cedar Rapids Friday to visit a sister-in-law, Mrs. Carsner, who is very ill.

Mrs. Fred Welsh and Mrs. Fred Jensen were Clarion visitors Friday and also attended the fair.

Mrs. Vaughn went to Danville, Ill., Friday night to visit her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vaughn. She has not seen her son, who was in the war, since his return from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moellering, son Fred, and three daughters left Friday by auto for several weeks trip thru Illinois. They will visit relatives at Joliet, Chicago, Peoria and LaSalle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fanselow and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Payton were Hampton callers Monday.

The Misses Mildred and Cleo Duffy went to Faribault, Minn., Friday, to visit at the home of their uncle, Art Walker, and family.

Mrs. J. B. Simons and two grandchildren of Eagle Grove came Thursday to visit at the home of her son, Joe Simons.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ferguson of Eagle Grove came Saturday to visit at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Joe Simons.

Mrs. D. E. Packard of Belmond visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Steffens Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen were at Coulter Saturday where they attended a party in honor of Mrs. Hansen's father's 80th birthday.

Mrs. Earl Jacobs of Goodell spent Sunday night and Monday at the H. Gates home.

Mrs. Maude Keheler and son who have been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Steffens, returned home to LaPorte Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Whitten of Clarion spent Sunday at the parental Whitten home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton went to Belmond Saturday where Earl consulted Dr. Steele concerning his foot in which he ran a nail. It was necessary to open it as blood poisoning had set in.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kuns of Forest City came Wednesday to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Patton, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Willard McCallum was very ill last week, suffering from gall bladder trouble. She is able to be about again at the present writing.

Last week the school board hired Miss Kervink to teach in the Rowan school the coming year.

Fred Brooks and son George returned from their trip to Minneapolis where Mr. Brooks purchased a car load of fine cattle, Holsteins. He expects to put these cattle on his farm in the spring.

A. E. Emerson and Ray Harson returned from Minnesota Thursday. They report the potatoe crop in the part of Minnesota where they wete as very poor.

Mrs. H. J. C. Box and daughter Blanche visited at the Arthur Box home in Clarion Friday.

Mrs. Viola Tibbets of Dows visited at the home of her brother, O. E. Ballou, Friday. She and Mrs. Ballou spent the day in Clarion attending the fair.

Miss Nellie Hackley returned from her visit with her sisters at Sioux Falls, S. D., Wednesday. She spent last week with her sister Elva at Dows, who has been ill. Miss Nellie reports her as some better.

Mrs. Jesse Agnew and children have been visiting at the home of her brother Arthur Box, at Clarion the past week.

L. N. Johnson of Sioux Falls visited at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Marsas of Rake who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Ed. Underdahl and helping care for the new son at that place, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Reeding and two grandsons of Churdan visited at the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Fitz of Clarion also visited at the Fletcher home Monday.

Fred Clark, who has been visiting his niece, Mrs. Dan Fletcher, went to Estherville Saturday to visit at the home of his nephew, Dave Frizzell and family.

George Wessels spent Sunday with his family at Thornton.

Miss Janice Rowen of New Rockford N. D. came Thursday to visit relatives here. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowen formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Edgerley, their daughter Neva, and son Kenneth and wife of Grandville, Ill., were calling at the home of old friends here on Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Whitten, Miss Vinne, and little Ivan Williams were Hampton dental callers Saturday.

Miss Elenor Stebe of Alden is visiting at the home of her friend, Miss Marie Hinkley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hubbel and family motored to Ellendale, Minn., last week to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Crabtree.

Mrs. Will Ferguson spent Thursday and Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer of Clarion and attended the fair.

Last Tuesday night the Young Ladies Mission study club gave a farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ballou. About fifty were present and the evening was spent in games, music and various stunts. Refreshments were served on the lawn and the guests departed at a late hour wishing Fred's much success in their new home at Hayfield, but regretting the loss from our midst very much. They moved their household goods by auto truck the last of the week, Fred going with the goods. Mrs. Williams and children remained with friends and relatives until Tuesday.

Harry Steffens, the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Steffens, was very sick the past week. He was threatened with typhoid fever but is thought to be better at the present writing.

Mrs. Chas. Lynch and two children of Lanesboro, visited the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Farren, returning home Sunday.

Jesse Steffens and Donald Farren attended the C. G. W. employers' picnic at Council Bluffs Sunday.

Little Clara Jane Howell was on the sick list a couple days.

The Cong. Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Chas. Burger Friday afternoon August 19th. All the ladies are requested to be present as there is lots of work to do.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Britson of Roland were calling on Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Nye Thursday. Rev. Nye baptised their youngest son, Severt Virgel. Mr. and Mrs. Britson lived near Rowan a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brooks of Waverly visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, last Sunday.

Miss Charter of Hampton spent Sunday at the A. C. Rietz home. At the evening church service she favored the congregation with a violin solo which was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and their children of Clarion were calling on relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sinclair of Clarion were visitors here with friends Sunday.

J. D. Pritchett traded some of his land to Fred Brooks for one of his store buildings now occupied by Theo. Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Barzon of Chicago visited at the home of the latters' sister, Mrs. Carmon, the past week.

Mrs. Jennie Brown of St. Paul, is visiting at her sisters', Mrs. Fred Williams.

Mrs. J. M. Stroud and three children of Wyanet, Ill., came Wednesday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen.

Miss N. Hansen of Chicago, who has been visiting at the home of her brother, Peter, returned to her home Sunday.

Leone and Vernard Pepper of Dows visited at the home of their aunt, Mrs. John Keheler, last week. Their parents motored up Sunday to accompany them home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardener of Wichita, Kan., also visited at the Keheler home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder went to Clarion Saturday to visit their son Howard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richards of Alexander were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder.

Mrs. Archie McCallum and children of Thornton visited Friday at the Wm. Bingham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout were called to Albert Lea Saturday by the serious illness of Mrs. Bert Pierce, their niece, who has had several operations and failed to rally from the last one as well as expected. Mr. Stout returned Monday, reporting her no better.

Mrs. Bert Barker, who has been visiting at the parental Barker home, was called home to Hampton by the death of an aunt.

Mrs. Edwin Nelson went to Hampton last week for an examination by the clinic of the hospital there.

Lewie Winkleman and family came Sunday to visit friends here. They were accompanied by the Chester Bailey family to Mason City Monday. They returned to their home at Wall Lake Tuesday.

Frank Snyder went to Clear Lake Monday after his Ford which was stolen at that place the time of the Legion Day. He returned with it on Monday.

Dick Virden and daughters May and Frances motored to Waterloo on Friday to visit relatives over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olsen were Clarion callers Monday afternoon.

Last Monday the following people enjoyed a picnic dinner at Silom Springs, near Iowa Falls: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sinclair of Clarion, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French, and Mrs. Fred Brooks. They report a fine time with lots of good things to eat.

Mrs. Gay Fletcher spent Sunday in Clarion at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz.

Mrs. Wm. O'Laughlin of Kalona, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French.

Matt Virden of Minneapolis visited at the home of his uncle, Dick Virden, this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris of Thornton visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stevenson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kellog of Goldfield visited several days the past week at the Ed. Miller home.

Charley Groft of Goodell visited at the Guy Stumph home last week.

Geo. Miller of Hampton was a caller at the home of his brother, Ed., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, Mrs. Blanch Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Art Kelling spent Sunday at the home of Earl Jacobs at Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Winkleman and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey were Belmond visitors Sunday.

Chester Bailey was dismissed from the doctor's care with his broken hand and started work again on the R. I. section.

Little Donald Laurence, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John McAlpine, was born May 16th, 1921, and died August 13th, 1921, age nearly three months. The little fellow was taken sick a week ago Sunday and suffered very much. Funeral services were held at Belmond at the St. Francis' church, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery there. The parents have the sympathy of their friends in this time of sadness.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum, who has been visiting her mother at Dubuque, has gone to Chicago to visit her son Verni and wife for a short time.

The Andrew Whitten Post No. 159 American Legion, met in regular session Monday evening. O. F. Braden, Harvey Lineweaver and Rev. Tomkinson were elected as delegaets to attend the state convention which will be held at Spirit Lake Sept. 1, 2, 3. Guy Toyne, Albert Moellering and Jim Rowen were chosen as alternates.

ROWAN CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Morning worship—11. Come with your friends.

Sunday school -12:00. We want you in our Sunday school this Sunday.—Come.

Union service in the M. E. church 8:00 p. m.

The Christian Endeavor will have their service at 7:30 a. m. Sunday morning the 21st of August.

The Junior Endeavor will meet on each Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the church.

The mid-week meeting will be held at the church Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Be sure and hear Rev. Nye next Sunday evening at the Union services at the M. E. church. He will have a message that will be educational, spiritual and an uplift. Don't miss these union services. They are worth your time as there will be good sermons and music.

The officers and members of the Cong. church invite you and your many friends to attend our services on Sundays and during the week. If you have no church home we invite you to come with us and you will find that our church will make you feel at home and ready to help you whenever possible. Let us be of service.

Rev. Nye will deliver an address on a question that is worthy of your attention at the union services at the M. E. church Sunday evening. He will talk on the question "Let Us Take Christ Out of the Bible." Good music—come. Services begin at 8:00.

ROWAN M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Services will be held in the M. E. church as usual next Sunday, when the pastor will speak on "Hopeful Signs in Several Skies." Union service will be held in the M. E. church in the evening. Rev. Nye will deliver the sermon.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers at the home of Mrs. Guy Stumph next Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church, after an absence of four weeks occupied the pulpit last Sunday and spoke on two vital themes, "The World Beautiful", and "The Ideal Church." The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the church was held last Friday and presided over by Dr. J. J. Bushnell of Algona. A unanimous invitation for a third year's pastorate was extended to Rev. H. Tomkinson. The district superintendent promised to use all his influence in having Mr. Tomkinson returned.

The Eagle Grove "Eagle" in reporting the Wright County tennis tournament paid a high tribute to the ability and sportsmanship of the Rowan players. Three of the Rowan players reached the third round in the singles, and two in the doubles, and two of the Rowan players reached the semi-finals in both singles and doubles. The Rowan team are planning a local tournament in which a free-for-all competition will be arranged.

Same Old Story But a Good One.
Mrs. Mahala Burns, Savanna, Mo., relates an experence, the like of which has happened in almost every neighhood in this country, and has been told and related by thousands of others, as follows: "I used a bottle of Chamberlian's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery). I had another attack of the same complaint three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended it to dozens of people since I first used it and shall continue to do so for I know it is a quick and positive cure for bowel troubles."

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THE BURNT match in his mouth.
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HE WAS so full.
OF FUNNY surprises.
ONE DAY he had a tube.
OF RADIUM and he told.
THE STUDENTS all about it.
AND FINALLY, by mistake.
INSTEAD OF the tube.
HE PULLED out one.
OF HIS cigarettes.
AND ASKED the class.
"WHAT IS the one thing.
WHICH DISTINGUISHES.
THIS MARVELOUS substance.
FROM ALL others on earth?"
AND THE class roared.
"THEY SATISFY."

Air-Tight Tins of 50
Ask your dealer to show you the new vacuum-sealed tins of 50 Chesterfields. A compact, convenient and absolutely AIR-TIGHT packing—the cigarettes keep fresh indefinitely.

WHAT is it you've always wanted a cigarette to do? You know the answer. Chesterfields do it—they not only please your taste, they *satisfy!* It's all in the blend—a *secret* blend of fine Turkish and Domestic tobaccos. It puts Chesterfields where none can touch them for quality and value.

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ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green were callers at Hampton last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen were business callers at Fort Dodge last Friday.

Fred Greenfield was a Hampton caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen were Sunday visitors with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and children were Iowa Falls visitors last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwick of Sheffield visited at the John Bell home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals and Mr. and Mrs. Meno Frohling of near Belmond autoed to Osterdock last week and visited at the Will Tinkey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich and Elmer and Blanche were visiting with relatives at Geneva last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and the Misses Nellie and Jesse Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son were visitors at Kanawha last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Winwood visited at the George Yaw home at Iowa Falls Sunday.

Archie McCallum of Thornton was a visitor in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green of Hampton visited at the Lloyd Green home Sunday.

Christopher McCallum of Rowan is visiting at the home of his son Bernard this week.

The Dorcas society will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Otto Kieslich next Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 24th. All ladies are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson and children visited at the Edd Miles home at Ventura last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and family were Belmond callers Saturday.

The following persons attended the Wright county fair at Clarion last Friday: Mr. and Mrs. Will Ammerman and son Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich and children Elmer and Blanche, Will Foughty, Bert Kieslich, Mrs. John Bell, Miss Jessie Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Croft and daughter Alice.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Geo. Thompson worked at the elevator Saturday and Monday during the absence of Geo. Baxter.

On Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kessler drove up from Iowa Falls, and on Friday they drove on to Armstrong, accompanied by Geo. Baxter, wife and baby. They will spend several days at the lakes in southern Minnesota, but Mr. and Mrs. Baxter will return Monday.

Farmers seem to be rushing the shelling of corn, the last few days.

Frank Miller of Belmond will plow for Fred Lynch on the farm rented by Julius Johnson the past year.

A number have been ailing of stomach trouble which seems quite prevalent this year.

G. Halverson and family will start on their vacation trip this week and were gone they will visit relatives at Grove, in Story county, and will also attend the state fair.

THE REWARD OF MERIT

The young man who always has the interest of his employer at heart seldom fails. The young man who is willing to come to work early and to stay late has very little trouble with his employer. The man who takes an interest in his work eventually has an interest in his company. The man who continually dreads to do his task is doing an injury not only to his employer but to himself as well. The clock watcher, who sees how much longer he must work before he can go home sometimes gets to stay at home. The clock watcher who sees how much longer he can work before he must go home has no difficulty in making good in business. If you do not do more than you get paid for you will never get paid for more than you do. ***

PICNIC SUPPER

A picnic supper will be given in the park by the June and July committee of the Rosary society, Thursday afternoon, August 18th. Members of the society are urged to come and bring their family and friends. Bring plates, forks, spoons and cups. If the weather is unfavorable the meeting will be held in the basement of the library.

WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR NOTES

(From the Monitor.)

It is the general concensus of opinion that the Wright county fair of 1921, held last week, was the best all around exhibition ever given by that society. The exhibits of horses, cattle, hogs and poultry were not only much larger, but excelled in quality any previous attempts in that line. For the most part the same can be said of the floral hall. To the untiring efforts of Secretary Moore and President Wilson, who worked early and late, in rain and sunshine, is largely due the sucess of the fair. They are receiving deserved praise from all quarters. The fair was a financial success also it being estimated that not far from $1,000 will be the surplus this year. Some new improvements have have been made and paid for and some old accounts wiped from the slate. A full accounting of receipts and disbursements will be made later. Secretary Moore expects to be ready to pay all premiums by the last of the week, when checks will be mailed.

There has been considerable talk since the fair relative to forming a new stock company and purchasing the grounds. This has been done in other localities and the proposition made to pay a good return on the investment. The Farmers Elevator Co. will have a clear title to the property in December, a year from the time same was sold at Sheriff's sale.

The attendance on Thursday was nearly 8,000 people, while about 6,000 came the last day. Probably 2500 would cover the crowd on the first day.

The American Legion drill pleased the crowd, altho it was not up to the expectations of the boys themselves. Their Ford car was given to Kenneth Davies of this city. The legion treasury was enriched $700 by the sale of tickets.

The stock parade in charge of O. J. Pardun won the applause and admiration of several thousand people. While the numbers might be larger, few county fairs in Iowa can excell the quality of stock shown in the parade.

The gentlemen from Muscatine did a big business in watermelons, selling 1,200.

A total of sixty-eight race horses were on the grounds and all but five or six were in one of the several races. 2:12 1-4 was the best time made. The track record is 2:10. It was a good showing considering the condition of the track.

The ball games were hardly up to the expectations of the crowd—too much rag chewing. In the first game Kanawha defeated Hampton by a 8 to 0 score. The same club won from Webster City something like 15 to 8. Kanawha has the best team in this section.

The Clarion Women's club reports a surplus of $345 from sales at their stand.

The free acts were the best obtainable and they were pronounced first class by all. The carnival shows were clean.

The music by the Clarion, Goldfield and Belmond bands was enjoyed and appreciated by all. Next year Eagle Grove should be invited and the four bands give a concert.

The Dayton township ladies carried off first honors for the finest booth. Lake second, Lincoln third and Boone fourth. The display and general arrangement of the booths was a credit and honor to each contestant.

The community tent was patronized beyond expectations, 318 babies being weighed, measured and tagged.

Miss Kate Liddle county nurse, was in charge. She was ably assisted by Mrs. George Barnes of Clarion. Of the total number of babies 180 were found under weight. The ladies also cared for an average of a dozen babies while the mothers did the fair. Someone brought a baby to the tent from out side the grounds, where it was found in an automobile, crying lustily. Some time later the mother made casual inquiry as to whether or not they might have an extry baby on hand. Some people are pretty careless with their babies. The demonstration of bathing the baby was in charge of four girls, a large doll being used. The girls were Isabelle Weber, Pearl Woodley, Daisy Lesher, Velda Hill.

The Hampton canning factory began operations this week. The run this year will not be as long as former runs owing to the decreased acreage put out this year. The factory is paying $10 a ton for corn.

Hunger, the Best Sauce.

Sauce is used to create an appetite or relish for the food. The right way is to look to your digestion. When you have good digestion you are certain to relish your food. Chamberlain's Tablets improve the digestion, create a healthy appetite and cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

Belmond Local News

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

Mrs. Ed Jenison and daughter, Gladys and Iola, of Belmond were Klemme callers yesterday.—Times.

Dining room girl wanted.—Hotel Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohning are the parents of a baby boy, born on August 11th.

Sugar Dale Dairy fresh milk eight cents a quart, and cream 30 cents a pint, at the Cash Meat Market. Phone 60. 2tc

Belmond, compared to many of the towns around, observes the automobile laws better than its neighbors in most particulars. There have been very, very few accidents, of either serious or minor consequences, in Belmond caused by careless driving.

Fresh Bread on Sunday at the Belmond Bakery. tfc

Mr. and Mrs. George Elder and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spooner at Storm Lake.

Mrs. Furuseth went to Rochester last week where she consulted medical authorities at the Mayo hospital in regard to her health. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. O. T. Jacobson.

Miss Gilda Nelson was a visitor with friends at Eagle Grove last week one day.

Rev. Meier of Manson, formerly of this place, has been spending his vacation visiting at the Friesleben home here.

Mr. Foster, the new restaurant man, is advertising a sale of 500 pounds of mixed candies for 25 cents a pound. See his ad in this issue of the Independent.

Miss Marie Kendall of Kanawha underwent an operation at the hospital here on last week Saturday for acute appendicitis, the appendix being ruptured when the operation took place. The patient is reported as recovering nicely.

Randall Klemme underwent a minor operation at the local hospital last week for the removal of his tonsils.

Uneta Packard had her tonsils removed at the hospital the first of the week.

For Sale—A I farmer's note for $1,500, 10 months, 8 per cent. Inquire at Independent. 1t*

C. C. Christie, the new agriculture teacher in the local school, is a son of Marvin Chistie of this place, and well known to all Belmond people.

Ronald Pucell is attending the fair at Waverly this week, with his cousin, Raymond Walton, who is running a stand there.

Miss Gladys Kimmel of Manly was visiting old friends here one day last week. She is a former resident of this place.

HOW FAR IS IT TO —?

So many people who own a car do not know how far it is to the towns around Belmond, and when they want to make a trip have to chase around asking the distance, that the Independent hopes the milage list printed below will be of service and value to its readers. The milage as given is as near correct as could be secured, and if wrong the Independent would appreciate it if corrections will be pointed out. Distances given are by road from Belmond.

The distance from Belmond to—

Town	Miles
Goodell	06
Klemme	12
Garner	19
Forest City	33
Lake Mills	49
Galt	12
Rowan	10
Dows	20
Clarion	14
Goldfield	24
Eagle Grove	28
Fort Dodge	53
Kanawha	14
Algona	47
West Bend	52
Meservey	12
Clear Lake	33
Sheffield	22
Mason City	43
Iowa Falls	48
Ackley	50
Des Moines	90
Alexander	16
Hampton	28
Thornton	18
Britt	29

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaanteed to give satisfaction. $2.25 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Two second-hand kerosene stoves for sale. Also two second-hand washing machines, which can be equipped for power.—Townsan Hardware.

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

Wanted—A girl for general housework.—Phone 73. 1tc

Found—Lady's coat, west of the Harry Bamford farm. Owner can secure same by proving property and paying costs. Inquire at Independent office. 2tc

Found—Automobile tool kit containing tools. Owner can have same by proving property. Call at Independent.

For Sale—Three well-bred Durham bulls.—M. G. Luick, Phone 3506. 2tc

For Sale—Two tractors, complete: One Titan with three-bottom plow, One Sampson with two-bottom plow. Also five head of work horses and two mules, one gang plow, one four-section steel drag, and one heavy Studebaker wagon. Inquire at the State Bank. 2tc

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START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TDAY!

We Pay 5 per cent Interest On Savings Accounts.

Belmond Savings Bank

Home Baking at the Woman's Exchange

Homemade Bread, per loaf	15c
Nut Bread, per loaf	35c
Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
Spice Cake	40c
Nut Cake	50c
Sunshine Cake	50c
Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
Drop Cookies, dozen	25c
Baked Beans, pint	20c

Phone your order at any time and in any quantity.

Bring in your needlework or anything you have to sell. I charge 20 per cent.

MARY GEALOW

Phone 316 Belmond, Iowa

Belmond Local News

The American Legion at Dows is to stage a big day at that place on the 18th of the month, and had announcements of the affair distributed at the ball game Sunday.

Walt Ramsay, secretary of state for Iowa, was in town the first of the week visiting at the home of his twin brother, Wallace.

A. P. McGregor of Des Moines was in town the first of the week on combined business and pleasure, looking after land interests here and greeting old friends. He was formerly a resident of this place.

James Kenefick and a party of friends drove to West Bend Sunday to look over the grotto at that place. Jim pronounces it the finest piece of architecture he has seen in many a day, and says it is well worth the trip to see it.

The tax levies as printed in the Independent are said by Clerk Byers to be three and one-half mills lower this year than they were last.

Rev. Edge of the Methodist church is enjoying his annual vacation this week and next.

Next Sunday evening at the Congregational church two full-blooded Indians will give a program which will be of universal interest.

Henry Polmateer was at Goldfield on Sunday of this week where he went to see his brother William, who is very ill with heart trouble and dropsy. His brother was one of the old settlers of Belmond and vicinity and will be remembered by many of the older residents of the community.

Henry Polmateer was a recent visitor at Renwick at the home of his brother-in-law W. R. Benedict, who is very ill at this writing. Mr. Benedict underwent an operation at the Algona hospital last week, and is recovering very slowly.

A number of the ball fans from the county seat came over Sunday to see the game here between Belmond and Kanawha.

Theo. Lieuwen and family came over from Humboldt to spend the week end at the home of relatives here and visit with all friends.

Bernard Mennenga came down from Mason City the first of the week on business matters and to visit with old friends and relatives here. He was formerly a resident of Belmond.

The North Iowa Fair is on this week at Mason City, and a number in this locality have been in attendance the past few days. The reports of the fair are that it is very good with something doing all the time.

An airplane accident at Mason City last week resulted in the death of two people and the serious injury of another. Two young men were practicing a changing-in-mid-air stunt from one plane to another, by means of a steel-cable ladder, and the ladder became caught on the lower plane, both crashing to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leonard and son Ralph of Swaledale were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Rankins.

Wm. Trillit of Meservey died from the effects of the runaway in which he was injured last week Tuesday. He was loading sacks of grain on a wagon, and was throwing the last sack on the wagon when the horses started up, throwing him beneath their hoofs, so that they stepped on him, and the wagon passed over his body. Funeral services were held Sunday.

Fred Fulton was at Meservey Sunday where he had the Trillit funeral at that place that afternoon.

Revenue agents were here last week in regard to some of the taxes which ar imposed on luxuries and places of amusements.

A large delegation ofthe fans from Kanawha accompanied their team down here Sunday.

R. D. Kenefick was conducting a chance on a fine chair and table which he had made, Saturday, by selling chances to get the two articles of furniture. He had fifty numbers, and the holder paid the amount of the number drawn, getting a premium whether he won or lost. The lucky winner in the draw was Louie Foss, so Louie has a pretty fair start towards furnishing a home. The lucky number was five.

We pay the highest prices at all times for your chickens, eggs, butter and cream.—Grady Produce Company. 2tc

J. S. White spent last week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday assisting at the candy kitchen at Clarion during the county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Hogenson returned last Saturday from their wedding trip to Minneapolis, where they visited at the home of Mr. Hogenson's brother.

We buy your poultry, eggs, cream and butter and pay you the highest market prices.—Grady Produce Company. 2tc

Wanted—Family laundry and mending. Leave orders at this office. tfc

A number of local people attended the county fair held at Clarion last week, altho the number was not as large as former fairs have drawn. The almost universal opinion of local folks who were at the fair was that the fair was the best ever held in the county, with the best exhibits and the best attractions. The fair was largely attended.

Thornton will hold its big ox day this year on the 25th of August, and elaborate plans are being made to see that the day is the biggest and best ever. It is understood that the Belmond team will play the Thornton aggregation there that day.

Mrs. Clyde Jennings has returned from her recent visit with relatives at Cedar Rapids and Thornburg.

The past week and the first of this one saw practically the finish of the threshing season. The oats were very light in most places, altho there were occasional good yields. One farmer sold his oats for thirteen cents a bushel, as they were of such poor quality and so light that they went but eight bushels to the acre.

For Rent—Four room house, one block north of Community Service Station. Inquire F. C. Meacham.

Sugar Dale Dairy fresh milk eight cents a quart, and cream 30 cents a pint, at the Cash Meat Market. Phone 60. 2tc

The big community picnic with the Farm Bureaus from the four townships will be held the 24th and the program is now about completed.

Kanawha is planning on a base ball tournament to be held there on the 24th, 25th and 26th of this month, according to the Reporter last week.

Auto accidents of more or less serious consequences occured last week in which Kanawha and Klemme people figured, people from the former town having an accident at Algona and from the latter place at Jewel.

The Klemme Times last week agitates the passing at that place of a pure milk ordinance similar to the one passed here a few weeks ago.

The experience of the various towns around in the way of chautauquas this year has been almost universally one of loss. The only town around that has come anywhere near meeting the bill was Sheffield, which lost but $28 on the deal.

Eagle Grove won the tennis tournament recently held at that place, the Eagle entries taking both the singles and doubles.

The Great Western railroad has discontinued the running of the Motor on Sundays to Clear Lake, the officials finding that the traffic was not sufficient to make the motor pay on that day, the crowd using it being too small. Most people nowadays who go anywhere on Sunday use the family Lizzie, and the railroads seem to be out. A lower passenger rate might help the roads out some if they could see fit to make it.

Two Galt young men, one Ben Cain and Pope Johnson, got into an argument last week over some family affairs and used knives to settle it. The sheriff stepped in later and the cost of the party was $25 and costs apiece to the two men.

The Clarion Legion formed an auxiliary recently of the feminine relatives of the ex-service men.

Lee Stacy and wife and family drove to Waterloo Sunday to spend the day with relatives there. Lee reports Waterloo as being rather dead this summer. Probably due to the United Manufacturing Co. moving to Belmond.

Garner will hold a base ball tournament this year on September 6th, 7th and 8th, and the Garner papers announce that the teams to play will be Belmond, Dows, Lake Mills and Forest City. Thee will be purses aggregating $750.

The Legion at Clarion is planning a "40 and 8" day there in the near future, and expects to initiate candidates to the number of one hundred, some from the towns around.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay entertained his father and mother from Garner, his brother Walter and family from Des Moines, and Sunday his brother and wife from the county seat drove over to spend the day at the Ramsay home.

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter Ruth accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsay and family to their home in Des Moines Monday where they will spend a few days visiting.

Miss Gertrude Ely is spending a few weeks vacation visiting at points in Canada.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pullin is under quarantine, Mrs. Pullin and the two children being the sufferers. The attack of the disease is very light, however.

Mrs. W. I. Rsecrans was a visitor last week with friends at Alden, Iowa.

Mrs. Ole Nelson, who has been on the sick list the past few weeks, is reported as still being very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Varland and family have returned from their vacation trip, spent at various points in northern Iowa.

Attorney W. E. Bullard made a trip to Lyle, Minnesota, last week, on some business matters connected with his profession.

Miss Erma Leese from Dumont has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pfaltzgraff the past week or so. She is a sister of Mrs. Pfaltzgraff.

Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell was elected as president of the Progress club at a recent meeting, taking the place of Mrs. E. W. Luick, who resigned.

Mrs. Randall came down from Mason City last week to spend a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Klemme, and family.

Mrs. G. F. McBurney and Miss Coetta Foster have returned from their recent visit at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs, E. S. Fyler returned last week from Inwood, Iowa, where they had been spending a week or so visiting with friends and relatives, and on last Friday left for Shellrock, Iowa, to spend a couple weeks visiting at the home of relatives there before the Professor's duties begin at the local school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn and family motored to West Bend on this week Sunday to see the grotto at that place.

While Jim Kenefick was returning from West Bend Sunday the lights on his car gave out. Jim stopped at Lu-Verne to have them repaired, but the flunky at the garage didn't know how to fix them, so Jim bought a big flash light and held that on the road all the way home. He says that it gave good service, too.

Another of those infrequent little rains visited this community on Monday night and Tuesday of this week, helping out a little. It was a cold, dismal rain, and felt more like October than August.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and family from Huxley drove up the first of the week and visited a short time Monday at the home of Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson.

Good milk cow for sale, now fresh. —Sheriff Bros. 1t*

Mrs E Purcell was a visitor on this week Monday with friends and relatives at the county seat

Rev. Sauerman of Avoca, Iowa, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, filled the pulpit at that church Sunday He has been here the past week visiting old friends.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey returned from Iowa City on Friday of last week, to which place she recently accompanied J. D. Walton, who underwent an operation. Mr. Walton is reported as recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill drove to Mason City last week Saturday where they are spending a few days at the home of relatives and attending the North Iowa Fair being held at that place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoffman and little son from Spencer were visitors a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bishop. Mrs. Hoffman is a sister of Mrs. Bishop.

Ronald Purcell went to Waverly last week to help his uncle, Raymond Walton, who had charge of a stand at that place during fair week.

The ladies of the Priscilla club were extended an invitation by Mrs. Duran Nagle of Clarion, complimentary to her mother, Mrs. Eugene Kinney, a member of the club, to spend Wednesday of this week at the Nagle cottage on Lake Cornelia. The ladies spent a very enjoyable time there last year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton entertained Mr. Eaton's parents from near Waterloo the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jenninggs spent Sunday of this week at Clear Lake, going up in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Strieby entertained Mr. Strieby's brother and family from Garner over the week end.

It is reported that Bert Anfinson has purchased the Chas. Longley property in Belmond and will move into his new home as soon as some repairs can be made.

Sugar Dale Dairy fresh milk eight cents a quart, and cream 30 cents a pint, at the Cash Meat Market. Phone 60. 2tc

J. R. Larson and wife were guests at the W. O. Butterfield home on this week Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Savogue and Mrs. Reed of Goodell were visitors at the W. O. Butterfield home recently.

Mrs. Glen Clark and Mrs. McNutt of Goodell were calling on friends here on Monday.

Miss McKorno from Fort Dodge was visiting friends here on Tuesday of this week.

Two slightly used suits of clothes for sale, size 38. Price reasonable. Call at the New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of the hotel. tfc

Miss Nellie Delaney was a recent guest at the home of Miss Marie Sullivan at Clarion.

ROBINSON'S

Bread, three 10c loaves	25c
Black Tea, per lb.	40c
Spaghetti and Macaroni, 2 lbs. for	25c
Rolled Oats, lb.	5c
Rice, 5 lbs. for	25c
Corn and tomatoes, per can	10c
Evaporated Pears, lb.	25c
Coffee	15c
5 bars Kirk's Flake White and 1 bar Jap Rose Soap for	35c
25c pkg. Golden Rod Washing Powder	15c
Two 1-lb. cans Salmon	25c

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3 lbs. fancy Whole Rice or Navy Beans	25c

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

WATERWAY AID TO IOWA

"What is Iowa's interest in the success of the St. Lawrence deep waterway project?"

President J. R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau federation recently gave the answer, following his inspection trip over the proposed freighting route thru the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river to the ocean.

"This waterway," said Mr. Howard, "would bring ocean-going vessels to the harbors of Chicago, Duluth, Milwaukee, Detroit and Cleveland, and that would save the farmers of the middle west grain belt at least five cents a bushel on their surplus shipments, at the most conservative es timate. Those who are authorities say that this saving would be at least 16 cents a bushel.

TUBERCULOSIS IN WRIGHT COUNTY HERDS

Dr. Wall, one of the state veterinarians, from the Des Moines office, has just completed a series of tuberculin tests in the county with a result that out of fifty head of cattle tested eighteen reactors were found.

The following clipping taken from the Chicago Daily Drovers Journal shows how a dreadful disease like tuberculosis may be forced upon innocent children:

"Paris, Ill., July 21 (Special)— The residents of Edgar county are greatly aroused over an outbreak of tuberculosis which has recently occurred in a family in this vicinity, resulting from the use of milk from a reactor cow formerly owned by Robert Goben. The entire herd was tuberculin tested by a federal veterinarian two years ago. One cow eacted. She was tagged, branded and placed under quarantine by the Federal veterinarian acting as the representative of the Illinois state department of agriculture. The cow was suppsed to have been kept in seggregation on this farm under quarantine laws of the state until such time as she could be slaughtered.

"Because she was in good flesh and appeared healthy, Goben claimed she did not have tuberculosis and it was said boasted that he would be glad to have a whole herd like her. The government ear tag was removed and the cow was given to his farm hand, Robert Kelly, in lieu of money owed Mr. Kelly, it is charged. Kelly states that he took the cow to his home last spring. During the June following one of his girls, five years old, complained of a pain in her back. Dr. Martin, a local physician, was called and pronounced the case tuberculosis. Since then four other children have developed characteristic symptoms. These children range from 2 to 9 years of age. All have enlarged glands and nearly all have sores on the body. One is in a very serious condition because of the spine being affected.

"The cow was slaughtered at the local fertilizing plant yesterday and a post mortem was held by Dr. Brannigan, federal veterinarian employed by Edgar County Farm Bureau for the tuberculin testing of herds in this county. He was assisted in the autopsy by Dr. J. W. Martin, the attending physician of the family. The cow proved to have a generalized case and was condemned. The liver was considerably larger than normal and contained masses of tubercules. Tubercular lesions were found in both lobes of the lungs and in numerous glands of the body. The udder was also found to be affected with this disease. The examination was made in the presence of Mr. Crosby, county agent; H. R. Smith of the National Live Stock Exchange and Dr. Adams.

"There are seven children in the family and all but two contracted the disease. One girl, 11 years old, does not drink milk, and she seems to be perfectly healthy. This is also true of the six-month-old baby which has received no cow's milk.

"A pig which had been fed on this milk reacted to the tuberculin test and the family cat was found on post mortem examination to be affected with tuberculosis. Not only this, but a cow more recently purchased, kept with the condemned animal, has also reacted to the test and will be slaughtered during the next few days. It is a serious situation and the state's attorney has signfied his intention of prosecuting Goben on a criminal charge

CLUB GIRLS MAKE FINE SHOWING.

The Wright cunty girls clubs under the leadership of Miss Hazel Spencer f Grant township made a splendid showing with their club exhibits at the county fair last week.

The county exhibits consisting of sewing cooking, and canning products and it is interesting to know that all exhibits which were shown by the girls were of their own work and these girls who made such a splendid effort for a good exhibit at the fair should be congratulated upon the untiring efforts which were put forth.

The premiums as awarded to the club girls by the judge of this department were as follws: Grant "Tri-G" club, Wall Lake "Willing Workers," Dayton "Live Wires." The interest which is being taken by the girls of the county in this club work is gratifying to the officers and directors of the farm bureau because they realize the importance of this phaze of the farm bureau work and they realize the advantages which are to be obtained by training the minds of the girls for later work in the farm bureau.

READ AND REMEMBER HOW TO RESPECT THE FLAG

The following article, clipped from the Iowa Legionaire, should be read by every one and remembered:

The flag should be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. It may be raised at other times but should never be left out over night, except when it is under fire of an enemy. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff from sunrise until noon, and at the peak from noon until sunset.

In raising the flag to half-mast, it should always be run to the peak and then lowered one breadth of the flag. In retiring it, it should first be run back to the peak, then retired. It should never be allowed to touch the ground.

When "The Star Spangled Banner" is played or sung, stand and remain standing at attention in silence until it is finished. When the flag is passing on parade or in review, if you are walking, halt; if sitting, rise, stand at attention, and uncover.

The flag should never be worn as the whole or part of a costume. As a badge it should be worn over the left breast. In decorating, the flag should never be draped or festooned, always hung flat. If hung so stripes are horizontal, the Union should be in the upper left corner. If hung perpendicularly, the Union should be in the right upper corner.

When the national flag and another flag fly by the same pole there should be double halyards, one for each flag. The flag should never be placed below a person sitting. It should never be used in such a way that it might become soiled. When carried in parade or when crossed with other flags, The Stars and Stripes should always be at the right, the place of honor.

When the flag is used in unveiling a statue or monument, it should never be allowed to fall to the ground but should be carried aloft to wave out, forming a distinctive feature during the remainder of the ceremony. When the flag is placed over a bier or casket the blue field should be at the head. If used as an altar covering nothing should be placed on the flag except the Holy Bible, and the Union of the flag should face the altar.

THE BEST CROP OF ANY NATION

The best crop any nation or state can raise is a crop of just plain wholesome boys and girls. What would be the use of working hard to develope a fine country, unless there were some good dependable boys and girls to leave it to? But boys and girls are more difficult to raise than record-breaking cows or fine horses. Sometimes we get so interested in building up a fine farm, or a great city, that we forget to bring up the kind of children that can be trusted with these wonderful investments and enterprises. We cannot leave the boys and girls to grow up any more than a farmer can turn his cattle loose in the neighborhood and expect to have fine stock in the end. The youth must be given high ideals, and trained to be honest and dependable men and women, says Thrift Magazine. A healthy body can only produce a strong and vigorous mind. By constant effort on the part of parents and leaders, habits of thrift and industry are formed that will insure success. It takes time, trouble and money to raise a good crop of boys and girls, but it's worth it.

COMMITTEE OF 15 MEETS IN CHICAGO

The fifth meeting of the Farmers Livestock Marketing Committee of 15 was held at Chicago last week, on August 10. In addition to hearing reports of the various sub-commitees at that time, it was expected to perfect that plan for the establishment of co-operative live stock commission companies on the leading terminal markets.

MUST HAVE TICKETS FOR ALL ENTERTAINMENTS NOW

News: C. C. Sumners, with the Internal Revenue department, with charge of the Mason City offices, was in Clarion this week looking up unpaid taxes levied against amusement houses and also looking after the collection of luxury taxes, and he advises that there is a law which requires all public entertainments where there is a charge made for admission to have tickets printed in a regular form, stating plainly the place of entertainment, the price charged for admission, and the war tax. The official tickets must be somewhat like this:

ADMIT ONE
Oddfellows' Annual Ball
Oddfellows Hall, Clarion, Iowa
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Admission	$1.00
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Total	$1.10

There is a $50 penalty attached to all amusement places which do not take out a special license, and another $50 penalty attached where tickets complying with the official froms are not used. All printers must make returns on all tickets printed, showing substantially the person for whom they were printed, the number printed, and a sample must be included. It is illegal to use a ticket that does not bear the date and place of entertainment.

Separate tickets must be provided for children, with the admission price and other information as on the adult ticket, with the extra information that it is for a child under 12 years of age.

STORE BUTTER FOR WINTER

"Even tho she does not have cold storage facilities every housewife can store butter now for use in winter months," says M. Mortensen, head of the dairying department of Iowa State College. "A brine method for storing butter gives satisfactory results and should be used now because butter now has better flavor and keeping qualities than that of some other months.

By putting butter away by this method it will be possible to have homemade butter during the winter months when there is shortage on the markets. There is usually a surplus about this time.

Butter which is to be kept for a long time should be firm when it is made, according to Mr. Mortensen. To have it in condition the cream should be quite cold before churning is started. The butter should be in small granules about the size of wheat kernels when churning is completed.

When the churning is finished the buttermilk should be removed from the churn and well washed from the butter with cold water. Then drain the butter and add the usual amount of salt before working it. After it has been worked sufficiently it is well to separate it in small rolls of one or two pounds each and wrap these in parchment paper or cheese cloth. A stone jar which has been properly washed and scalded will serve as a good container.

A brine of 35 pounds of salt to 10 pounds of water when poured over the butter will insure proper keeping.

It will be necessary to have a weight to hold the butter one inch below the surface of the brine. A cold cellar is the best place to keep the container. Brine will need to be added as the water evaporates.

$58,000PER MILE TOO HIGH

Fifty-eight thousand dollars is too high price to pay, for primary road paving in the opinion of the state high way commision. The commission has just disapproved contracts let by the Scott county board of supervisors for paving thirteen miles of the Davenport New London road and the Davenport-Gambril road with brick, bound with a bituminous filler.

As a futher reason for disapproving the contract the commission declares its belief that the levying of the special assessment of 25 percent of the construction cost against the adjacent property would prove a grave burden to property owners under pesent conditions. Further it is pointed out that in view of the heavy improvement program carried out during the past year by the county, in which over twenty miles of brick payments have been put down, the county would have to finance the proposed improvment entirely by means of bond issues and that, in the present condition of the money market bonds would undoubtedly have to be disposed of at a discount of from 6 to 7 percent. This would add several thousand dollars more per mile to the pavement construction cost.

There was filed with commission a petition from over seventy percent of the property owners in the assessment district asking that the pavement on on the proposed project be postpomed at least for a year or more. The commission has just written the Scott county board disapproving the two contracts and giving as its reason for the action, its belief that $52,000 to $58, 000 per mile is too much to pay for country highway paving at present and that the levying of 25 percent of the cost of such a priced road would work a hardship on the property holders.

U. S. GRAIN GROWERS SHIPS FIRST WHEAT

The first car lot of wheat consigned to the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., to leave North Dakota was shipped from Fairmont on August 2. It went to Zone Agency No. 2, St. Paul. The Fairmont shippers will receive at once seventy-five percent of the market value of the grain, the rest to be paid when the pool, of which the shipment was a part, is closed out at the end of the season.

North Dakota still leads all other states in membership in the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., for in addition to the 80 Equity elevators in that state, 101 local elevators and associations have been signed up by the growers' agency.

Over at Goldfield there is a man who believes everyone has the right to run their own business, and he proposes to run his as he wants to. He is Lou Sherman, editor of the Chronicle, and because he published the views of one D. M. Stevens, who is apposed to spending so much public money on roads, Editor Sherman was given a private lecture by some of the so-called "big-bugs" of that place, and warned and threatened to give Mr. Stevens the cold shoulder. Sherman promptly told the self-styled big-bugs where to head in at—and has the great majority of the town with him for it.

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HUGE CHEESE PRODUCERS' FEDERATION PLANNED

What is said to be one of the largest combinations in the world for the purpose of handling cheese is being effected by representatives of the Wisconsin Cheese Producers federation and the Minnesota Cheese Producers association. When the agreements are completed and ratified by the respective organizations, the resulting federation will handle more than 20,000,000 pounds of cheese annually on a co-operative basis.

At a meeting held at Plymouth, Wisconsin, on July 26, the Wisconsin federation directors voted to admit the Minnesota producers upon the same terms as factories in Wisconsin. Thirty-three more factories will be added to the Wisconsin federation by the change, while Minnesota will be thoroly organized in the same manner. The factories which seek to affiliate with the Wisconsin federation control more than one-half of the cheese production of Minnesota.

Be photographed this year on your birthday.—Thoe Studio.

MOVEMENT OF STOCKERS AND FEEDERS BEGINS

With the arrival of late summer the movement of stockers and feeders from the West is beginning to make itself manifest at leading mid-west live stock markets. While present indications point to fewer numbers of such cattle in the country owing to restricted operations in certain cattle growing sections this year and the new tariff on Canadian cattle imports, this year promises to be one of the best in many for feed lot buyers to stock up to their full quota.

Stock and feeding cattle are comparatively cheap now, as is feed, and while they will go a little higher as the season advances, buyers, who purchase and feed wisely, are practically assurred a profit this coming year, according to one of the well known stockmen of the mid-west. He urges buyers to purchase only the medium-priced "well-doing" kind of cattle, for bitter expxerience in the past two years has shown that the extra good ones have been the heaviest losers.

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A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 18 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

CHAPTER XV.—Dying, Ann Rutledge calls for Abe, and he bids her farewell at her bedside. Following her demise a settled sadness descends on him. He is no longer "Abe," but "Abraham Lincoln."

CHAPTER XVI.—Overcoming his despondency, Lincoln returns to his work. Abolition sentiment is crystalizing and he throws himself into the movement.

CHAPTER XVII.—Traylor sells his farm and moves to Springfield. Lincoln plans to secure a divorce for Bim in order that she may marry Harry Needles, whom she has always really loved. McNamar returns to New Salem, too late.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Traylor and Harry Needles visit the "boom" city of Chicago, where Bim, now the mother of a son, is living with her parents. She has her divorce. Harry leaves for the Seminole war. An unscrupulous, rich speculator, Lionel Davis, desires to marry Bim, but she repulses him.

CHAPTER XIX.—Ruined by the panic of '37, Kelso dies and Bim and her mother are left penniless. Davis presses his suit, and, made desperate by the news of Harry's death, Bim almost makes up her mind to marry him.

CHAPTER XX.—Lincoln is admitted to the bar. Traylor ascertains that the report of Harry's death is false. He hurries to Chicago. Davis has swindled Brimstead, a friend of Traylor's, in real estate deals, and Traylor seeks to collect the money. Smallpox breaks out at Honey Creek, and Bim goes there as a nurse.

CHAPTER XXI.—Lincoln at Springfield enters into his life work. Harry Needles comes home and at once seeks Bim.

"Well, Joe, we'll all do what we can to keep you from being a shotgun lawyer," Abe Lincoln began. "I've got a good first lesson for you. I found it in a letter which Rufus Choate had written to Judge Davis. In it he says that we rightly have great respect for the decisions of the majority, but that the law is something vastly greater and more sacred than the verdict of any majority. 'The law,' he says, 'comes down to us one mighty and continuous stream of wisdom and experience accumulated, ancestral, widening and deepening and washing itself clearer as it runs on, the agent of civilization, the builder of a thousand cities. To have lived through ages of unceasing trial with the passions, interests and affairs of men, to have lived through the drums and tramplings of conquest, through revolution and reform and all the changing cycles of opinion, to have attended the progress of the race and gathered unto itself the approbation of civilized humanity is to have proved that it carries in it some spark of immortal life.'"

The face of Lincoln changed as he recited the lines of the learned and distinguished lawyer of Massachusetts.

"His face glowed like a lighted lantern when he began to say those eloquent words," Samson writes in his diary. "He wrote them down so that Josiah could commit them to memory."

"That is a wonderful statement," Samson remarked.

Abe answered: "It suggests to me that the voice of the people in any one generation may or may not be inspired, but that the voice of the best men of all ages, expressing their sense of justice and of right, in the law, is and must be the voice of God. The spirit and body of its decrees are as indestructible as the throne of Heaven. You can overthrow them but until their power is re-established, as surely it will be, you will live in savagery."

"You do not deny the right of revolution."

"No, but I can see no excuse for it in America. It has remained for us to add to the body of the law the idea that men are created free and equal. The lack of the saving principle in the codes of the world has been the great cause of injustice and oppression."

Honest Abe rose and walked up and down the room in silence for a moment. Then he added:

"Choate phrased it well when he said: 'We should beware of awaking the tremendous divinities of change from their long sleep. Let us think of that when we consider what we shall do with the evils that afflict us.'"

The boy Joe had been deeply interested in this talk.

"If you'll lend me a book, I'd like to begin studying," he said.

"There's time enough for that," said Lincoln. "First, I want you to understand what the law is and what the lawyer should be. You wouldn't want to be a pettifogger. Choate is the right model. He has a dignity suited to the greatness of his chosen master. They say that before a justice of the peace, in a room no bigger than a shoemaker's shop, his work is done with the same dignity and care that he would show in the supreme court of Massachusetts. A newspaper says that in a dog case at Beverly he treated the dog as if he were a lion and the crabbed old squire with the consideration due a chief justice."

"He knows how to handle the English language," Samson observed.

"He got that by reading. He is the best read man at the American bar and the best Bible student. There's a lot of work ahead of you, Joe, before you are a lawyer, and when you're admitted success comes only of the capacity for work. Brougham wrote the peroration of his speech in defense of Queen Caroline nineteen times."

"I want to be a great orator," the boy exclaimed with engaging frankness.

"Then you must remember that character is the biggest part of it," Honest Abe declared. "Great thoughts come out of a great character and only out of that. They will come even if you have little learning and none of the graces which attract the eye. But you must have a character that is ever speaking, even when your lips are silent. It must show in your life and fill the spaces between your words. It will help you to choose and charge them with the love of great things that carry conviction.

"I remember, when I was a boy over in Gentryville, a shaggy, plain-dressed man rode up to the door one day. He had a cheerful, kindly face. His character began to speak to us before he opened his mouth to ask for a drink of water.

"'I don't know who you are,' my father said. 'But I'd like it awful well if you'd light and talk to us.' He did and we didn't know till he had gone that he was the governor of the state. A good character shines like a candle on a dark night. You can't mistake it. A firefly can't hold his light long enough to compete with it.

"Webster said in the Knapp trial: 'There is no evil that we cannot either face or fly from but the consciousness of duty disregarded.'

"A great truth like that mak s wonderful music on the lips of a sincere man. An orator must be a lover and discoverer of such unwritten laws."

It was nearing midnight when they heard footsteps on the board walk in front of the house. In a moment Harry Needles entered in cavalry uniform with fine top boots and silver spurs, erect as a young Indian brave and bronzed by tropic suns.

"Hello!" he said as he took off his belt and clanking saber. "I hang up my sword. I have had enough of war."

He had ridden across country from the boat landing and, arriving so late, had left his horse at a livery stable.

"I'm lucky to find you and Abe and Joe all up and waiting for me," he said as he shook their hands. "How's mother?"

"I'm well," Sarah called from the top of the stairway. "I'll be down in a minute."

For an hour or more they sat by the fireside while Harry told of his

Harry Told of His Adventures in the Great Swamps.

adventures in the great swamps of southern Florida.

"I've done my share of the fighting," he said at length. "I'm going north tomorrow to find Bim and her mother."

"I shall want you to serve a complaint on one Lionel Davis," said Mr. Lincoln.

"I have one of my own to serve on him," Harry answered. "But I hope that our case can be settled out of court."

"I think that I'll go with you as far as Tazewell county and draw the papers there," said Lincoln.

When the latter had left for his lodgings and Joe and his mother had gone to bed, Samson told Harry the details of his visit to Chicago.

"She may have taken the disease and died with it before now," said the young man. "I'll be on my way to Honey Creek in the morning."

CHAPTER XXII.

Wherein Abe Lincoln Reveals His Method of Conducting a Lawsuit in the Case of Henry Brimstead et al., vs. Lionel Davis.

They found many of Davis' notes in Tazewell county. Abe Lincoln's complaint represented seven clients and a sum exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

With the papers in his pocket Harry went on to the Honey Creek settlement. There he found that the plague had spent itself and that Bim had gone to a detention camp outside the city of Chicago. He was not permitted to see her, the regulations having become very strict. In the city he went to the store of Eli Fredenberg. The merchant received him with enthusiasm. Chicago had begun to recover from the panic. Trade was lively.

Harry spent the afternoon with Mrs. Kelso and Bim's baby boy. He wrote a very tender letter to Bim that day. He told her that he had come to Chicago to live so that he might be near her and ready to help her if she needed help. "The same old love is in my heart that made me want you for my wife long ago, that has filled my letters and sustained me in many an hour of peril," he wrote. "If you really think that you must marry Davis, I ask you at least to wait for the developments of a suit which Abe Lincoln is bringing in behalf of many citizens of Tazewell county. It is likely that we shall know more than we do now before that case ends. I saw your beautiful little boy. He looks so much like you that I long to steal him and keep him with me."

In a few days he received this brief reply:

"Dear Harry: Your letter pleased and pained me. I have been so tossed about that I don't know quite where I stand. For a long time my life has been nothing but a series of emotions. What Honest Abe may be able to prove I know not, but I am sure that he cannot disprove the fact that Mr. Davis has been kind and generous to me. For that I cannot ever cease to be grateful. I should have married him before now but for one singular circumstance. My little boy cannot be made to like him. He will have nothing to do with Mr. Davis. He will not be bribed or coerced. I saw in this a prophecy of trouble. I left home and went down into the very shadow of death. It may be that we have been saved for each other by the wisdom of childhood. I must not see you now. Nor shall I see him until I have found my way. Even your call cannot make me forget that I am under a solemn promise.

"I'm glad you like the boy. He is a wonderful child. I named him Nehemiah for his grandfather. We call him Nim and sometimes 'Mr. Nimble' because he is so lively. I'm homesick to see him and you. I am going to Dixon to teach and earn money for mother and the baby. Don't tell anyone where I am and above all don't come to see me until in good heart I can ask you to come.

"God bless you!

"BIM."

In a few weeks the suit came on. Davis' defense, as given in the answer, alleged that the notes were to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of lots and that in consequence of the collapse of the boom there had been no such proceeds. As to the understanding upon which the notes were drawn, there was a direct issue of veracity for which Abe Lincoln was exceedingly well prepared. His cross-examination was as merciless as sunlight "falling round a helpless thing." It was kindly and polite in tone but relentless in its searching. When it ended, the weight of Davis' character had been accurately established. In his masterly summing up Mr. Lincoln presented every circumstance in favor of the defendant's position. With remarkable insight he anticipated the arguments of his attorney. He presented them fairly and generously to the court and jury. According to Samson the opposing lawyers admitted in a private talk that Lincoln had thought of presumptions in favor of Davis which had not occurred to them. Therein lay the characteristic of Mr. Lincoln's method in a lawsuit.

"It was a safe thing for him to do, for he never took a case in which justice was not clearly on his side," Samson writes. "If he had been deceived as to the merits of a case he would drop it. With the sword of justice in his hand he was invincible."

A judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs for the full amount of their claim with costs. The character of Lionel Davis had been sufficiently revealed. Even the credulous Mrs. Kelso turned against him. Mr. Lincoln's skill as a lawyer was recognized in the north as well as in the middle counties. From that day forth no man enjoyed a like popularity in Tazewell county.

When Samson and Harry Needles left the courthouse, there seemed to be no obstacle between the young man and the consummation of his wishes. Unfortunately, as they were going down the steps Davis, who blamed Samson for his troubles, flung an insult at the sturdy Vermonter. Samson, who had then arrived at years of firm discretion, was little disturbed by the anger of a man so discredited. But Harry, on the sound of the hateful words, had leaped forward and dealt the speculator a savage blow in the face which for a few seconds had deprived him of the power of speech. That evening a friend of Davis called at the City hall with a challenge. The hot-blooded young soldier accepted it against the urgent counsel of Samson Traylor, Mr. Lincoln having left the city.

As to the details of the tragic scene that followed next day, the writer has little knowledge. Samson was not the type of man for such a chronicle. The diary speaks of his part in it with shame and sorrow and remorse. We know that it was at daybreak when he and Harry rode to a point on the prairie "something more than a mile from the city limits." There he tells us they met Davis and one friend of the latter and two surgeons. It is evident, too, that great secrecy had been observed in the plan and its execution and that, until some time after the last act, Lincoln knew nothing of the later developments in the drama of Davis' downfall. For the rest of the deplorable scene the historian must content himself with the naked details in the diary of a puritan pioneer.

"I went because there was no escape from it and with the shadow of God's wrath in my soul," Samson writes. "The sun rose as we halted our horses. We paced the field. The two men took their places twenty yards apart. The pistols rang out at the command to fire and both men fell. Davis had been hit at the left shoulder. My handsome boy lay on his face. The bullet had bored through his right lung. Before I could reach him he had risen to his feet to go on with the battle. Davis lay like one paralyzed by the shock of the bullet. His seconds declared they were satisfied. I saw them take the bullet out of Harry's back, where it had lodged under his skin. I helped them put the wounded men into the wagon and rode to the home of one of the doctors near the city wherein were rooms for the accommodation of critical cases, leading Harry's horse and praying for God's help and forgiveness. I took care of the boy until Steve Nuckles came to help me. Bim arrived when Harry was out of his head and didn't know her. She was determined to stay and do the nursing, but I wouldn't let her. She did not look strong. I loaned her the money to pay the debt to Davis and persuaded her to go back to her work in Dixon. She went and was rather heartbroken about it.

"The surgeon said that Harry would live if lung fever didn't set in. It set in, but he pulled through. He mended slowly. I had some fear of arrest, but the conspiracy of silence kept the facts under cover. It was partly due, I guess, to the friendship of John Wentworth for me and Honest Abe. He kept it out of the papers. There were no complaints and the rumors soon fell into silence.

"The boy, 'Mr. Nimble,' is a cunning little man. When he began to get better, Harry loved to play with him and listen to his talks about fairies. The young man was able to leave his bed, by and by, but he didn't get over his weakness and pallor. He had no appetite. I sent him with Nuckles into the Wisconsin woods to live in the open. Then I took the small boy to Dixon with me in the saddle. Bim had just got back to her work. She told me that Eliphalet Biggs had been there. He had heard of the boy and wished to see him and demanded to know where he was. For fear that Biggs would try to get possession of 'Mr. Nimble' I took him with me to Springfield in the saddle.

"I learn that Davis has recovered his health and left the city. A man can not do business without friends and after the trial Chicago was no place for him."

CHAPTER XXIII.

Which Presents the Pleasant Comedy of Individualism in the New Capital, and the Courtship of Lincoln and Mary Todd.

Samson, with "Mr. Nimble" on a pad stuffed with straw in front of him, jogged across the prairies and waded the creeks and sloughs on his way to Springfield. The little lad was in his fourth year that summer. He slept and talked much on the way and kept Samson busy with queries about the sky and the creeks and the great flowery meadows.

They camped the first night in a belt of timber and Samson writes that the boy "slept snug against me with his head on my arm. He went to sleep crying for his mother." He adds:

"It reminded me of the old days of my young fatherhood. 'Mr. Nimble' wanted to pick all the flowers and splash his bare feet in every stream. In the evening he would talk to the stars as if he were playing with them. He is like some of the grown folks in Chicago. He would sit hanging on to the reins, and talk to the horse and to God by the hour. He used to tell me that God was a friend of his and I think he was right. It was good luck to get back to Sarah and the children. They took the little stranger into their hearts. 'Heart room, house room' is the motto of this part of the country."

It was a new town to which Samson returned. The governor and the state officers had moved to Springfield. The new capitol was nearing completion. The hard times which had followed the downfall of '37 had unjustly diminished Mr. Lincoln's confidence in his ability as a legislator. He enjoyed the practice of the law, which had begun to turn his interest from the affairs of state. But the pot of political science boiled before the fireplace in the rear of Joshua Speed's store every evening that Lincoln and his associates were in Springfield. The wit and wisdom which bubbled into its vapors and the heat that surrounded it were the talk of the town. Many came to witness the process and presently it was moved, for a time, to more accommodating quarters. Before a crowd of people in the Presbyterian church Lincoln, Logan, Baker and Browning for the Whigs, and Douglas, Calhoun, Lamborn and Thomas for the Democrats, having assiduously prepared for the trial, debated the burning issues of the time. The effort of each filled an evening and Lincoln's speech gave him new hope of himself. Wise men began to have great confidence in his future. He had taken the style of Webster for his model. He no longer used the broad humor which had characterized his efforts on the stump. A study of the best speeches of the great New Englander had made him question its value in a public address. Dignity, clear reasoning and impressiveness were the chief aims of his new method, the latter of which is aptly illustrated by this passage from his speech in reply to Douglas in the debate mentioned:

"If I ever feel the soul within me elevate and expand to those dimensions not wholly unworthy of its Almighty Architect, it is when I contemplate the cause of my country deserted by all the world besides, and I standing up boldly and alone and hurling defiance at her victorious oppressors. Here without contemplating consequences before high heaven and in the face of the world I swear eternal fidelity to the just cause, as I deem it, of the land of my life, my liberty and my love."

In these perfervid utterances one may find little to admire save a great spirit seeking to express itself and lacking as yet the refinement of taste equal to his undertaking. He was no heaven-born genius "sprung in full panoply from the head of Jove." He was just one of the slow, common folk, with a passion for justice and human rights, slowly feeling his way upward. His spirit was growing. Strong in its love and knowledge of common men and of the things necessary to their welfare, it was beginning to seek and know "the divine power of words." Every moment of leisure he gave to the study of Webster and Burke and Byron and Shakespeare and Burns. He had begun to study the art of Irving and Walter Scott and of a new writer of the name of Dickens.

There were four men who slept with him in the room above Speed's store, and one of them has told how he used to lie sprawled on the floor, with his pillow and candle, reading long after the others had gone to sleep. Samson writes that he never knew a man who understood the art of using minutes as he did. A detached minute was to him a thing to be filled with value. Yet there were few men so deeply in love with fun. He loved to laugh at a story-telling and to match his humor with Thompson Campbell—a famous raconteur—and to play with children. Fun was as necessary to him as sleep. He searched for it in people and in books.

He came often to Samson's house to play with "Mr. Nimble" and to talk with Joe. Some of his best thoughts came when he was talking with Joe and some of his merriest moments when he was playing with "Mr. Nimble." He confessed that it was the latter that reminded him that he had better be looking for a wife.

But Lincoln was only one of many remarkable personalities in Springfield who had discovered themselves and were seeking to be discovered. Sundry individuals were lifting their heads above the crowd, but not with the modesty and self-distrust of Honest Abe. "Steve" Douglas, whom Samson had referred to as "that little rooster of a man," put on the stilts of a brave and ponderous vigor. His five-foot stature and his hundred pounds of weight did not fit the part of Achilles. But he would have no other. He blustered much with a spear too heavy for his hands. Lincoln used to call him a kind of popgun.

This free-for-all joust of individualism—one of the first fruits of freedom in the West—gave to the life of the little village a rich flavor of comedy. The great talents of Douglas had not been developed. His character was as yet shifty and shapeless. Some of the leading citizens openly distrusted him. Lincoln never liked this little man, in opposing whom he was to come to the fulness of his power on the platform. It is evident that Lincoln regarded him as an able advocate of small sincerity looking chiefly for personal advancement.

There is a passage in the diary which illustrates the character of Douglas and Lincoln's knowledge of it. The passage relates to a day in the famous debates of 1858. Lincoln had not reached Havana in time to hear the speech of his opponent. A great crowd had come by train and in wagons. Taking advantage of his absence, Douglas had called Lincoln "a liar, a coward and a sneak," and declared that he was going to fight him.

Lincoln heard of this and said in his speech:

"I shall not fight with Judge Douglas. A fight could prove nothing at issue in this campaign. It might prove that he is a more muscular man than I, or that I am a more muscular man than he, but this subject is not mentioned in either platform. Again, he and I are really very good friends and when we are together he would no more think of fighting me than of fighting his wife. Therefore, when the judge talked about fighting, he was not giving vent to any ill feeling, but was trying to excite—well, let us say, enthusiasm against me on the part of his audience."

Justice accomplished her ends now and then with comic displays of violence in the prairie capital. One night Abe Lincoln and certain of his friends captured a shoemaker who had beaten his wife and held him at the village pump while the aggrieved woman gave him a sound thrashing. So this phase of imperialism was cured in Springfield by "hair off the same dog," as Lincoln put it.

One evening, while E. D. Baker was speaking in the crowded village courtroom above Lincoln's office and was rudely interrupted and in danger of assault, the long legs of Honest Abe suddenly appeared through a scuttle hole in the ceiling above the platform. He leaped upon it and seizing a stone water pitcher defied any one to interfere with the right of free speech in a worthy cause.

So it will be seen that there were zestful moments in these sundry vindications of the principles of Democracy in the prairie capital.

About this time Miss Mary Todd, the daughter of a Kentucky banker, arrived in Springfield to visit her sister, Mrs. Ninian W. Edwards. She was a fashionably dressed, good-looking girl of blue-gray eyes and dark hair.

"Well, Mary, haven't you found the fortunate young man yet?" Mr. Edwards playfully asked the day of her coming.

"You know, my husband is going to be President of the United States and I hoped that I would find him in Springfield," Mary answered in a like vein.

"There's great fishing here," said Mr. Edwards. "I know the very man you are looking for. He has come up from the ranks and is now the most popular member of the legislature. He can make a stirring speech and they say he is going to be the President of the United States. He's wise and witty and straight as a string, but a rough diamond—big, awkward and homely. You're just the girl to take him in hand and give him a little polish and push him along. His name is Abraham Lincoln."

Speed knew the Todds. When he called upon Mary she asked about Mr. Lincoln and said she would like to meet him.

"She's just the girl for you, Abe," Speed said to him that evening. "She is bright and well educated and her family has influence. She could be a great help to you."

This interested the member from Sangamon county, who was indeed eager to get along. The companionship of a refined young lady was the very thing he needed.

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KANAWHA WINS BY THREE TO TWO IN ELEVEN INNING

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way in which they handled a hard situation.

The line up of the two teams was as follows according to batting order:

Kanawha	Position	Belmond
Lewe	3b	Corcoran
Chapman	2b	Jones
J. Yepson	lf	Houge
Locke	c	Unger
Gilligan	rf	Ray
R. Yepson	ss	Baldridge
Harson	cf	Dillon
Deibler	1b	Christie
McCauley	p	Pillmer

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Kanawha	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Belmond	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary: Hits—Kanawha 4, Belmond 4; errors: Kanawha 4, Belmond 4; left on bases: Kanawha five, Belmond eight; strike outs: McCauley 12, Pillmer 9: home run, Harson.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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ed the court for the appointment of a guardian for their mother Mrs. Bridget Madigan, who is seventy-four years of age and alleged to be of unsound mind. She is making her home with a son, Mike Madigan at Mason City. Her estate consists of money in bank, liberty bonds and a real estate mortgage, in all about $28,000.

Severe and Sams of Dows, have filed a replevin suit against J. A. Freese for the possession of a Poland China hog called "The Yank." Plaintiffs allege they sold the hog to defendant, reserving right to show him during the year 1921. When demand was made to take the animal to the Mason City fair defendant made refusal. Clerk Goslin issued writ of replevin as petitioned.

Sheriff Lang went to St. Paul last week and returned with Manuel Lopaz and Mrs. Nellie Tunnell of Iowa Falls, who were wanted on a statutory charge, the husband of the woman being the complaintant. Defendant was a cook in an Iowa Falls hotel where Mrs. Tunnel was also employed. The latter left her husband and came to Dows with the Mexican. Later they met at Clarion, where they are alleged to have registered as man and wife. They departed after a short stay and were next located in St. Paul, where defendant was employed as cook in a restaurant. A hearing was held at Dows Monday with County Attorney Rogers prosecuting the case. The man was held to the grand jury under $1,000 bond and the woman's bond was fixed at $500. Both are boarding with Sheriff Lang, being unable to secure bond.

HAMPTON CANNING FACTORY BEGINS OPERATIONS

Chronicle: The Hampton-Kelley canning factory will open next Monday to receive corn from the farmers, but will not start packing until Tuesday (this week) so those who are to haul in corn Monday can take notice. Employees will not begin work until Tuesday noon.

The acreage for the local factory is much smaller this year, so the packing season will not continue for a very long period. The corn in the field at the present time looks promising, but it is hard to tell just what the yield will turn out until the pack gets started. H. G. Kelley, manager of the factory, has made some investigation of the crops in the field, and he believes that a fair sweet corn crop is in sight.

Those who planted sweet corn last year raised a bumper crop in nearly every instance, and the large price received at that time proved to be a winner for the sweet corn grower. Those who failed to put in sweet corn acreage lost out considerably, because when the regular field crop was harvested the bottom had dropped out of the price.

WRIGHT COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMENS' CLUBS TO MEET

The Wright County Federation of Womens' Clubs will hold their next meeting on August 23rd, in the woods at the J. D. McCumbers home, two and one-half miles northwest of Eagle Grove. There will be a picnic dinner and each club is asked to furnish their own sandwiches and a covered dish.

This is the annual business meeting with the election of officers, and a large attendance is greatly desired. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 10:00 a. m. and all delegates are urged to be there on time.

Belmond Local News

Rev. Sauerman of Avoca, who has been spending the past week here visiting old friends, returned to his home this morning. Rev. Sauerman was formerly pastor of the Congregational church at Belmond and now has charge of the church at Avoca. In addition, he has become somewhat of a poultry raiser, and states that he has some five hundred chickens at the present time. He has eight acres of ground on one of the main streets there, and has a lovely home.

Another good sousing rain happened on this vicinity Tuesday night and soaked things up generally, doing a great amount of good to the pastures.

The game between the teams from Belmond and Dows, scheduled to be played Tuesday at that latter place, was postponed on account of the wet weather.

Herschel LeBarron of Swea City, a cousin of ye ed, was in town a short time Tuesday evening. He is engaged in the barber business at Swea City.

Golf at the Country Club grounds appears to be becoming a popular pastime with a lot of local folks, and every afternoon and evening a bunch of bugs from Belmond drive down to tap the pill and then chase it. Matt Barry, describing the game, says that you see a couple, or three or four, fellows square themselves, give a little round pill a whack, and then spend the rest of the afternoon chasing over the surrounding vicinity looking for the pill. Must be that Matt has been having poor luck lately.

The noted, or notorious, Mr. Bliss had charge of the ball game at the county fair Friday, between Kanawha and Webster City, and proved up to the usual standard, as it was the most disgraceful and disgusting rag-chewing match seen this summer, both sides kicking and protesting from the start to the finish.

Frank Johnson, son of r. and Mrs. J. N. Johnson, who is receiving treatment in Colorado at a sanitorium, is getting along very nicely and is reported as gaining in strength and health every day, which will be good news to his many friends here.

Miss Lelia Jorgenson, of Delevan, has been the guest of Miss Alberta Pierce the past week. They were class mates at Mt. Saint Claire college at Clinton, Iowa, the past two years.

Mrs. D. H. Hake left this week for a trip to Minot, North Dakota, where she will visit at the home of her son. Dell, and family. She expects to be gone about two months.

Mrs. Del. Lobdell left recently for Sandwich, Illinois, where she will spend a few weeks visiting at the home of her sister-in-law and other relatives.

Mrs. Grace Aul has returned to her home in New York state after a visit of the past month or two at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hake, and other relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Missman and child from Klemme were recent visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ely.

The Kanawha and Belmond teams have met four times this year, with each team the victor in two games. On next Sunday, August 21st, they will meeting in the fifth and most grueling battle of the year at Lake View park. It certainly ought to be a game worth seeing.

Buy your fresh bread Sundays at the Belmond Bakery. tfc

Don't forget to attend the big picnic to be held next week Wednesday at Franklin grove. A big time is being prepared with a fine program and an excellent address, some fun-producing sports in the afternoon, and a lot of the finest eats. Everybody is invited to come out and have a good time. The local band will be on the job all day.

Sheffield Press: Members of our Merchants Protective Association answered a hurry up call to come to the Neuberger farm about midnight Monday. Two auto loads of men here and one from Chapin went to the place and found a large auto. When the owner was aroused he said that his car was disabled and he pulled ... er night.

BIG TIME TO BE HAD AT GROVE NEXT WEEK

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Grant and Belmond, prize $10.00.

Horse shoe pitching contests.

The doings will last all day, and will take place in a pasture just west of the Tyrrell residence, located in the midst of natural timber. A very large crowd is expected, and ample accomodations will be arranged for them all. If you want to have one of the best times ever, be at the Tyrrell farm on August 24th. The people of Belmond are especially urged to be present, for the picnic is to be a community affair and everybody is wanted. Come out everybody and enjoy the day with your neighbors.

NEW TEACHERS ELECTED

The following is the list of teachers in the Belmond school as reported for the coming year:

Maude Newgard—Sub primary.
Jane Ramsay—1st.
Rena Purdy—2nd.
Viva Rourk—3rd.
Bessie Quigley—4th.
Marie Leavy—5th.
Oralee Brooks—6th.
May Warnock—7th.
Inez Cockran—8th.
Harold Gruetzmacher—Science.
Grace Eastman—Commercial.
Edna Stedman—Domestic Science.
Mildred Baumgardner—Music.
Amy Peterson—English.
Hazel Thomas—Principal.
Claire Christie—Agriculture.
E. S. Fyler—Superintendent.
Adeline Sharon—Mathametics.
Ruth Dodd—Economics.

The American Legion post here at the recent meeting held for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary, arranged to form the proposed auxiliary and officers were elected.

A recent letter received from Forrest Norem who is at Stevens Point, Wis., says that the potatoe crop in that state will fall far short of the usual run, estimates going from half to three-fourths of the usual crop. Pastures there are very dry, in places appearing to be burnt to the ground, the soil being very sandy. Gardens have been watered almost daily he states since the first of June. Corn there looks fine providing it is sweet or pop corn, and he says "I really cannot see what would ever bring an Iowa farmer to this place intending to farm with any success. For miles and miles there is nothing but sand."

Mrs. Maurice Dillon and daughter are spending the week with relatives at Mason City, and attending the North Iowa fair being held there this week.

Mrs. Henry Allen visited at the home of Mrs. Pat Dillon last week.

FARM BUREAU CUTS SALARIES OF GRAIN GROWER OFFICERS

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 11.—At a recent meeting of the United Grain Growers Incorporation, held in Chicago, a big reduction was made in the salaries of a large number of officials originally elected to manage the affairs of the company. The Farm Bureau, which is to be affiliated with the new incorporation, at once made a loud protest against the proposed salaries as were first announced, and the new company officials saw the handwriting on the wall and have announced substantial reductions in salaries.

At the meeting the executive committee of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., was asked concerning numerous rumors as to the activities which are afloat in various sections of the country. The committee was able to show that many of these rumors were false.

As a result of the meeting several recommendations were drawn up, the substance of which are as follows:

That the Farmers' Finance Corporation be reorganized so that a majority of its board of directors will be outside of the officers of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc. and that the scope of its activities be broadened to include all farm commodities. [illegible] means virtually that the corporation must stand upon its own feet as an organization and that the farmers' marketing committee now devising plans for the co-operative marketing of live stock, fruit, dairy products and other farm commodities will have something to say as to its management.

That the organization of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., in each of the separate states be placed in charge of the strongest farm organization in that state. In the majority of instances this means that the state farm bureau will have supervision.

That substantial cuts in salaries of officials of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., be made all along the line.

It is expected that the grain growers' organization will agree to these recommendations, altho since the meeting was brought about thru a special call, action could not be taken on any of these recommendations with the exception of salaries of officials.

The officials of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., have been considering the reduction of salaries for some time. The executive committee acted upon the matter and the salaries of th leading officers were reduced to $10,000 eac. The fomer salary of President Gustafson was $16,000; of Geneal Counsel Clifford Thorne, $15,000; Treasurer Eskhardt, $15,000, and Secretary Frank Myers, $12,000. The salaries of the heads of departments were reduced from $7,500 to $5,000 each; salaries of employees formerly $6,000 are now $4,500 and those formerly at $5,000 were cut to $4.000. The total reduction on the annual salaries of the ten leading officers amount to $29,700.

The contract between the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., and the Equity Co-operative Exchange [illegible] drawn up by the legal counsel for the two organizations called forth considerable discussion and numerous compromises were made necessary. Its final form is still unsettled. [illegible] there is every reason to believe that a contract reasonably satisfactory to both organizations will be completed and signed very soon.

Pesident J. R. Howard, of the American Farm Bureau federation, has been authorized by the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., to tell congress that the latter will gladly furnish a member of its staff to aid in the investigation of the "war chest" raised by the grain dealers at the Cincinnati meeting, as authorized by Senator Kenyon's esolution.

KEEP MILK OUT OF SUNLIGHT

If the housewife wants to keep milk and cream free of unpleasant flavors, she must not allow it to stand in the sunshine for any considerable time. Often milk stands in the sun on the back porch after the milkman has delivered it and many times its "off" or tallowy flavor is due to that fact.

Careful testing of the influence of sunlight on milk has recently been completed by B. W. Hammer of the dairy section of the Iowa Agricultural experiment station. He found that even ten minutes exposure to sunlight gave milk an "off" flavor and that 45 minutes was enough to make it taste tallowy.

Mr. Hammer recommends that every household provide a cool, shady box or other sheltered place into which the milk man may set the bottles of milk and creamy on delivery.

One of the latest additions to tourists' camping equipment is a goat for the furnishing at all times of a supply of fresh milk. Such a convenience was a part of the equipment carried on a tourist car which passed thru Atlantic. The goat was carried in a crate attached to the running board. When the tourists pitched their camp at noon or night, the goat was turned loose to browse, and, incidently, to furnish milk for the coffee and for the children of the party.

Hurrah! Hurrah!!

The Indians Are Coming To Town.

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Congregational Church

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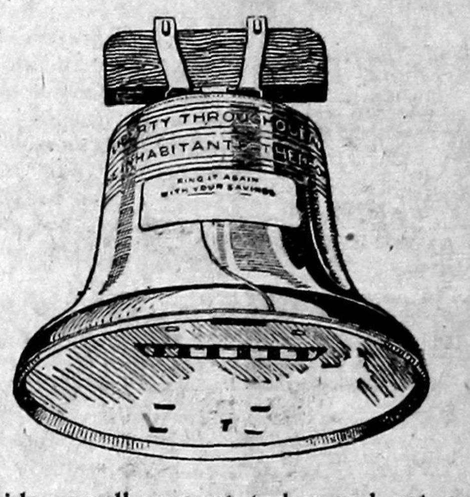

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BIG PICNIC WED. DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Kanawha Wins Again Sunday By 7 To 4

Better Pitching By McCauley Tells The Sad And Pathetic Tale

TO PLAY HERE SUNDAY

The Belmond team went down in defeat again Sunday befoıe the hefty team from Kanawha by a score of seven to four after a hard fought and intensely interesting game at the Lake View park.

It was simply and solely a case of better pitching on the part of McCauley, the star southpaw of the Kanawha team. He outpitched Pillmer and that was the main reason. Pillmer was rather wild the first few innings and walked a couple of men who later scored on hits. The Kanawha batters found him for several good solid smashes in the first two innings, among them being a two-bagger by Chapman and one for three sacks by Gilligan, which, combined with the walks, gave Kanawha a four to nothing lead at the end of the second inning. Scoring three runs in the first inning, Kanawha started out to walk away with the whole shootin' match, and for the first four frames it looked as tho trey were going to get away with it, but after that, Pillmer tightened up and they never saw the pan after the fourth. But they had the game on ice anyway, and did not need any more to bring the bacon home.

Belmond never had a chance to cross the plate until the fifth frame, when they shoved three runs across making the score seven to four. In the next three innings they were held down, but in the ninth they staged a rally and for a little while it looked as tho they were going to cop that game sure.,With three straight errors on the part of Kanawha's infielders, the bases were loaded, with nobody out. But a strike-out was the first on the list, then an out at first which scored one run, and an easy out at second ended the agony.

So far as fielding was concerned. Belmond had the Kanawhites bested, making but two errors to the five for Kanawha. Belmond made seven hits to Kanawha's six, but Kanawha bunched theirs, and hit for more bases, making them count, while McCauley held the Belmond hits scattered and they accomplished little. Chapman of Kanawha got one two-base drive and Gilligan secured two for three sacks, all of Belmond's being singles. McCauley had 12 strikeout to the 9 for Pillmer, the latter walking two men and McCauley none. Both pitchers hit one man.

It was a good game and worth the seeing, and altho there were several kicks registered against the umpire—who was exceedingly rank at times on

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NO RECEIPTS NECESSARY FOR SPECIAL DELIVERIES

The local post office authorities received word last week that it would no longer be necessary to have the receiver of a special delivery sign a receipt for same. Heretofore, special deliveries have been delivered to the heuse or business, and a signed receipt taken, but henceforth they will be delivered without the receipt, according to the recent ruling of the postal department at Washington, D. C. The new ruling would seem to be the right idea, as receipting for a special delivery has been an unnecessary yard of red tape wound around postoffice clerks and postmasters, and accomplishing no necessary or desired purpose

OIL STATION RESUMES BUSINESS.

Recorder: The community oil company of Davenport, that started about two years ago and developed so rapidly that the organizers soon found themselves cramped for lack of capital with which to operate and procure sufficient merchandise to satisfy the increasing demands made upon them by their trade and were forced to close down temporarily several weeks ago. is now doing business. The local station in Hampton was opened again Monday by Sam Swearingen. the always accommodating station man, in chargt.

The corporation nas re-organized and the Midland Refining Company of El Dorado, Kansas, a $1,500,000 concern, has purchased a half interest which fact puts the Davenport community Service Station Company on a firm basis. It is said that the original stockholders are retaining their holdings in the company and many have invested consi erable additional capital in it.

"With the re-organization thus completed the company will have a paid up capital of $600,000" says the Davenport Times in its report of the affairs of the concern.

DOGS AT HIGH PRICE

Hampton Chronicle: Mrs. W. J. Keefe is beating the "tight times" and the poor returns from an oat crop. She has been breeding "German Police Dogs," a sort of a cross between a Shepherd and a wild dog, and they seem to be in much demand from those who are not worrying about the money stringency.

Several choice individuals have been shipped recently to various parts of the country, and this week Mrs. Keefe received an order for a male pup from a party in Kentucky, and another order for a pup from a party in Winnipeg and both of them were sold at fancy prices. A number of sales have been made at $100. The German Police Dog is said to be a very fine animal kind and gentle, but full of pep and a genuine watchdog.

GRAVELED ROADS TO SOLVE PROBLEM?

A year or so back, public opinion was turning toward pavement as a solution of our road problem. It was becoming to be a popular beleif that nothing but pavement could be permenently good road. It seems to us how, however, that the trend is back toward gravel again. Locally it seems to be in the case anyway. Men who were shouting strong for pavement a year ago, are now talking more mildly about it, or even open admitting their mistake and talking of gravel. The fine example of gravel roads built in recent years are probably bringing it about. Almost everbody will say they like the fine gravel roads east and west of Osage better than the Floyd county pavement. The gravel makes a beautiful smooth road, travelable in all weather. It costs about half as much and promises to be about as clean to maintain. Gravel can be spread out the full width of a wide grade, without prohibitive cost, but pavement is confined to a narrower width on account of the terrific expense. Its narrowness makes it dangerous. Our perdiction is that gravel, after all, will be the solution of our road problem.—Mitchell County Press.

TREESE-KASTLER

On last week Wednesday occured the marriage of Miss Edith Treese of Belmond to Mr. Louis Kastelr of Clarion, the ceremony taking place at the Methodist parsonage in Clarion the minister of that church performing the ceremony.

The bride has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forristal of Belmond. The goom is engaged in the farming business near Clarion with his father, and next spring will take his bride to a farm which he will operate.

Both contracting parties are splendid young people and have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous life together.

Jurors Picked For Fall Term Of District Court

List This Time Contains Only Male Voters From Belmond

TO REPORT ON OCT. 10TH

The list of jurors for the fall term of the district court in and for this county has been named, and of those who are chosen from Belmond, all are men, the ladies being ignored on this call.

The court will convene at Clarion on the first Monday of October, the third day, and jurors drawn are to report for duty on the second Monday of the term, or on October the 10th. Judge E. M. McCall of Nevada will preside at this term.

Those who have been drawn from Belmond are:

H. F. Luick
John Lundt
Howard Johnson
C. C. Griesy
Louis Dybdahl
Theo. Bonte
A. C. Mevers
Wm. Kruse
Ira Christie
Thos. Brooks
A. W. Leonard

EX-SERVICE MEN SHOULD FILE CLAIMS AT ONCE

Every ex-service man in possession of property subject to city, county and state taxes, should file claims with the county auditor under the state law which entitles veterans of the world war to $500 exemption. Under the new law the veterans are only allowed until September 1 to file their claims. Applications will be acted upon by the board of supervisors at its first session in September.

BERTHA ARLINE STOCKWELL

Bertha Arline Stockwell, daughter of Fred L. and Emma Stockwell, was born December 8, 1918, and died August 19, 1921, after an illness of three weeks of scarlet fever. To the sorrowing parents and relatives we commend these words of Longfellow:

THE REAPER AND THE FLOWERS

There is a Reaper, whose name is Death,
And, with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between.

"Shall I have naught that is fair?" saith he;
"Have naught but the bearded grain?
Tho the breath of these flowers is sweet to me,
I will give them all back again."

He gazed at the flowers with tearful eyes,
He kissed their drooping leaves;
It was for the Lord of Paradise
He bound them in his sheaves.

"My Load has need of these flowerlets gay,"
The Reaper said, and smiled;
"Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where He was once a child.

"They shall all bloom in the fields of light,
Transplanted by my care,
And saints, upon their garments white
These sacred blossoms wear."

And the mother gave, in tears and pain,
The flowers she most did love;
She knew she would find them all again
In the fields of light above.

Oh, not in cruelty, not in wrath.
The Reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited the green earth
And took the flowers away.

A short funeral service was held at the cemetery on Friday morning, and was conducted by Rev. S. U. Leinbach.

OBITUARY

August Herman Prelipp was born March 10th, 1877, in Ball, Germany. With his parents he arrived in this country September 3, 1881, locating at Ft. Dodge at which place they lived eight years before coming to Meservey.

In 1895 during the labors of Re Sassman he was converted and joined the church, remaining a faithful member until the end.

He was married to Neeska Janssen on December 5, 1906. Three children were born to this union.

Last Tuesday evening while loading timothy seed he met with the accident which caused his death. Consciousness gradually returned after the accident and hopes for his recovery were held by all but the shock had been too severe. He remained conscious until the end came, Thursday, August 11th. He was taken in the very prime of life, having reached the age of 44 years, five months and one day.

He leaves to mourn his early departure, his sorrowing companion, two daughters, Mable and Ruth, and one son, Elmer (the only person who witnessed the accident); his father and mother; two brothers, Albert Schraeder, of Ogden and Wm. Prelipp, of Meservey; one sister, Mrs. Earnest Yahnke, of Long Prairie, Minnesota; besides many other relatives and friends.

He was a good husband, father, neighbor and citizen. We all regret his sudden departure. He has been called from his labors to his reward by the God in whose hands he had placed and entrusted all.

May we do likewise in this dark hour when we must live by faith in the wisdom of our Heavenly Father's dealings with us.

Brief funeral services were held at the home at 1:00 p. m. Sunday and later in the afternoon at the Evangelical church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Schlesselman.

Interment was made in the Meservey cemetery.—Meservey Register.

BROWN'S COLTS TRAMPLE NEIGHBOR BRADY'S MULES

Last Friday Neighbor Brady's Mules went over to Clarion to play with Farmer Brown's Colts, and the mean Colts trampled all over the innocent and good-hearted Mules, abusing them shamefully, stepping on their necks, kicking them in the slats, biting their ears, and ever'thing.

Farmer Brown, who is also a doc,—whether Veterianary or not we dunno—had had his Colts out on the race track at the fair ground, practicing them up, and had been feeding them a mash of oats and ground dynamite mixed with T. N. T. and some other stuff, and the Colts were feeling not only the oats but several things also. and they just wouldn't let the poor Mules have a look-in. Every time that Neighbor Brady's Mules wanted to play Farmer Brown's Colts would kick 'em in the ribs, and as a result the Mules went backwards every time they tried to go ahead—which is the Mule nature. And if the poor old Mules tried to stand still and behave themselves the ornery Colts came along and kicked 'em backwards. They gotta quit kickin' our Mules around. Neighbor Brady took his Mules over there for a social afternoon tea. and the Colts insisted on serving 'em coffee, strong coffee at that. When the Mules asked for hay they had to eat chaff; if they wanted oats they were given nubbins. Anyway, it was a good chance for Neighbor Brady to learn how to feed so as to make the largest gain. They say Colts and Mules never do get along together.

Seventy-three and a half persons saw the game. the half being a boy.

Awwnheehaw! It was 17 to 8.

A regular soaker came to town on Sunday night and as a result the roads in the country are mostly mud It was of vast benefit to the pastures which were more or less dry and much in need of the rain. A few of the vegetables will be benefiited but most of the growing things are too far advanced.

SPLENDID TIME ENJOYED BY MANY THEN

Program Of Readings, Musical Numbers And Vocal Selections Is Fine

E. G. DUNN GIVES TALK

Biggest And Best Picnic Ever Held Is Universal Comment

The big farm bureau picnic, of the four townships of Pleasant, Belmond, Iowa and Grant, and to which the town of Belmond was invited to participate, came off according to schedule yesterday and was a regular humdinger, both for attendance, program and entertainment.

An immense crowd was present at the picnic grounds, located on the Tyrrell farm south of town, and in the edge of the timber on the west side next to the river. The various committees who had the arrangements of the event in charge, had accomplished their work in splendid order, and had the grounds looking in ciptop shape with everything convenient.

The program began in the morning, and lasted all day, with everybody present enjoying themselves to the utmost. The program was somewhat delayed in getting started, but went thru in fine shape when it did. A splendid program of readings, vocal selections and musical numbers was enjoyed, and about noon the address of the day was given by Hon. E. G. Dunn of Mason City. Mr. Dunn gave a splendid address, one that will be numbered among the best ever given in the town. He dealt with the life of the American farmer, what he had to be thankful for, and what this country meant in the opportunities that it gives to its citizens.

Following the address, the crowd enjoyed a picnic dinner, each group or family bringing their own lunch.

After the dinner hour was a program of sports was held, in which races, both foot and stunt, were enjoyed, horseshoe pitching contests and featured by a baseball game between Grant and Belmond town... against Pleasant and Iowa townships the game being won by the former team, the score being seven to three. It was a good game, well played, and hotly contested thruout, but the west side of the road had the advantage in better playing and in the end took the victory.

The crowd dispersed about half past five in the afternoon, after one of the most enjoyable days that have occured here this summer. The picnic was an immense success from every angle, and the various committees who had the event in charge are certainly to be congratulated upon the successful conclusion of their plan The Belmond band furnished music for the occasion and added much to attractiveness of the program.

It is to be hoped that more of these community picnics will be held if they add much to the enjoyment and developement of community life.

The ladies of the Methodist church conducted a stand at the picnic ground and sold pop, and ice cream, the funds realized going for the benefit of the Franklin Grove cemetery. They had a very good day and realized a nice sum.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

The Community Welfare club will meet Friday afternoon, August 26th. The program will be "See America First. The leader will be Miss Ruth Klemme.

Serving Committee: Mesdames W. I. Rosecrans, Miss Ama[illegible]a Johnson. Miss Daisy Cameron, M[illegible] Gfeller, Geo. Elder, E. [illegible]. Ahltrom, W. O. Eaton, F. E. [illegible]r, J. H. Edge, Gus Larson and Miss Maye Tracy.

FREE AIR!

(Ladies and gentlemen: We present for your kind consideration this week the first installment of the Air pumped from outside, and with your kind permission we will make no comments, letting the colyum stand for itself. Thank you. One big round dollar to every colyum that sees the cold print. Who's next? Please write on one side of the paper only; if the "operator is in a rush he may not see both sides. Anything on anything but politics and religion. Hop to it. We have with us this week—)

Well Folks, here's another big fish trying to grab another dollar. That shows I'm true American. The Americans are forever being jollied about the Almighty Dollar, don'tcha know?

But one of the rules of the regulations is that I'm not to discuss politics so just forget I'm grabbing a dollar for this line of gab.

Well, here we are right in the most exciting time of the year; school time. Most of the kids are so anxious to get back and dig in that they stand with long faces, and a woe begone look, sort of like they had lost their last friend.

When you say "school" they either fly to pieces and cry or you can't see them for dust. (Mud this week.) Dad is all excited trying to figure a way to pay his for summer vacation, grocer and butcher bills and still have enough left from his summer's wages to buy little George a pair of school shoes. Maw is excitedly making school dresses for the baby who is to enter this year and the poor school teacher who boards with Maw has worn herself thin worrying over the baby beginning.

Some excitement.

There has been no report of raids on certain "stuff" (usually carried in the hip pocket when not in the cellar) lately but we still have evidence that there is some left. Last week we went to the fair. We saw everything going and then some. We also noticed that Mason has some hooch left unraided too. Cheer up, Holver; you're not alone.

The hardest thing is to paddle alone, you know, but if you have company it kind of helps.

From the looks of things we are now having the rainy weather we have longed for. Damp weather is sure the berries for marcel waves. Notice the girls. Not very many will you see standing in the rain. Why? They know the result on those marcels of theirs.

Well folks, hoary winter will soon be here and with it comes the realization of paw's fears, that he will not be able to pay for Sue's new winter furs and he asks her kindly to please wear her summer ones because he has just about paid the last installment on them.

The kids have noticed the call of winter and they climb almost without coaxing into their shoes and stockings.

Well, folks, I must ring off this foolish chatter because I simply refuse to edit the whole Independent. for a dollar. ***

(Now what d'ye s'pose they meant by those last two lines?)

DOWS MAN BADLY BURNED IN AUTO FIRE

A gentleman from Dows was probably fatally burned in an automobile accident last week Thursday evening, on a high grade about a quarter mile east of Dows. The grade there is extremely high, around seven to eight feet, and the car tipped over. The man was pinned beneath the car, the back of the front seat being across his chest, and he was unable to extricate himself. The car caught fire and the man was very badly burned from the chest down, his clothing being burned completely off. He was not found for some time, and laid there in awful agony for several minutes before he was discovered and released. He was taken to the hospital at Hampton, and at last reports was still alive, altho suffering intensely. The car was completely destroyed.

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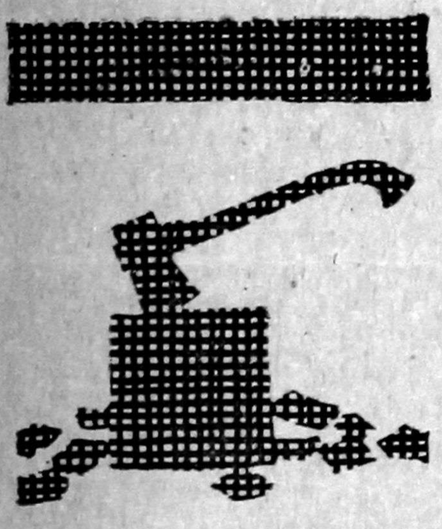

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"MAIN STREET"

The most bitter, biting and in a measure true indictment of the small town is contained in the book "Main Street," by Sinclair Lewis.

It is a story of "Gopher Prairie," a town of 3,000 people, in Minnesota, and includes in its scope the states adjacent. It deals with the life in that town of a doctor's wife, who came from the city, and the whole story is a sarcastic, biting indictment of the small town life, ideas and ideals. In a large measure it is only too true, disgustingly so; the characters in the story can be picked out in more than one instance from any small town, the episodes used have occurred in the memory of people in Belmond in many cases, while the narrow, restricted and selfish ideas that the author uses to bring out the strong points of his book are to be encountered readily in any small town, Gopher Prairie not being the exception.

No man could ever have written such a story unless he had lived in the small town; it is too true, too certain, to have been the result of imagination. But Sinclair Lewis has over-drawn the picture; he has exaggerated the town of his story into some thing that does not ring true in the whole. He has built his story in a town that is about 2,500 too large to have the scene natural. The mud and two-story frame shacks and the telephone poles and lay-out of his town do not fit in with the town of 3,000 today.

To Sinclair Lewis, there is nothing but ugliness, narrowness and an unprogressive spirit in the small town. His character, the physicians' wife, cannot see anything worth having or living for, in Gopher Prairie, whereas everything that makes life worth living, is right about her, but in looking for the "higher things" she misses the things that are.

There is as much, if not more, of friendliness and co-operation and helpfulness in the small town than in the city. Where people are folks and neighbors instead of roomers and chance acquaintances there is bound to be. But to Lewis there is nothing much of good, only much that is hateful and unbeautiful and narrow. His indictment must be admitted in a way, but to admit that "Main Street" as a whole is true to life is to admit something which cannot be proven. As there are such characters in "Main Street" so are there in "Broadway," and the small town has no monopoly on spiteful, narrow people, nor on things which are far from beautiful.

The shanties and shacks and the mud and tawdriness of Gopher Prairie car be met by the dirt and disease and the squalor and hideousness of the city's tenaments and "East Side." He who lives in the small town and then moves to the city is hurt by the callous disinterest and unfriendliness of the city dweller, after he has been used to the neighborly spirit of his small town home.

"Main Street" is a great story, a wonderful story, and must be read slowly to assimilate and appreciate it. It is a story that will not appeal to many people, and yet to the many whom it does it will become fascinating. It is real life, actual life, in a great many ways, and the reader who resides in a small town will pick from its characters many personalities whom he can reproduce in his own town, episodes which he can recall, and in the story he will become both intensely interested and absolutely disgusted: the one because it will be so true to life as he has himself seen it, and the other for the same reason.

Secure "Main Street" at the Belmond library, and take your time to read it thru. It will bring home to you as you have never had it brought before, the life that goes on about you in your own small town and will be both angry and astonished that the story can be so true to his own every day life.

HIRING A TEAM

The writer asked a citizen of Belmond whether he witnessed the ball game between Kanawha and Belmond, and he replied no, that they were hiring too many players to suit him and he wouldn't have anything to do with a hired team.

The Independent believes that he expressed the idea of most ball fans here. The support given the team this summer has been loyal and true, and one big reason has been because it was composed for the main part of home boys, and the public felt an interest in them which it could not feel in a hired bunch. Of course it is admitted that there must be a few employed men on the team, to fill gaps which cannot be successfully filled at all times by the local boys, and that there are occasions when all the home men cannot get away to play and their places must be filled, but an allsalaried, or even a two-thirds salaried, team will not draw the support or the approval of the public, for the public is going to consider that it is unfair to the local boys who have played and realized little or nothing from it. A team of home men—and the material is here for a good one—will go better than one of hired players.

THE NEW POSTMASTER

There have been very well grounded reports lately that a new postmaster will soon assume the duties of the local office. Politics must be served at every change of the national administration, and old employees, whether faithful, satisfactory and compitent, must go the way of all office holders who are not of the saving faith that is now engaged in saving the nation, whether that faith be one kind or another.

It is to be hoped that just consideration will be given to the applications on file before those who have the office in charge, and that politics will not play an unduly prominent part in the granting of position. Politics always has—and probably it always will—control the post office appointments, but it would seem that the time had about arrived when politics should consider, in the disposing of plums, which is the best qualified to fill the place to the best satisfaction of the public, and that the public—the "deer peepul" in the campaign of hot air, large promises and little results—was entitled to a say as to who should be their servants.

If the reports now circulating prove true, the Independent, for one, will be more than sorry to see the present post office force pushed out, for they have given a satisfaction and service that is seldom met with in the office of the small town.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Eighty-three were at the services at Oscar Jenison's Sunday night. There were one hundred and four at Sunday school. That is getting dangerously near the hundred mark. Let's lift it higher next Sunday.

Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m. and the morning worship at 11:00. The evening services will be held at Mr. Henry Groen's and Miss Vida Jenison will be the leader. We hope to see over one hundred present at this the last of our out-door meetings.

St. Olaf Luther League

The Young Peoples' St. Olaf Luther League did not hold their regular meeting last Sunday, but will be held next Sunday evening, August 28th instead.

The choir will sing a number of good songs, a speaker will be arranged for, besides several other good numbers that will be rendered at this program.

Come and spend next Sunday evening at the St. Olaf church.

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CLIPPINGS

But Wasn't An Orderly Game?

We went to a ball game down at Belmond the other day and about every other man we met had a club tied to his right dumb waiter. Fact is we didn't know whether we were paying admission to a ball game or an inspection of a corporal's guard. It put us in mind of when we were a kid and they tied a rail fence around a cow's neck to keep her inside a fence that was in need of repairs. Had they fixed the fence the cows could have enjoyed life and no doubt gave sweeter milk. But we were just a kid then and didn't reason it out that way. Belmond doesn't need a standing army at a ball game. One good policeman can handle the whole works if they would gag and bind about a half dozen who always try to stir up trouble and they don't hail from Kanawha either. Do a little fixin' at the right time and Belmond and Kanawha will play as clean baseball as any two towns in this neck o' the woods.—Reporter.

Another mile of paving east of Garner was opened Sunday and the dirt cleaned off Monday. This makes two miles open—to Chris Nelson farm corner. This is quite a convenience, especially to the people who live along this two-mile stretch, who have been forced to go around for several weeks while the work was being done.—Garner Signal.

Dr. Morrison was robbed one night last week of all his gold—that is, all the gold he had in his office for dental work. About the same time two dental offices at Clear Lake were also robbed.—Garner Leader.

Mrs. Harold M. Williams, better known here as Miss Ruth Huntington, passed thru here Wednesday with her little daughter to her home in Belmond.—Advocate.

A Ford car containing a Belmond couple turned turtle a few miles west of Clarion Saturday night, landing the occupants in the ditch. Both were more or less cut and bruised and required the services of a physician. We did not learn their names. —Monitor.

Dows was well represented at Belmond last Sunday to witness the ball game between Kanawha and Belmond. Kanawha won the game in eleven innings, the score being 3 to 2. It certainly was a good game.—Advocate.

Report reached here last evening of the death of Mrs. U. B. Tracy in a hospital at Des Moines, at three-thirty in the afternoon. She is the wife of U. B. Tracy of the First National Bank.

Mr. Tracy received word in the morning that his wife was much worse but he was in Swea City at the time and the end came before he and his son, Albert, could reach the city. The remains were shipped over the Great Western today. Funeral services will be held at the Tracy home at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. The obituary will be given next week.

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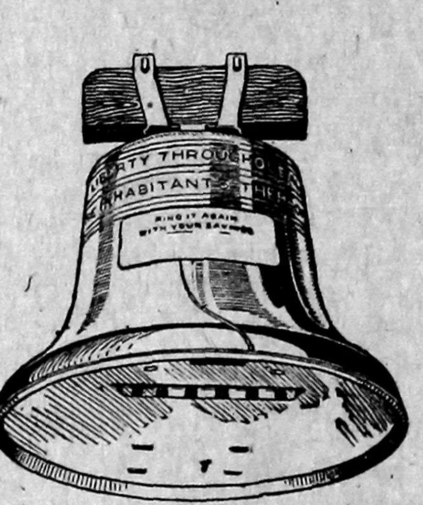

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Mrs. R .H. Kieth and daughter, Margeret, went to Goldfield wed. where they visited relatives for several days.

Mr. Wm. Tresidder was on the sick list the first of the week.

The Young Ladies mission study club met at the home of Miss LaVonne Ballou last Tuesday evening with Miss Francis Farren as leader. About a dozen were present and a very good lesson was enjoyed. This meeting was planned for a picnic but the rain made it impossible to carry out the plans. The hostess served home made candy and the evening was thoroly enjoyed.

Mrs. Mary Williams and son Ivan were Clarion callers Thursday.

Mrs. Morris Sullivan, of Ft. Dodge came Monday night to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher. She returned to her home Friday.

Mrs. Alfred Howorth returned to her home in Council Bluffs Thursday after a short visit with her sister Mrs. Burt Watt.

The firm at the Meat Market was changed this week when O. F. Braden sold his share of the business to Roscoe Robinson. Posession was given at once. "Ping" will go back to his mason trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pritchett arrived home from Rochester, Minn. Thurs. Mrs. Pritchett is doing nicely since her recent operation arriving home much stronger than was expected.

C. A. Dayton, of Estherville, spent Friday at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. A. French and also visited his father, who makes his home there. Mr. Dayton, Sr., has been in poor health the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hansen and children and Mr. Julius Christensen left Thurs. by auto for several weeks visit with relatives and friends at Sheffield, Wyanet and other points in Ill.

Mrs. Will O'Laughin, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French, went Thursday to visit friends in Hampton, Chapin and Sheffield. She returned to her home at Kalona Monday.

Mrs Bert Pelley and Miss Anna Rietz of Coulter called between trains Thursday.

Miss Francis Farren went to Hayfield Saturday to spend the week end with the Misses Lillian and Letha Schreck.

Mrs. Fred Smith and son Kenneth, of Clarion came Friday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder returning home Saturday.

Mrs. Viola Tibbets, of Dows was calling on relatives in town Saturday. She was on her way to Anita, to the home of herniece, Mrs. Harry Cate, to help care for a new ten pound son who arrived there Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Isaacson and two daughters were tran-ferreng in town Saturday and renewed old acquaintances. They were enroute to their home at Ft. Dodge from Dows where they had been attending the funeral of Mr. Isaacson's father.

Kenneth Ballou was a Clarion caller Saturday.

Miss Nora Shafer who has been to Hampton for several days taking treatment for rheumatism, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Daisy Steffens visited Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hearn of Bristow spent Sunday of last week at the home of their daughter. Mrs. C. E. Johnson. Her brothers Glen and Paul also visited her.

Fred Williams and son "Buddy" of Hayfield were Rowan callers between trains Saturday. He reports them as nicely settled in their new home.

Theo. Hansen was a business caller at Ft. Dodge Monday of this week to buy material for his new store building. The Masons are working on the wall now.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum returned on Monday from Chicago where she has been visiting her son Verni and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shier of Ft. Dodge spent last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ferguson and Will Ferguson and wife were Belmond callers Wednesday.

Mrs. L. W. Rooney, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Leslie Andrews, returned with her two daughters to her home at Sioux City Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bangasser of Ackley visited at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Leslie Andrews, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Bangasser will be remembered as Miss Tata Pennings, formerly of this place.

Susan Duffy returned from her summer term of college at Cedar Falls Saturday. She reports a fine term only rather hot at first.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Andrews, Mrs. H. O. Hansen and Mr. John Hansen visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen Friday.

Little Harry Steffens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Steffens, is very ill with typhoid fever. Dr. George has the case and it is thought he is doing as well as could be expected.

Wm. Tresidder spent several days the past week at Clarion helping his son Howard with his drayage business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pooler of Ft. Dodge visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Smith.

Walter Berryhill of Wisconsin is visiting his cousin Wm. Duffy, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith of Belmond spent Saturday night at the John Smith home.

Mrs. Sim Stout returned Saturday from Albert Lea where she was called by the serious illness of her niece, Mrs. Bert Pierce, who has had three operations at the hospital at that place. Mrs. Stout reports her as better but not out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Kleinschrodt of Belmond are visiting at the rome of her mother, Mrs. Joe Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Aldinger, Fred, Elsie and Mable left Thursday for Sioux Falls where they will visit relatives a short time.

Sunday about 30 relatives of Mrs. Jennette Patton surprised her in honor of her seventy-seventh birthday by bringing their well filled baskets and spending the day with her at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Hackley. A very pleasant day is reported and Mrs. Patton's many friends join with the children in wishing her many more happy birthdays.

John Bailey of Hampton spent the day Monday in Rowan with Miss Charter. He will play in the orchestra at the recital, the program of which you will find in this week's Independent.

The Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Guy Stumph Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Sheldon was leader. At the business session Mrs. D. E. Harris was elected President, Mrs. F. B. Sheldon treasurer and Mrs. Guy Sheldon secretary. A very nice attendance is reported and a fine meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French and Mrs. Wm. O'Laughlin and daughter were Clarion shopperes Saturday.

Tom Ross spent the past week at Mason City attending the fair. He had stock there and received several prizes.

Little Varona Townsan of Belmond spent several days the past week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris.

Leland Harris of Thornton remained with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stevenson last Sunday to stay a few weeks.

SCHOOL NOTES

Summer vacation is about over. School will begin Monday, Sept. 5. Will you be there the first day? Your classmates will be looking for you. Some of the happiest days are spent in the school. We will ever look back to those days with a sense of satisfaction. Our school life is preparing us for the great responsibilities of after years. Without this preparation we will be greatly handicapped. Many a person regrets that they did not make use of their school privileges. Prepare yourself and possibly your time will come as it did to others who got ready. We have splendid curriculum with electives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Friend of Bedford, Ind., who have been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Bohnett, spent Sunday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. J. C. Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunch of Waterloo and Mr and Mrs. Charley Robb of Dows called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten.

The Misses Wilda and Frieda Whitten returned Friday from their trip to Canada where they visited at Toronto, Bloomfield and Pickton also at Niagara Falls and spent two days of sight seeing in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and children and Mrs. Earl Jacobs started Tuesday for Polo, Ill., where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tourzek were callers at Dows Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Welsh and children visited relatives at Clarion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holiday and family arrived Saturday from Cedar Falls. He is superintendent of the Rowan schools for the coming year. The are located at the Will Azeltine house.

Saturday evening some of the girl friends of Mrs. Wm. O'Laughlin visited her at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Prof. Smilie and wife of Dows were in town Saturday renewing old acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Evans were with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Evans and daughters transferred in town Monday enoute to California to spend the winter.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten and Miss Angie Baines went to Spirit Lake on Thursday with Mrs. Whitten's brother, Will Baines, to visit relatives.

The following recital will be given by Miss Charter's music class in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, August 30th. This finishes a very successful summer class and the pupils are a credit to their teacher.

1. Orchestra—Ventero March ------ Edris Mazurka.
2. Piano—Little Valse ------Marian Sellers.
3. Piano—Minuet in G--Nina Rietz
4. Violin—Over the Waves---Esther Emerson.
5. Piano—March in C------Loraine Liming.
6. Piano—Chasing the Butterflies-- Glayds Whitten.
7. Piano Duet—Blush Rose Waltz-- Anna and Nina Rietz.
8. Piano—Waltz in C-------Garnett Stumph.
9. Piano—A Joyous Youth----Lucile Nye.
10. Violin—My Old Kentucky Home ----Margaret Kieth.
11. Reading --------Francis Farren
12. Piano—A Nite In June-------- Bernice Hansen.

INTERMISSION

Orchestra—Romanza------Evergreen

14. Orchestra—Romanza--Evergreen Schottiche.
15. Piano—Le Secret------- Evelyn Whitten.
16—Violin—La Anquantaine---James Kercheval.
17. Cornet—Let the Rest of the World Go By —Kenneth Kieth. Silver Offering.
18. Piano—To A Wild Rose The Herdman's Cottage-- Anna Rietz.
19. Piano Duet—The Tread Mill Mabel and Gladys Cupp.
20. Piano—In the Swing ---Laverna Simons.
21. Violin—Mazureka ---------Fred Moellering.
22. Reading—Similar Caces-Kenneth Kieth.
23. Piano Trio—Taps ---Alta Allen, Anna Rietz, Bernice Hansen.
24. Orchestra—Nadine Waltz. Southern Belles.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our little son, and for the floral offerings so kindly sent.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAlpine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dray, of Grundy Center are the proud parents of a fine baby, their first born. Mrs. Dray will be remembered as Wava Fletcher, formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fanselow took treir son, LeRoy to Hampton last week to have his tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bailey and daughters, Bernice and Mrs. Casper Reasoner visited in Dows among relatives and friends over Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Howell, Katherine and Lonnie, of Humboldt, and Mrs. George Watson and four children, of Winnebago, Minnesota, motored to Rowan Monday of this week to visit at the home of their son and brother, J. F. Howell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sinclair, of Clarion spent Friday at the C. W. Fowler home.

Monday evening two full blood Indian boys from the Santee Mission School at Santee, Nebraska, gave a free entertainment in the Congregational church. The object of this entertainment was to show what Christianity is doing for the Red Man. The building was filled and all enjoyed a very fine program, which consisted of sacred songs, Indian songs and popular songs. The boys dressed in costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris, of Thornton was called to Rowan last Friday by the illness of their son, Leland. Mrs. Harris remained to care for him. He is better at the present writing.

Word was received Monday of this week of the death of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Sibert, of Belmond. Mrs. Sibert will be remembered as Jessie Teese.

The Congregational Ladies Aid Society met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charley Berger. The ladies have taken a contract for tying eighteen comforters for the D. W. Whitten General Merchandise Store.

The M. E. ladies had a special meeting at the basement of the church last Friday. This was a business meeting. A good crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French and Mrs. Wm. O'Laughlin spent Sunday at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schreck went to Iowa City last Tuesday where Mrs. Schreck had an operation Friday. Mr. Scrheck stopped in Rowan between trains Monday of this week on his way home to Hayfield and reports her as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Tourzek and Mrs. Fred Welsh were Clarion visitors on Monday.

Mrs. Ben Hackley went to Oskaloosa Friday of last week to visit relatives, returning home Saturday.

A. A. Williams is building a house 16x24 with a dining room and kitchen in the basement on Frank William's land in the grove. They expect to have it finished so they can move into it in about three weeks.

The union Sunday school picnic which was to have been held last week was postponed until Friday of this week no account of the rain. It is to be held in the grove next Friday and it is hoped the weather will be favorable and the community will turn

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AUCTION!

The Grossman Mercantile and Auction House will hold it's Fifth Gigantic Sale on

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At Your Own Price

All new furniture, rugs--all sizes, lamps, mattresses, auto tires, auto accessories and merchandise of all kinds on sale. COME and SAVE. Private sale at wholesale prices during week. Open evenings until 9:30.

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Don't you think you can live on such as this? By paying a few hundred dollars down, and the balance in one-half crop payment yearly until paid.

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I OFTEN guess wrong.
ON WHAT will win.
A SMILE from them.
I ALWAYS say.
IT'S BETTER to laugh.
THAN EVER to worry.
SO ONCE, when.
THE DAM broke, and.
A FLOOD hit town.
I THOUGHT I'd just.
CHEER UP my wife.
AND SO I said.
"IF THE worst comes.
YOU CAN float down.
THE RIVER on.
THE FAMILY music-box.
AND I'LL accompany you.
ON THE piano."
WHICH WAS all wrong.
POOR HUMOR, she said.
WAS OUT of place.
IN TIME of danger.
SO KIPLING was right.
"A WOMAN is only.
A WOMAN, but a good cigar.
IS A smoke;" only.
HE SHOULD have made it.
MY CIGARETTES because.
YOU'RE BOUND to get.
A SMILE from them.
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OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Among those who shelled corn last week were J. C. Johnson, Tom Lundy, E. N. Ericson, Wm. Johnson, John Eliason expects to shell about seven thousand bushel this week.

Julius Johnson is plowing on the Nels Stockseth farm, which he has rented for next year. Gunder Gunderson lived on this farm for the past five years.

A number from here attended the Sondharland Lagot held at Eagle Grove, last week.

John Whitsell and family of Armstrong spent a few hours at the S. O. Windecker home Friday. They were enroute to Iowa Falls and Des Moines

Geo. Thompson and family of Palsville spent Sunday at the Henry Lein home.

A force of men have been working at the beet dump the past week, getting everything in good shape for the harvest of beets. A carload of cinders will be unloaded and the bad places filled, so that the trouble of getting stuck in the mud, with a load of beets, will be less frequent.

Mrs. W. J. Morse and little granddaughter Muriel Bohning, spent last week at the Orpha Anderson home.

Miss Carrie Baxter spent part of last week at the Geo. Baxter home. She will soon return to Milwau- to resume school work.

Mrs. Clarence Scott was a Belmond visitor Saturday.

Arthur Nelson of Mason City is visiting at his brother's, Ralph Nelson, this week.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder visited with relatives at Hampton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenfield, of Belmond spent Thursday at the F. I. Greenfield home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reed left last week for Illinois where they will visit with relatives.

Mr and Mrs. Charles [illegible] visited at the George Yaw home at Iowa Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clark and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield, and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen and two sons attended the North Iowa Fair at Mason City last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte and Mr. and Mrs. John Blau autoed to Buffalo Center last Saturday to spend a few days with friends and relatives at that place.

Will Foughty and W. P. Aldinger were callers at Kanawha last Sunday.

George Christenson, of Manly was calling on friends in town the last of the week.

Miss Nettie Benson, of Belmond spent several days last week at the Will Foughty home.

B. K. Kinseth, of Belmond was a business caller in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hall and children have been visiting relatives at Braham, Minnesota.

Miss Zana DeMaris, of Minneapolis, Minnesota is visiting at the Will Foughty home.

Mrs. George Messelheiser, of Long Beach, California, has been visiting at the George Dunn home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Pals are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, born last Wednesday, August 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were business callers at Belmond Friday.

Miss Alice Peters was a Hampton caller one day last week.

Henry Peters and family were visitors at Mason City last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and children were visitors at Belmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoffer and children visited at the Carl Greenfield home near Belmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen visited with friends at Kanawha last Sunday.

John and Arthur Peters left last Sunday for Big Lake, Minnesota, where they will spend a few days fishing.

J. C. Arends and family visited with relatives at Austinville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bohlen and two daughters were callers in Belmond last Saturday.

Fred Greenfield was a Belmond caller last Wednesday afternoon.

George Modderman was a caller in Latimer last Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Peck returned home after a two weeks' visit with relatives at different points in Illinois.

Little Georgia Peters underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils at the Belmond hospital last Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Schenebly, of Beeman, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Butler this week.

Rev. M. O. Insko, of Lucknow, India, preached at the Methodist church last Sunday. His message was of interest to all who heard him. Mr. Insko has just returned to America after five years of missionary work in India.

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

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out with well filled baskets for a big time as all kinds of sports are planned for the day. Keep the date in mind and all come.

The Rowan Congregational Church Notices for Week Ending August 28th

Sunday Morning Service, 11 a. m.

Sunday School, 12:00 a. m.

Union Services Sunday Evening at 8:00 p. m. Rev. Tmpkinson will deliver the sermon at the Rowan Congregational church. Be sure and hear him.

The Junior Christian Endeavors will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. The Mid-week Meeting at the church at 8:00 p. m. "Let Us Come Together."

There will be a musical program given at the Rowan Congrgegational church the 30th of August. This musical program will be given by the pupils of our music teacher, Miss Charter. This is worth your time, so set this evening aside for this good treat. There will be a silver offering.

The Senior Christian Endeavors will meet next Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m. Leader, Miss Mildred Duffy. This will be the last meeting of the society during this summer in the mornings, so everybody turn out early and attend. The first Sunday in September we will meet at 7:00 p. m. in the evening. Let us go Sunday morning.

Be sure and hear Rev. Tompkinson, and Rev. Nye, at the Rowan Congregational church Sunday, August 28th. Come—bring your friends, as there will be good music, and an address that will fit the occasion and the needs of the present day.

Next Sunday morning, August 28 the Rev. Nye will give an address on "Thrones" at the 11:00 a. m. service. He will take up the Crowns that have been de-throned, and their causes, also on "The Everlasting Throne."

Be there Sunday morning, and bring your friends.

The Rev. H. Tompkinson will speak in the Methodist church next Sunday morning on the striking subject, "What Is the Matter With Most of us." He thinks he knows—maybe he does, and it may be that he doesn't. Come and hear what he has to say. There was a large congregation present last Sunday morning, and everyone heard a helpful message. At the union service in the evening Rev. Nye, of the Congregational church, gave an address on "Taking Christ Out of the Bible." Special music was rendered by the choir.

Union service will be held in the Congregational church next Sunday evening with the M. E. pastor as the speaker. Mr. Tompkinson's subject will be "People of Whom We Ought To Think Better." There are a great many people in this world of ours who never get the credit that is due them. Can you think of any? The M. E. pastor says he knows a lot. Interest in the Union services is increasing.

The Tennis Club of Rowan will hold a tennis social on their grounds next Saturday. This will be open for the public, and ice cream and candy will be served. Mrs. Fred Brooks has promised to take charge of the arangements, and she will be assisted by the young ladies of the town. You patronage will be greatly appreciated by the boys.

IT CURED HER

Not a hundred miles from Folkstone a few months ago, a wife lay very ill. Having brought up a clever orphan girl, the sick woman called the young woman to her, and said: "I shall soon leave my little children motherless. They know you and love you, and after I am gone I want you and my husband to marry."

The young woman, bursting into tears, said: "We were just talking about that."

The wife recovered.—Exchange.

Hunger, the Best Sauce.

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EAGLE GROVE MARSHAL FOILS A SUICIDE ATTEMPT

News—Burt F. Norris, whose home is in Loognoote, Indiana, but has been living in Eagle Grove for some time, bought a bottle of carbolic acid Monday evening and was foiled in a suicide attempt by the Eagle Grove city marshal, Mr. Reynolds.

Norris bought some new clothes at an Eagle Grove store and told the clerk the next day he'd know why the new clothes were wanted. Then he played a few games of pool and walked to the rear of the pool hall to drink his carbolic acid.

But Norris had been talking queerly, telling some of his friends that a man was trying to shoot him, and the marshal had been told of his actions, so he walked right behind him to the rear of the building and as Norris took the bottle out of his pocket the marshal grabbed it.

Norris' father lives in Indiana and was notified to come and get his son, whose mind is believed to be slightly deranged.

CLEANING HOUSE AT JEWELL AND ELLSWORTH

Jewel and Ellsworth are going to lock the stable door after the horse has been stolen. The people knew a pretty wild bunch had a rendezvous out at a public dance hall between the two towns that booze runners and wild women were holding high carnival there most of the time. But the public didn't seem to give a hang for their carrying-on. Not until a few weeks ago did they pay any particular business of the average father. But when two young girls were branded with the scarlet letter and one of them suicided to hide her shame, and two of the boys of Jewell, aged sixteen, were held responsible for the girls' troubles, why then the people got busy and decided that to clean up the whole miserable business was the proper thing to do. At the core, American ideals are pretty sound, altho the surface of our lives is somewhat fly-specked and worm-eaten. The trouble is that every fellow figures that so long as he isn't troubled with the miserable mess that slack morality brings in its wake it is none of his business. But the wrecking of two young lives like the instance at Jewell brings the public to a deeper realization of its responsibility and the individual to a consciousness of his part of the blame. So Ellsworth and Jewell people are rolling up their sleeves and are going to clean house awhile.—Clarion News.

LANDLORD AND RENTER CLASH

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Weers, who live in Oseola township, a short distance from Ackley, hailed into the court of Justice of the Peace Sharpe last Monday on a charge of threatening to do corporal injury to Fred W. Clawson, who also resides near Ackley. The Weers, who came to this country a few ag from Holland and have as yet only only barely learned the American language, lease a farm from Clawson, and when he went to the place recently to collect his rent Mr. Weer was either unable to pay or refused to pay him and told Clawson to get off the place and not come back.

It is stated that Mrs. Weers threatened to stab Clawson to death frist with the ax, then the pitchfork, and finally she picked up a club and threatened to stab him with that. Of course she would have been unable to stab him with a club, but her confusion and ignorance of the American language caused her to get her vocabulary crossed.

Mr. and Mrs. Weer, followed a conference here, agreed to pay the costs of the case, and they were given to understand that in the United States people are not allowed to go about making threats on other people's lives and telling them that they should be killed if they were ever seen alone. —Hampton Chronicle.

It Happens In the Best Regulated Families

Mr. Louis Kastler and Miss Edith Freese were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage, Wednesday afternoon, at six o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Walker, the single ring ceremony being used. The bride and groom were accompanied by his brother and sister, Robert and Nellie Kastler.

The groom is a farmer living 7 a charming young lady of Belmond, miles north of Clarion. His bride is and they are now at home on the farm noth of Clarion. The News extends congratulations and best wishes.—News.

Mrs. Fred Lynch has been visiting at Spencer the past week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winey.

CORWITH MUDER CASE AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

OnAugust 31, last year, the body of Glen Wildman, a young man about nineteen years of age, was found in a barn on a farm that he had been operating near Corwith. The circumstaces regarding his death were rather mysterious and it was reported that he was found lying upon the floor of the barn dead, his body in death form covered with a horse blanket. In one hand he held a 32 calibre revolver. A bullet hole in his head evidently caused his death. The barn was said to have been locked from the outside when the body was discovered and everything pointed to his having committed suicide. Officers worked upon the case and apparently suspicion rested upon the brother who found the body but when the was presented to the grand jury it was considered insufficent evidence for an indictment. A note was found that said something about intended suicide. This note was questioned and an expert on hand writing pronounced it the hand writing of the deceased, so for a time the matter was dropped. Evidently the brother was not satisfied and thru his demands the state has again taken up the matter and men have been working on the case for several weeks. The brother and other relatives of the family maintain he is innocent and have at all times although the evidence is such that they themselves believe a crime was committed and are anxious to learn the truth.

Young Wildman stood well in the community and his death was a great shock to his friends. If a murder was committed they want to know it and in justice to the suspicioned he should be vindicated of the awful charge if the new evidence that has been secured will do it.—Algona Republican.

HOG MARKET BREAKS LAST WEER

The sharp break in the hog market last week caused considerable anxiety among the producers, but when the facts of the situation are known it becomes evident that a slump in prices was unvoidable. Good prices paid for hogs have attracted heavy receipts, and while August has generally been a light hog receiving month, figures thus far this month show that receipts have broken all records at the leading markets. Last week's Chicago receipts totalled around 120,000 hogs, which is about 20,000 more than the ten-year average for the same week. These liberal receipts, which were far beyond the demand, and the big break in provisions during the week are the principal reasons given for the break.

Although export demand for pork has kept up, the runs were too heavy for good prices to hold, but if lighter runs prevail during the latter part of this month, it is likely that a change for the better will be brought about. However, hogs are still high above the level of corn prices and will show a good profit at present market prices.

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Mrs. Hamilton went to Estherville on last Friday where she is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stockdale for a few days.

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Miss Nellie Delaney was a recent guest at the home of Miss Marie Sullivan at Clarion.

J. R. Larson and wife were guests at the W. O. Butterfield home on this week Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche Jennings of Rowan was a caller in this city on Tuesday of this week.

Allen Stockdale from Estherville was a Belmond caller on Thursday and Friday of last week. He was formerly a resident of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Hero Frohling of Belmond were over Sunday visitors at the home of their daughter here, Mrs. Harry Brooks. —Klemme Times.

Bring your fall cleaning to the New Belmond Tailor Shop, South of Hotel.

Miss Bernice Murphy, niece of Mrs. John Campbell, returned home to Cedar Rapids Wednesday after a visit here. Another niece, Miss Fern Murphy, returns today.

"The Way To Wealth"

Says Franklin, "is as plain as the road to the market. Our failures are not caused by not knowing what to do, or how to do it, but because of the lack of will to do what we ought—lack of determination. Every man knows that he ought to save—almost every man can save, but lacks the will to start saving. So he lives on, spending money as fast as he earns it—but he's nothing to show for it.

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We Pay 5 per cent Interest On Savings Accounts.

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Home Baking at the Woman's Exchange

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Nut Bread, per loaf	35c
Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
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Nut Cake	50c
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Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
Drop Cookies, dozen	25c
Baked Beans, pint	20c

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Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adams were among the few local fans who went to the county seat last Friday to see the ball game between Clarion and Belmond.

Rev. Meier, of Manson, who has been in Belmond the past couple of weeks spending his vacation visiting at the home of relatives here, returned last week Thursday to his pastorate at Manson.

The Independent's "Mileageg" list" in last week's issue apparently met with considerable approval, as numerous comments were made regarding it. The Independent would appreciate any corrections that might be made.

All reports of the North Iowa Fair held last week at Mason City that have come to ye ed's ears were that it was very good, with large crowds and plenty doing. A considerable number of Belmond people attended.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barry, who has been ailing for some time, is reported much better.

Thonton holds its "Big Day" today, Thursday, when roast ox will be the feature of the eats program. The Hampton and Thornton ball teams play in the afternoon, and various stunts and sports will fill up the program. Thornton always has a good time at its ox day, and this year will doubtless meet the record. A number of Belmond folks are planning on attending.

The Hampton team "loaded up" for the game with Kanawha last week Wednesday, and as a result trimmed the hefty swatters from the lakes by 6 to 5.

The Garner and Klemme bands held a union concert last week at the latter place, the two bands combining for the evening. The reports of the unusual event are highly flattering, the result being very pleasing to the large crowd which attended.

A dentist at Garner is the latest victim of the traveling thieves, who visited his office one night recently and took all the gold he had in the shop for filling teeth.

Mrs. Ruth Williams, and infant daughter of Iowa City has been a guest the past week at the home of Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. L. R. Huntington, of this place.

We do all kinds of Spouting and Deck work. Get your order in now. [illegible] Hardware. t

A short stretch of the county paving has been opened on the road east from Garner, and is now being tra eled. Eventually the road will be paved from Garner to Mason City.

FOR SALE—P. & O. riding beet lifter, new. Will take half what it cost me. Geo. Polmateer. 2tpd

Mrs. L. R. Parsons accompanied her husband to Clarion Friday of last week to see the ball game there.

A certain housewife of Belmond, one day last week, canned forty-one quarts of apples in the day, and she had three children and company to look after. Did any man in the city work as hard or accomplish as much that day?

Mrs. J. F. Henn was at Dows one day last week attending a Farm Bureau picnic held at that place. She reports a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinlicht and family drove to Britt Saturday afternoon, where they spent the week-end at the home of relatives there. Henry is talking about going back to farming near Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Henn were at Meservey last week, attending the funeral of Mr. Prelipp, who was fatally injured in a runaway recently.

About twenty fans from Belmond went to the county seat last Friday to see "Brown's Colts" perform with the Belmond team.

FOUND—Girl's cloak. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying charges. 2tc

Miss Beatrice Leinbach left Monday morning for Lake Geneva where she will attend the Y. W. C. A. conference being held there. This conference will last ten days and Miss Leinbach is the representative of Coe College at the conference she being the president of the Y. W. C. A. at Coe for the coming year.

Rich Ziska is back on the city mail route after a vacation the past couple weeks spent in visiting at various points in the state.

Wanted—Family laundry and mending. Leave orders at this office. tfc

For Rent—Four room house, one block north of Community Service Station. Inquire F. C. Meacham.

Sugar Dale Dairy fresh milk eight cents a quart, and cream 30 cents a pint, at the Cash Meat Market. Phone 60. 2tc

A large number of the Belmond fans accompanied the ball team to Lake View park on Sunday to see the game there between Belmond and Kanawha.

The roads about the lakes near Kanawha are about the worst in this part of the country just now, full of bumps and holes every few feet. It gives the rider in a car a ride like you get on the roller coaster at Clear Lake and pay a dime for.

Aluminum ware one-third off at Hollman's, this week only.

Clear Quill flour $2.50, per sack at Hollman's. One week only.

For Rent—Two rooms nicely furnished, parlor and bedroom. Call at Galliger residence. Phone 116. 1tc

Miss Lindell of Oakland, Nebraska, came Monday for a visit at the home of her friend, Mrs. Wm. Sheriff.

Sugar Dale Dairy fresh milk eight cents a quart, and cream 30 cents a pint, at the Cash Meat Market. Phone 60. 2tc

Fresh Bread on Sunday at the Belmond Bakery. tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Strieby entertained Mr. Strieby's brother and family from Garner over the week end.

It is reported that Bert Anfinson has purchased the Chas. Longley property in Belmond and will move into his new home as soon as some repairs can be made.

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Mrs. J. E. Miller of Rowan was in town on Tuesday of this week, assisting Mrs. J. F. Henn in some of the arrangements for the picnic held Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Savogue and Mrs. Reed of Goodell were visitors at the W. O. Butterfield home recently.

Mrs. Glen Clark and Mrs. McNutt of Goodell were calling on friends here on Monday.

Miss McKorno from Fort Dodge was visiting friends here on Tuesday of this week.

Two slightly used suits of clothes for sale, size 38. Price reasonable. Call at the New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of the hotel. tfc

Mrs. Otto Hansen and Miss Mary Thompson left recently for Rochester to consult medical authorities.

The local school will open on the 5th of September according to recent advises.

Mrs. Furuseth underwent an operation at the hospital in Rochester last week and is reported as being on the road to recovery. Her daughters, the Mesdames H. F. Luick and O. T. Jacobson have been with her, and her two sons-in-law have been there part of the time also.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stokes from Minnesota have been visiting the past week or two with friends and relatives in Belmond and the surrounding vicinity.

Miss Clare Lewis, the stenographer at the Klemme office, has been in Kenyon, Minnesota, the past week enjoying her vacation by visiting at the home of friends there.

The F. O. Fitts, C. O. Fitts, C. C. Benson and J J. Flynn families are listed among those who have recently visited the grotto at West Bend.

Rev. Insko, wife and two sons have been visiting this week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Edge. Rev. Insko was a classmate of Rev. Edge in college, and has been engaged in Missionary work in India for the past five years. Sunday morning at the M. E. church he delivered a lecture on India and conditions that prevail in that country.

CAROLINE LARSON NELSON

Caroline Larson was born in Norway December, 19, 1854 and died at her home in Belmond August, 16, 1921. Her parents came to the United States in 1857 and settled in Lafayette Co. Wisconsin. She was married to Ole M. Nelson June 9, 1875. Two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nelson moved to Iowa and settled near Dows where they lived until 1903 when they moved to Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were the parents of eight children four of whom survive their mother's death. They are Oscar, Pearle and Otis of Belmond, Iowa and Mrs. Mable Lindberg, of Boston Mass.

Mrs. Nelson was brought up in the Norwegion Luthern church and was faithful in her duites as far as health circumstances permitted. A year ago last July she had a stroke of paralysis since which time her health has been gradually failing and for the past ten weeks she has been confined to her bed.

She was a true and faithful wife and a kind and loving mother and she has gone on to await the coming of those who were near and dear to her on earth. She rests from her labors but her works follow her.

Funeral services were held at the home on Thursday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Leinbach.

Miss Doris Bailey has been visiting friends the past few days at C[illegible] with.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith and F. E. Snyder and wife drove to Mason City last week Friday where they spent the day taking in the doings at the fair.

Prices reduced on spectacles. Perfectly ground glasses and gold filled bows. Formerly $5.00, now $4.00.—Schultz Drug C. 1tc

Mr. and Mrs. O. Young and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Russell drove to Nashua Sunday where they visited with friends and attended services in "The Little Brown Church In The Vale." They were joined by a party of relatives and friends from Thornton, there being seventeen in the whole party.

The C. H. Pullin family have been released from the quarantine for scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker have returned from their trip to Illinois, where they have been the past two or three weeks visiting various relatives.

C. H. Pullin came donw from Minnesota, where he is working, to be with his family over the week end.

Mrs. Howad Young and son from Thornton were guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Osbon Young of this place.

The Independent was represented in a small suit Tuesday in Justice Purdys court, the action being against parties from Dows.

Take home a pound of Webster' seven cents.—Schultz Drug Co.

Miss Josie Gealow returned on this week Monday to her duties at Washington, D. C., where she is assistant auditor in the government income tax bureau. She has been spending a two-week's vacation here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gealow.

Mrs. Herman Schultz and little son have been spending the past week at the home of relatives and friends in Iowa City.

Mrs. Harbison has been making an extended visit at the home of relatives and friends in the southern part of the state the past two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Klemme and daughter Ruth returned the first of the week from California, where they have been spending the past several months.

Farmers know the Best. They buy Fresh Bread which keeps for days. They realize the difference in quality of bread for they buy Belmond Bakery Bread. 1tc

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Theo. Hansen of Rowan, one of the leading merchants of that place, was in town one day last week looking over some of the business buildings here. Mr. Hansen is erecting a new store at Rowan and was looking for the best ideas along that line that he could find.

Belmond, Kanawha, Lake Mills and Mason City are the four teams who will do battle at the base ball tournament to be held at that place next week.

The Belmond ball team went down to Dows on Tuesday afternoon of this week and met the heavily loaded team from that place, and incidently defeat to the tune of 6 to 2. It was justly deserved, for they took a team composed of men who hadn't played together all summer, and some who hadn't played at all before. Louie Baldridge pitched for Belmond the first five or six innings, when he was removed and Pillmer put in. Aside from the first man or two up after Pillmer went in there was nothing doing for Dows. Cort Morse caught, Dave Luick playing short, and the rest were more or less experienced players, while Dows had a team composed partly of salaried men. The game was a farce.

Mrs. J. R. Thayer and son Harley visited at the L. W. Wendell home at Nora Springs the latter part of the week.

Quite a few Belmond folks are planning on going to the state fair at Des Moines, which started this week. A considerable number plan to drive down if the weather and roads permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dorr were at Dows last week Thursday where they spent the day visiting with relatives and friends.

The Candy Kitchen is making another improvement by having a full basement installed under their building, workmen now being engaged in the work.

J. D. Walton, who recently went to Iowa City for medical examination, is expected home this week. He had expected to undergo an operation but it is reported that he did not have to undergo this ordeal.

ROBINSON'S

Bread, three 10c loaves	25c
Black Tea, lb. -	40c
Spaghetti and Macaroni, 2 lbs. - -	25c
Rolled Oats, bulk, lb.	05c
Rice, lb. - -	05c
Evaporated Pears -	25c
Coffee, lb. -	15c
Salmon, 2 lbs. for -	25c
Golden Rod Washing Powder, pkg. -	15c

Mrs. Louise Veeder and daughter Mildred were passengers to Mason City last Saturday.

Harold Kimmel and sister of Manly spent a day or two last week with friends here. They were formerly residents of this place.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sarber passed away Monday of this week, the cause of dicease being a form of summer complaint. The father and grandfather were in South Dakota on business, and were notified by telegraph.

The ball game scheduled for the Cornelia park Sunday was called off and most of the fans present went to Lake View Park to see the game between Belmond and Kanawha.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mortimer were in attendance at the picnic for employees of the Chicago Great Western railroad held at Council Bluffs on the 14th of the month.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Mrs. Owens from Oklahoma City has been a guest the past week or so at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin.

Thomas Kalvig was down from Kanawha on Sunday for a short visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kalvig of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peterson of Hampton and family were here Sunday to spend the day with relatives and old friends.

Leo Kenefick, who recently went to Colorado, is at the Mercy hospital at Denver where he is undergoing examination for tuberculosis. Since he was gassed in the late war he has been more or less troubled with thoat and lung trouble.

P. Treese and son-in-law, S. Sarber, have been in South Dakota the past week or two on business matters, Mr. Treese having some land interests there to look after.

Dale Walker, of Hampton was a visitor at the Lee Stacy home the first of the week.

Attorney W. E. Bullard made a trip to Eldora the first of the week to attend to some legal matters at that place.

John Surbaal of Garner accompanied by his wife were callers at the W. O. Butterfield home on Sunday of this week.

Mrs. L. A. Cloon is back from Charles City, and has rented rooms near the depot.

Mrs. Church of Goodell visited at the home of friends here between trains on Tuesday. She was enroute to Fort Dodge where she will visit her parents.

Mrs. Frank Clark of Goodell was a Belmond caller on Tuesday of this week. She was enroute to Omaha where she will visit for a few days with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were guests of relatives here on Saturday.

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Men's Work Shoes, black or tan - - $4.45

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Ladies' hose, white mercerized -	65c
Children's hose - -	25c to 50c
Men's overalls - - - -	$1.25
Men's hose - - -	15c to 50c
Crash toweling - -	18c to 35c
Bath towels - -	25c to 50c
Muslin, yard wide -	13c to 25c
Voiles, 40 inches wide - -	38c
Flaxon - - -	25c

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVE

Clifford Thorne, director of the Transportation Department, reports that the Interstate Commerce Commission is now considering the Farm Bureau's application for a general reduction in livestock rates thruout the west. The examiner who presided over the hearings has recommended a general reduction in any staple commodity thruout one-half or more of the United States ever recommended to the favorable consideration of the commission.

The Transportation department is preparing for presentation of the application for a general reduction in grain rates thruout the western portion of the United States. This case is assigned for hearing in Washington, D. C., before the Interstate Commerce Commission beginning on August 15th. Oral argument will be conducted at the close of the taking of testimony. President J. R. Howard will present the opening statement.

The Senate committee on Interstate commerce will hear from the shippers the last of August or the first of September. The hearing involves the proposed revision of the Transportation Act. Of special importance in this connection is section 15-A, which attempts to guarantee to the railroads a return of 5 1-2 or 6 percent above all taxes and operating expenses on the present value of the railroads. The farmer knows no such guarantee.'

The oral argument in the Kansas City Southern proceedings. One of the first test cases involving railroad valuation, has just been assigned for Oct. 6, to 8, in Kansas City.

The railroads have made an advance on switching charges for livestock shipments to the Chicago stock yards from $2 to $3 per car. The Farm Bureau has filed a complaint before the Interstate commerce commission asking that the carriers reduce this charge to $2.50 per car. The hearing will be in Chicago on Sept. 8. If the farmers are successful the saving to the shippers will amount to from $500 to $1,000 per day.

THREE THOUSAND ATTEND PICNIC

One of the largest community picnics ever held in the vicinity of Dows was staged at the Dows community park Thursday, August 18, when three thousand or more people of that community, coming from Morgan and Oakland townships of Franklin county, from Blaine and Vernon townships of Wright county, and the people from the city of Dows met for a good old get-together picnic.

The program of the day opened with a splendid address of welcome by Mr. R. W. Birdsall from Dows, which was followed by a mixed program consisting of several musical numbers by the Tri-Star quintette of Dows, several recitations and readings and two selections from the community chorus, after which the picnicers enjoyed the open air banquet in the picnic grove.

The afternoon program began with selections by the Tri-Star quintette which were followed by selections by a ladies' quartette and by the male quartette. Short talks were then given by County Agent Edwards of Wright county and County Agent McNie of Franklin county, after which the speaker of the day was introduced. Mr. A. J. Shinn of Woodbine, Harrison county, gave the principal address of the day. Mr. Shinn talked for an hour and a half on the agricultural problems of the day, laying special emphasis at all times on the necessity of the closest co-operation among the farmers themselves and the farming community with the town community. Mr. Shinn is a splendid example of a horny-handed toiler of the soil, a farmer who has made a thoro study of agricultural problems and who is capable of expressing his ideas before an intelligent audience. Mr. Shinn came as a substitute for J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, but no apologies need be made for the high class address which he delivered at the picnic.

An athletic program consisting of boxing, horseshoe pitching, racing and baseball was enjoyed by all. The baseball game between Dows and Rowen seemed to feature the athletic program. The two teams seemed to be well matched and everyone enjoyed the exhibition of baseball which the boys staged that afternoon.

The business men of Dows and the farmers of the four towships immediately surrounding Dows are to be congratulated upon the splendid spirit of cop-operation which made this community picnic such a great success. In order to make the picnic a success the business men of Dows closed their places of business for the day, in addition to contributing financially toward the affair. It will be remembered that this picnic was planned and organized by five committees, each of which had one representative from each of the four townships and one representative from the city of Dows.

WOOLSTOCK SOCIAL AT KIRSTEIN HOME

The J. E. Kirstein home about nine miles southwest of Clarion, was the scene of a lively community gathering Friday evening, August 19, when the regular monthly social of Woolstock township was held. The Kirstein home was packed to overflowing by the farmers of the community who gathered to enjoy the program which was prepared and staged by people of their own community.

The program of the evening was in the nature of a musical affair. The evening's entertainment opened with several numbers by the community chorus followed by a violin duet, a piano duet and several vocal solos. The musical program was followed by a splendid address by Mr. Patton, one of the substantial farmers of Blaine township.

Mr. Evan Patton, of Dows, Blaine township, was the speaker of the occasion. Mr. Patton gave a general farm bureau talk touching upon the present activities of the state and national farm bureau federations. He spoke in particular of the legislation accomplishments of the Farm Bureau and urged the closest co-operation among the farmers in supporting their organization at this time when the organization is in need of loyal support from every individual member.

CO-OPERATORS SHIP FIFTY THOUSAND CARS

Iowa's co-operative livestock shipping associations in 1920 handled a grand total of 50,000 cars of cattle, hogs and sheep. That is an average of practically seventy-seven cars per year for each of the six hundred and forty-seven associations which were found doing business last year. About half of the farmers of the state do more or less shipping thu these organizations.

These facts and many others of interest were found in Iowa by E. G. Nourse of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment station.

Generally these associations were formed to eliminate unnecessary expense in shipping livestock, particularly the profits taken by private shippers. While many private shippers take only a fair margin for their work, some associations estimate that thru co-operative shipping they save as much as seventy-five cents or a dollar a hundred on shipments. Mr. Nourse's investigation leads to the conclusion that the latter figure is too large when a year's business is considered, he puts the saving at nearer seventy-five cents a hundredweight, with an average of not to exceed 35 cents. At the lower figure however, the saving would be about $55 per car or about two million, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for all the cars shipped co-operatively in 1920.

WILL FIGHT HIGH INTEREST RATES

Excessive interest rates on farm mortgages and also excessive charges for commissions for making loans are among the complaints which are being received by Senator Kenyon at Washington from various places in Iowa. Letters of this kind are received by the senator almost every day.

Complaints are made of interest rates over 6 per cent and of commission as high as 7 per cent. The senator intends to call the situation to the attention of the senate in the course of the debate on the farm export financing bill.

Senator Kenyon holds it is especialy important that the federal goverment through the farm loan system and the war finance corporation as well as the reserve system liberalize credit for the farmers, and thus make extortion by private loan interests impossible.

Enactment is now assured of the bill authorizing a rate of 5 1 2 per cent on bonds of the farm loan and joint stock land bank system. The senate has passed this bill and the house has taken it up for final action.

Demand for the legislation has been strong in Iowa on the theory that if the rate on these bonds is increased they can be sold and thus money can be raised to enable the farm loan system to function.

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AUGUST GARDEN REMINDERS

Much work faces the gardener this month; as a rule the weather is extremely hot, while periods of drought very often accompany the heat, with the result that under certain conditions plant life suffers. Where the soil is deep and contains plenty of humus, sufficent moisture will be maintained if te surface is regularly stirred to create a dust mulch. On light soils deficient in humus, regular watering may be necessary, and a mulch of lawn clippings or short manure will also help the plants to come safely through this period. The garden will be looking its best and summer flowers at the full height of their beauty but to keep them doing well, hoeing, watering or mulching must not be neglected.

Are you practicing succession cropping? If there are any vacant spaces in the garden quite a number of vegetables may yet be started. For instance, bush beans, the snap varieties sown early in August, usually give a good account of themselves in this vicinity— Philadelphia. They should be ready for use in from fifty to sixty days from sowing. Early peas sown now do well if they can be kept free from the green fly, which in some seasons plays havoc with the vines Beets, corn salad, kohl-rabi, lettuce, Chinese cabbages, radishes, spinach and turnips may olso be sown. Young, tender vegetables towards the end of the season can only be had by making successional sowings. If soil and weather be dry, moisture must be given to germinate the seeds; therefore the soil should be thoroughly soaked and kept moist until the seedlings are well up.

The gardener generally looks upon the pruning of fruit trees as purely winter work, but much of this work might be done more comfortable now, and with greater profit.

The earlier raspberries are pruned within reason, so much greater will be the supply of berries next season. Immediately the crop has been gathered, pruning should be carried out by removing all canes which carried fruit this season. This will greatly benefit the young shoots now springing from the base, as it will allow free admission of sun and air. It is advisable to reduce the shoots by the removal of the weakest, leaving only six or seven of the strongest on each plant. Those retained should be secured loosely to the available support, and as the ground between the rows will no doubt have been trodden hard, just point it over lightly with a fork, then give the entire patch a dressing of poultry or sheep manure, later hoeing it into the surface soil.

Blackberries should have the same attention and treatment, but the stronger young growths might be pruned back to some extent to insure a larger crop next year. It pays well to prune black-currant bushes after the last fruits have been gathered. In this instance pruning consists of removing as many of the old fruiting branches as possible without entirely denuding the bush. The early removal of this useless wood gives the young growth left a better chance of developing and ripening. All young growths of the black currant must be left full length for this is next season's fruiting wood. Allow all suckers from the base of the bush to grow, for next year they will carry fruit along their entire length. After pruning, clean out all weeds, fork over the ground, and give it a dressing of manure or fertilizer.

Preparation should be made for the new strawberry bed. Get the ground in readiness so that the plants are ready. The onion crop will be ready for harvesting this month. Avoid allowing them to remain in the ground after the tops turn yellow. Pull them and leave in the sun for a day or two, then remove the tops and spread out thinly under cover until they mature. Then pack in baskets or crates for storing.

Keep all flowers picked; if allowed to produce seed, the plant will quickly deteriorate and further brooming for the season ceases.

August is a good time to plant evergreen shrubs, provided they can be moved with a good ball of moist soil adhering to the roots. Do not let up spraying or dusting; as the cabbage worm is often very troublesome at this time, dust the heads with lime or spray with arsenate.—Country Gentleman.

SURE, THEY HAD A "BLISSFUL" TIME

Under the heading "Friday's Game A Frost," the News had the following to say, in part:

"Never before had the fans witnessed such a disgusting exhibition of crabbing and useless beefing. *** It was a continual jangle on Webster City's part over nothin. *** Webster City staged the most disgusting exhibition of lack of sportsmanship that has ever been seen on the local diamond, and the game should have been called on them from the start. *** The fans, expecting to see a good game of ball, were disgusted, and many of them went off the field. If Webster City sends out such "crabbers" as they had here, the writer hopes they never appear again on the local diamond."

Same Old Story But a Good One.

Mrs. Mahala Burns, Savanna, Mo., relates an experience, the like of which has happened in almost every neighborhood in this country, and has been told and related by thousands of others, as follows: "I used a bottle of Chamberlian's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery). I had another attack of the same complaint three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended it to dozens of people since I first used it and shall continue to do so for I know it is a quick and positive cure for bowel troubles."

ENFORCE AUTO LIGHTING LAWS

All Lights Must Have Lens Approved By Highway Commission

Statewide enforcement of the automobile headlight law will be undertaken September 1st.

Within the past few days notices to this effect have been mailed to every county treasurer in the state. Lists of lenses which the state highway Commission have thus far passed on and approved have also been mailed.

Furthermore, that the manufacturer must include with each set of lenses all such stipulations as to installations as may be made by the Iowa State Highway Commission in placing the lens upon an approved list, together with such exlanatory matter as will enable the buyer to install the lenses strictly in accordance with such stipulation.

Must Have Tilt

All lenses must be installed with an initial tilt sufficient to cause the axis of the beams to be horizontal under the condition of load, which will cause the maximum upward reflection of the beam. The headlights on all Fords taking current from the flywheel generator, must be tilted nine inches per 75 feet in addition to the above specified initial tilt.

The dimmer requirements are set forth in section 25 of the motor vehicles law. The section on dimmers was revised somewhat by the last legislature.

Dimmers Required

It now declares that auto lights shall be of sufficient illuminating power to be visible at a distance of 500 feet and to "reveal any persons, vehicle or substantial object seventy-five feet ahead of the lamps."

Other provisions of the law include: "It shall be unlawful to use on a vehicle of any kind any lighting device of over four candle power, equipped with a reflector, unless the same shall be so designed or arranged that the directly reflected and undiffused beam of such light when measured seventy-five feet or more ahead of the light shall not rise above forty-two inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands under all conditions of load."

Spotlight Rules

"If a spotlight is used on a motor vehicle it shall be unlawful for any person to direct its rays toward the eyes of the driver or occupants of an approaching vehicle, or to the left of the center of the traveled way when meeting another vehicle.

"No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway of this state equipped with an electric bulb or other lightng devices of a greater capacity than thirty-two candle power, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or obscured.

"Any person who shall turn all or any of his motor vehicle's lights off for the purpose of avoiding arrest or identification shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction subject to a fine of $100 or imprisonment for a period of not to exceed thirty days or both fine and imprisonment."

COP LOOKS; SNIFFS; AND IT'S REAL STUFF.

Hampton Chronicle: C. E. Schoppe who was recently fined $50 for bootlegging, is in the toils again, but this time he is likely to get something a little stronger than a mere fifty dollars. Last Saturday night Marshall Hooker saw what he believed was an attempt to deliver a bottle of booze from Schoppe to another party. He at once demanded a "look" at the bottle, but as quick as a flash Schoppe threw the bottle of booze out on the street—and the bottle did not break! Marshal Hooker went after the bottle, before it was smashed by a passing auto, and he discovered that it was the real thing—just by looking at the stuff.

Schoppe was placed under arrest and taken to the county jail, where he remained until his trial on Monday. An inspection of his place at the southwest edge of town was made by Marshall Hooker and Sheriff A. B. Atkinson, and they found two stills, ten gallons of mash, some "finished product" and the "hole in the ground" in a nearby field, where he had kept his surplus supply.

When Schoppe was fined $50 for bootlegging a few weeks ago a still was found in his place, but he was taken under a bootlegging charge at that time and given a light fine. The charged place against him now is that of selling and manufacturing liquor, and at his hearing before Judge Sharpe last Tuesday he pleaded guilty to the charge, but as the local court had no jurisdiction in this case he was bound over to the grand jury. He is out under a cash bond of $477. If indicted by the grand jury he will probably haveto pay a heavy fine, or possibly will be sentenced to a term jail inaddition to the fine.

A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 18 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

CHAPTER XV.—Dying, Ann Rutledge calls for Abe, and he bids her farewell at her bedside. Following her demise a settled sadness descends on him. He is no longer "Abe," but "Abraham Lincoln."

CHAPTER XVI.—Overcoming his despondency, Lincoln returns to his work. Abolition sentiment is crystalizing and he throws himself into the movement.

CHAPTER XVII.—Traylor sells his farm and moves to Springfield. Lincoln plans to secure a divorce for Bim in order that she may marry Harry Needles, whom she has always really loved. McNamar returns to New Salem, too late.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Traylor and Harry Needles visit the "boom" city of Chicago, where Bim, now the mother of a son, is living with her parents. She has her divorce. Harry leaves for the Seminole war. An unscrupulous, rich speculator, Lionel Davis, desires to marry Bim, but she repulses him.

CHAPTER XIX.—Ruined by the panic of '37, Kelso dies and Bim and her mother are left penniless. Davis presses his suit, and, made desperate by the news of Harry's death, Bim almost makes up her mind to marry him.

CHAPTER XX.—Lincoln is admitted to the bar. Traylor ascertains that the report of Harry's death is false. He hurries to Chicago. Davis has swindled Brimstead, a friend of Traylor's, in real estate deals, and Traylor seeks to collect the money. Smallpox breaks out at Honey Creek, and Bim goes there as a nurse.

CHAPTER XXI.—Lincoln at Springfield enters into his life work. Harry Needles comes home and at once seeks Bim.

CHAPTER XXII.—Lincoln wins Brimstead's suit against Davis, thoroughly discrediting the speculator. As an outcome, Harry, resenting an insult to Traylor, fights a duel with Davis, in which both are wounded.

CHAPTER XXIII.—Lincoln meets Mary Todd and after a strange courtship wins her. Harry Needles, following a period of recuperation, returns to Chicago thoroughly restored to health.

"Let's go over and pay our respects to her," Speed suggested. They went, Lincoln being carefully dressed in his first suit of black clothes. Miss Todd was a bright, vivacious girl of middle stature, twenty-two years old. She was fashionably dressed and carried her head proudly—a smart-looking, witty, well spoken girl, but not especially handsome. Honest Abe was

Deeply Impressed by Her Talk and Fine Manners.

deeply impressed by her talk and fine manners and general comeliness. He felt her grace and charm and spoke of it with enthusiasm. But to him and to her there seemed to be an impassable gulf between them. She changed her mind about that, however, when she heard him speak and felt the power of his personality and saw his face lighted by the candle of his spirit. It was a handsome face in those moments of high elation. Hardship and malarial poison had lined and sallowed his skin. The shadows of loneliness and sorrow were in its sculpturing. But when his eyes glowed with passion one saw not the rough mask which the life of the pioneer had given him. His form lost its awkwardness; his face took on a noble and impressive beauty. To quote his own words to the boy, Josiah Traylor, his character was speaking as well as his lips. Mary had the insight to recognize his power. She felt the strength of his spirit. She agreed with her friends that here was a man of great promise. She felt the need of him.

To one who loved beauty and respected women as he did, the grace and refinement of this young lady had a singular appeal, coupled, as it was, with the urge of his strong, masculine nature. It was a revelation. He was like a young poet going out into the open and seeing for the first time the mysterious beauty of the mountains or "the exquisite, delicate, thin curve of the new moon in spring." He began to seek and study refinement of thought, of manner, of dress, of expression. He knew that he needed Mary, but had the feeling that she was not for him.

A woman who lived near the Edwards' house had a small, hairy poodle dog. One day, as Abe and Mary were walking along the street, they met this woman, who asked if they had seen her dog.

"I wouldn't wonder if some one down the street had got him tied to the end of a pole and is using him to swab off his windows," said Abe Lincoln with a good-natured laugh. "I'll try to find him for you."

Mary enjoyed fun and this and like sallies of the young legislator added a certain zest to their friendship. Women are like children in their love of humor.

The diminutive Douglas saw in Miss Todd an asset of much value and his attentions began to be assiduous. Mary was indifferent to his lofty manner and sonorous vocalism. Abe Lincoln liked her better for that.

She encouraged the visits of the latter and invited his confidence. The fact filled him with a great joy. They went about together. In the Edwards parlor he modestly told her of his work and his life plan. She differed with him on certain subjects which were unfortunately fundamental. He did not love her as he had loved Ann. But her personality pleased and fascinated the young legislator. One evening under the spell of it he asked her to be his wife. She consented. Then he began to think it over.

It was like Lincoln in his relations with women to get the cart before the horse, so to speak. The points upon which they disagreed came up for consideration. She could not think as he did on the subject of slavery and the kindred one of state rights. His manners were not like hers. They grew naturally out of one's history and character. He could be kind and gentle in his way. But, mainly, his manners would have to be like the rugged limbs of the oak. The grace and elegance of the water-willow and the white birch were not for him. It saddened him to conclude that he would have to be for a long time just what he was —crude, awkward, unlearned in the graces and amenities of cultivated people. He rightly judged that his crudeness would be a constant source of irritation to the proud Mary. As their acquaintance progressed the truth of his conviction grew more apparent. This, however, did not so much concern him as her lack of sympathy with some of his deepest motives. He decided that, after all, he did not love her and that to marry her would be committing a great wrong.

Some of the unhappiest days of his life followed. His conscience gave him no rest. He knew not what to do. He wrote a letter to Miss Todd in which he reviewed the history of his thinking on the subject of their marriage and frankly but tenderly stated his conviction that it would imperil her happiness to marry him. Before sending it he submitted the letter to his friend Speed.

The latter read it over and looked very grave.

"What do you think of it?" Lincoln asked.

"I would never send a letter like that to a lady," Speed answered. "If you feel as you say, go and tell her so, but don't put it in a letter."

Lincoln went to see her that evening and returned to his friend in a more cheerful mood.

"Did you tell her?" Speed asked.

"Yes, I told her."

"What happened?"

"She burst out crying and I threw my arms around her and kissed her and that settled it. We are going to be married."

What an illustration of the humanity and chivalry of Honest Abe was in the proceeding!

"I'm sure you'll get along all right together," said Speed. "Your spirit is jealous of any one likely to get in its way. But she won't. She'll fall in line and do what she can to help you."

Now, a little before this time, Henry Brimstead and other creditors of Davis had gone to Chicago in the matter of the satisfaction of their judgment against him. Henry had driven a wagon across the prairies and, returning, had brought Bim and her mother to his home and then to Springfield. It was while they were there that Harry had come down to Chicago out of the woods in a condition of health which had alarmed his physician. The latter had put him on a steamboat and sent him East. He was bound for the mountain country in northern New York.

Bim and her mother returned to Chicago on the stage, the former to take a place in the store as the representative of Samson's interest.

Harry was three years in the wilderness trying to regain his health. Success came to him in the last year of his banishment.

Toward the end of it he received a letter from Mr. Lincoln. It was written soon after that curious climax in the courting of Mary Todd. In this letter he said:

"I am serving my last term in the legislature. I learn that you are in better health and I hope that you will have the strength and inclination to return soon and be a candidate for my seat in the house. Samson will not do it, being so busy with large affairs. You are young. You have won distinction in the service of your country. You have studied the problems of the county and the state. Samson and Baker and Logan and Browning agree with me that you are the man for the place.

"As for myself, I am going to be married in a year or so. I shall have to give all my time to the practice of the law. I am now in partnership with Stephen T. Logan and am slowly clearing my conscience of debt. I have done what I could for the state and for Sangamon county. It hasn't been much. I want you to take up the burden, if you can, until I get free of my debts, at least. By and by I may jump into the ring again."

Harry was glad to obey the summons. Soon after the arrival of Mr. Lincoln's letter his doctor gave the young man what he called "an honorable discharge." The magic of youth and its courage and of good air had wrought a change of which the able doctor had had little hope in the beginning.

In his travels through the great forest Harry had met David Parish and Stephen Van Renssalaer, at whose homes on the shore of the St. Lawrence he had spent many a happy summer day. Three years had passed since that fateful morning on the prairie. Through the winters he had lived in a comfortable hunter's camp on the shore of Lake Placid. Summers he had wandered with a guide and canoe through the lakes and rivers of the wilderness hunting and fishing and reading the law books which he had borrowed from Judge Fine of Ogdensburg. Each summer he worked down the Oswegatchie to that point for a visit with his new friends. The history of every week had been written to Bim and her letters had reached him at the points where he was wont to rest in his travels. The lovers had not lost their ardor. Theirs was the love "that hopes and endures and is patient."

On a day in June, 1841, he boarded a steamboat at Ogdensburg on his way to Chicago. He arrived in the evening and found Samson at the home of Bim and her mother—a capacious and well-furnished house on Dearborn street. Bim was then a little over twenty-five years old. A letter from John Wentworth says that she was "an exquisite bit of womanhood learned in the fine arts of speech and dress and manner."

The store had doubled in size under her management and with the help of the capital of Samson and Sarah Traylor. The epidemic had seized her toward the last of her nursing and left the marks of its scourge upon her. It had marred her beauty, but Samson writes, "the girl was still very handsome. She was kind of scared to meet Harry for fear of what he'd think of those little marks on her face, but I told her not to worry."

"You are the smartest and loveliest looking creature that I ever saw in my life," said Harry after he had held her in his arms a moment.

"But see what happened to me—look at my face," she answered.

"It is more beautiful than ever," he said. "Those marks have doubled my love for you. They are medals of honor better than this one that I wear. I want to marry you as soon as possible. I've been looking forward to that since I was sixteen."

"Then I think I'll take you and marry you before you have a chance to fight another duel."

"I don't hear anything but love and marriage," said Samson. "We've been rassling down at our house to keep Josiah from running off and getting married. He's engaged already."

"Engaged! To whom?" Harry asked.

"To Annabel Brimstead. She's a little older than he is. She laughed at him and promised to marry him as soon as he was nominated for President by all his friends. She would now vote for him herself. He has become a good athlete and the best scholar in school. He has every boy and girl in the village working for him evenings and Saturdays."

"What are they doing?" Harry asked.

"Making those newfangled things they call lucifers. You can build a fire in a second with 'em. They cut splinters out of soft wood, dip their ends in brimstone—which Joe learned how to make—and put them in a hot oven until the brimstone is baked. Then a scratch will bring a flame. Joe puts them up in bundles and sells them to the merchants and calls them lucifer matches. He has invented a machine that will cut and dip a thousand splinters an hour. I tell you, Annabel is in danger."

He took a lucifer out of his pocket and scratched it on the bottom of his boot. The party looked with wonder at its flame which quickly consumed the slender thread of pine in his fingers.

"I have always thought that Joe would make a whale of a man," said Harry.

"We all seem to be threatened with immediate and overwhelming happiness," Bim exclaimed.

"The only thing in the way of mine is the national debt that I have accumulated," Harry remarked.

"I knew he'd think of something," said Bim ruefully. "If I wanted to abolish the noble institution of marriage I'd make him chairman of the ways and means committee."

"Harry, your credit is still good with me, and I'm prosperous," Samson began. "I want you to know that Bim's energy and skill are mostly responsible for my success. I guess we owe more to your sickness than you're aware of. If it hadn't been for that we would be plodding along at the same old pace. We would not have felt the need of speeding up. It was your misfortune that brought Bim into the store. If she wants to retire and marry you, I rather think she is entitled to do it. I don't want any more fooling around about this matter. Sarah and I couldn't stand it. She's kept me awake nights talking about it. The thing has worried us plenty. We rebel and demand action before anything else happens. We feel as if we had some rights in this case."

"I concede them and second your demand," Harry answered. "Bim must name a near day. I only need a week to get some clothes and go up to Milwaukee on a little matter of business."

"I don't know whether we'll give him a week or not," said Bim playfully. "A great many things may happen to him in a week."

CHAPTER XXIV.

Which Describes a Pleasant Holiday and a Pretty Stratagem.

Two days later Bim suggested that they should take a day's ride in the open and spend the night at the home of a friend of hers in a settlement known as Plain's End, Harry having expressed a wish to get out on the prairies in the saddle after his long term of travel on a steamboat.

"Are you sure that you can stand an all day's journey?" Bim asked.

"I! I could kill a bear with my hands and carry him home on my back and eat him for dinner," the young man boasted.

"I've got enough of the wild West in me to like a man who can eat bears, if there's nothing better," said Bim. "I didn't know but you'd been spoiled in the home of those eastern millionaires. If you're willing to take what comes and make the best of it, I'll give you a day that you will remember. You will have to put up with a very simple hospitality, but I wouldn't wonder if you'd enjoy it."

"We will leave here day after tomorrow. Our horses will be at the door at eight o'clock in the morning. We shall take some luncheon and reach our destination late in the afternoon and return next day. It will give us a good long visit with each other and you'll know me better before we get back."

"I want to know you as well as I love you," he said. "I suppose it will be like studying law—one never gets through with it."

"I've found myself a rather abstruse subject—as bad as Coke, of which Abe used to talk so much with my father," she declared. "I shall be glad if it doesn't discourage you."

"The mystery of woman can not be solved by intellectual processes," the young man remarked. "Observation is the only help and mine has been mostly telescopic. We have managed to keep ourselves separated by a great distance even when we were near each other. It has been like looking at a star with a very limited parallax. It's a joy to be able to see you with the naked eye."

"You will have little to look at on this holiday but me and the prairies," said Bim.

"I think the prairies will be neglected. I shall wear my cavalry uniform and try to get a pair of the best horses in Chicago for the trip."

"Then you would have to get mine. I have a handsome pair of black young horses from Ohio—real high steppers. It is to be my party. You will have to take what comes and make the best of it."

The day of their journey arrived—a warm, bright, cloudless day in September, 1841. The long story of those

The Long Story Was Told as They Rode Along.

years of separation was told as they rode along. Biggs had been killed in a drunken brawl at Alton. Davis had gone to the far West—a thoroughly discredited man. Henry Brimstead had got his new plow on the market and was prospering beyond all his hopes. Eli had become a merchant of unusual ability and vision. His square dealing and good sense had done much to break down prejudice against the Jews in the democracy of the West. Samson Traylor was getting wealth and a reputation for good sense. He had made the plan on which the business had developed. He had proved himself a wise and far seeing man. Sarah's friends had been out in Springfield for a visit. They had invested money in the business. Her brother had decided to bring his family West and settle in Sangamon county.

Agents of the store were traveling in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana selling its goods to country dealers. They carried with them the progressive and enlightened spirit of the city and the news. Everywhere they insisted upon a high standard of honesty in business. A man who had no respect for his contract was struck off the list. They spread the every-day religion of the counting room. They were a welcome unifying and civilizing force in the middle country.

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The lovers stopped in a grove at noon and fed their horses and Harry built a fire and made a broach of green sticks on which he broiled beef steak.

A letter from Harry to Sarah Traylor tells of the beauty of the day.

"It was my great day of fulfillment all the dearer because I had come back to health and youth and beloved scenes out of those years shadowed with loneliness and despair," he writes. "The best part of it, I assure you, was the face I loved and that musical voice ringing like a bell in merry laughter and in the songs which had stirred my heart in the days of its tender youth. You—the dear and gentle mother of my later boyhood—are entitled to know of my happiness when I heard that voice tell me in its sweeter tone of the love which has endured through all these years of stern trial. We talked of our plans as we sat among the ferns and mosses in the cool shade sweetened by the incense of burning fagots, over that repast to which we shall be returning often for refreshment in poorer days. We had thought of you and of the man so well beloved of you and us in all these plans. We shall live in Springfield so that we may be near you and him and our friend, Honest Abe."

It is a long letter presenting minute details in the history of that sentimental journey and allusion to matters which have no part in this record. Its substance being fully in the consciousness of the writer, he tenderly folds it up and returns it to the package—yellow and brittle and faded and having that curious fragrance of papers that have lain for so[illegible] in the gloom and silence of a locked mahogany drawer. So alive are these letters with the passion of youth in long forgotten years that the writer ties the old ribbon and returns them to their tomb with a feeling of sadness, finding a singular pathos in the contrast of their look and their contents. They are turning to dust, but the soul of them has gone into this little history.

The young man and woman mounted their horses and resumed their journey. It was after two o'clock. The Grand Prairie lay ahead of them. The settlement of Plain's End was twenty-one miles away on its farther side. They could just see its tall oak trees in the dim distance.

"We must hurry, if we get there before dark," said the girl. "Above all, we must be careful to keep our direction. Its' easy to get lost down in the great prairie."

They heard a cat-bird singing in a near thicket as they left their camp. It reminded Bim of her favorite ballad and she sang it with the spirit of old:

"My sweetheart, come along—
Don't you hear the glad song
As the notes of the nightingale flow?
Don't you hear the fond tale of the
sweet nightingale
As she sings in the valleys below?
As she sings in the valleys below?"

They went on, shoulder-deep in the tall grass on the lower stretches of the prairie. Here and there it gave Harry the impression that he was swimming his horse in "noisy, vivid green water." They startled a herd of deer and a number of wild horses. When they lost sight of the woods at Plain's End the young man, with his cavalry training, was able to ride standing on his saddle until he had it located.

It reminded him of riding in the Everglades and he told of his adventures there as they went on, but very modestly. He said not a word of his heroic fight the day that he and sixty of his comrades were cut off and surrounded in the "land of the grassy waters." But Bim had heard the story from other lips.

Late in the afternoon the woods loomed in front of them, scarcely a mile off. Near the end of the prairie they came to a road which led them past the door of a lonely cabin. It seemed to be deserted, but its windows were clean and a faint column of smoke rose from its chimney. There were hollyhocks and sunflowers in its small and cleanly dooryard. A morning-glory vine had been trained around the windows.

"Broad creek is just beyond," said Bim. "I don't know how the crossing will be."

They came presently to the creek, unexpectedly swollen. A man stood on the farther shore with some seventy feet of deep and rapid water between him and the travelers.

"That man looks like Stephen Nuckles," said Harry.

"It is Stephen Nuckles," Bim answered.

"Howdy, Steve!" the young soldier called.

"Howdy, boy!" said the old minister. "That ar creek is b'ilin' over. I reckon you'll have to swim the hosses."

They tried, but Bim's horse refused to go beyond good footing.

"You kin light at that ar house an' spend the night, but the folks have gone erway," the minister called.

"I guess you'll have to marry us right here and now," Harry proposed. "Night is coming and that house is our only refuge."

"Poor boy! There seems to be no escape for you!" Bim exclaimed with a sigh. "Do you really and honestly want to marry me? If there's any doubt about it I'll leave the horses with you and swim the creek. You could put them in the barn and swim with me or spend the night in the cabin."

"It's a cool evening and the creek is very wet," he answered. "I'm going to take this matter in my own hands."

He called to the minister. "Steve, this is the luckiest moment of my life and you are just the man of all others I would have chosen for its most important job. Can you stand right where you are and marry us?"

"You bet, I kin, suh," the minister answered. "I've often said I could marry any one half a mile erway if they would only talk as loud as I kin. I've got the good book right here in my pocket, suh. My ol' woman is comin'. She'll be hyah in a minute fer to witness the perceedin's."

Mrs. Nuckles made her appearance on the river bank in a short time.

Then the minister shouted: "We'll begin by readin' the nineteenth chapter of Matthew."

He shouted the chapter and the usual queries, knelt and prayed and pronounced them man and wife.

The young man and woman walked to the cabin and put their horses in its barn, where they found an abundance of hay and oats. They rapped at the cabin door, but got no response. They lifted its latch and entered.

A table stood in the middle of the room, set for two. On its cover of spotless white linen were plates and cups and saucers and a big platter of roasted prairie chickens and a great frosted cake and preserves and jellies and potato salad and a pie and a bottle of currant wine. A clock was ticking on the shelf. There were live embers in the fireplace and wood in the box, and venison hanging in the chimney.

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KANAWHA WINS AGAIN SUNDAY BY 7 TO 4

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his decisions—nevertheless it was a case of better pitching and nothing else that won for Kanawha.

An immense crowd, estimated at over one thousand, saw the game and they had their money's worth.

The two teams will meet again on next Sunday, August 29, on the Belmond diamond, and that means that it will be sme game. Every time Belmond and Kanawha get together there is something doing, and the boys are going to win this next game. or die in the attempt.

The line up of the home team, according to batting order, was as follows:

Sucher cf
Corbin 3rd.
Corcoran 2nd.
Unger c
Brown 1st.
Parsons rf
Ray lf
Baldridge ss
Pillmer p

Summary: Hits—Belmond 7, Kanawha 5; two base hits—Chapman 1; three-base hits—Gilligan 2; strikeouts—McCauley 12, Pillmer 2; walks—Pillmer 2, McCauley none; errors—Belmond 2, Kanawha 5; hit by pitched ball—McCauley 1, Pillmer 1.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Several cases of infantile paralysis are reported thruout Iowa and Friday an 11 year old girl died at Burnside of pellagra.

The damage to the court house, jail and county property at Eldora caused by the recent fire, has been adjusted at $2,941.50.

Last Thursday Hampton's baseball team, with "lefty" Wilson of Clarion in the box, trimmed Hampton's crack team in a 5-4 game at Hampton.

Two Waterloo lads were killed one day last week when the earth covering a tunnel they had excavated while at play, collapsed, burying them.

The churches of Goldfield are running weekly advertisements in the Chronicle. Altho far from customary, this is being done more frequently the past few years than ever before.

The Fort Dodge street railway company is defendant in a $25,000 damage suit filed by the administrator of the estate of Billy Bruhn, who was run over and killed by a street car on April 11.

Gypsum mills at Fort Dodge that have been closed during most of the summer were re-opened last week on the "open shop" principle. Twenty union men were arrested for interfering with non-union workmen on Monday.

In speaking of the 1921 chautauqua held in that city, both Eagle Grove papers endorsed it as a sucess in both quality of talent and attendance. A contract was entered into with the Keith-Vawter company for 1922 with more than 100 guarantors.

Victor Lauder, of Stratford, a young photographer, is engaged in making a historical film of the county including pictures of log houses, old settlers and other events and features that will prove interesting to present and future generations.

Two bandits held up the bank at Curlew, in Palo Alto county, at noon Friday, locked the assistant cashier, Miss Easton, in the vault and escaped in a Hudson car without a shot being fired. They secured booty to the amount of $1,000 and some liberty bonds.

Jail sentences and heavy fines are causing motorists generally to use greater care in driving upon the country roads. There is less speeding and fewer accidents, but there are still a few wild cases who need to have their long ears clipped.—Hampton Recorder.

The Algona baseball team has been discharged and the backers find themselves in the hole $50 each. This seems to be a poor year for salaried teams. When the small towns get back to all home players who play for the fun they get out of it they will find the public more enthusiastic over the games.—Renwick Times.

The ladies of the community will be glad to learn that our new hats for fall have arrived. We will be pleased indeed to show you the new modeds. Prices are lower than last year.

Dorenkamp & Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertleson and children and Oscar Bertleson visited Sunday with relatives at Belmond.—Dows Advocate.

Miss Nell Luick and Miss [illegible] Luick returned on Tuesday fr[illegible]terloo, where they had been [illegible] week visiting relatives.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

(From the Monitor)

W. J. Billman vs. H. M. Imboden of Eagle Grove is a suit to recover on a note in the sum of $420.

Auditor Walker sends word to the folks at home from Canada. He will visit Quebec this week and then start on his homeward journey.

A suit to recover $5,413.09 and costs has been filed by John Blau of Alexander vs. J. M. Craft et al to recover on defendants note and mortgage.

Miss Edith Vaughn, county recorder, leaves today with a party of Eagle Grove friends for an auto trip to St. Paul, where she will spend a week at the home of her brother.

Hester Moon, of Eagle Grove seeks to recover the sum of $3,268.48 from W. H. Anderson. Of this sum $1,000 is alleged to be due on promissory note and the balance on a contract to purchase certain real estate.

Miss Anor Graves, deputy recorder will soon resign her position and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Graves, move to Grant's Pass, Oregon, and make a home for Mrs. Graves brother, who recently lost his wife.

The T. N. Tibbits estate was appraised Tuesday by the collateral inheritance commission, Messrs Reese, Richardson and Stewart. An 80 acre from near Galt, also a goodly amount in cash, mortgages and bonds make up the estate.

Hereafter the sheriff's office will be prepared to take finger prints of all prisoners as by law required. Three prints of the desired finger will be made. One to be sent to state authorities in Des Moines, one to the Leavenworth penitentiary and the third to be retained in the sheriff's records.

The school election in Troy township resulted in the defeat of the consolidation. The vote as received at the county superintendent's office shows a total of 106 ballots for and 31 against. The rural district cast 31 for and 69 against. The law requires a majority vote in both precincts. As the school house was burned several months ago, it will be necessary to provide temporary quarters for the pupils.

The sawed off shotguns for use of the twenty-seven deputy marshals recently appointed by the board of supervisors were received last week by Shupe Bros. hardware. They are new Winchester repeating guns with a short barrel. Each magazine will hold six shells, which are to be filled with 00 buckshot, nine to the load. A bank robber who comes in range of one of these weapons will stand little show of escape.

Mrs. Weeks Seeks Divorce

Because of alleged cruelty and abuse, family desertion, non-support and the commission of other offenses Julia Weeks has petitioned the court to grant her a divorce from Anfin O. Weeks. She was deeply humiliated and subsequently compelled to flee from her home at Gregory, S. D. The separation occurred about July 15, 1920, and the present location of defendant is unknown to the plaintiff. The defendant was deeply in debt for groceries and other family expenses and abandoned plaintiff without leaving her any money. She disposed of her exempt household goods and applied the proceeds on the family debts, later she borrowed money of her sister to return to Wight county. The couple were married at Webster City and for several years resided at Holmes, where defendant was adjudged a bankrupt in 1916, his indebtedness being nearly $25,000. He conducted a general store and was postmaster. The wife further alleges that because of this trouble and others he fled from Wright county about October 6, 1916.

HOW TO FOCUS YOUR LENS

In seeking to comply with the new Iowa law against glaring headlights many motorists overlook the fact that proper focus is as necessary as a special len.

Focus is determined by the lamp bulb and the reflector, not by lens. Here is how you get it, according to the Des Moines Register:

Place your car, at night, twenty-five feet or more from a blank wall, or side of a building. Direct the light of your headlights against the wall. Turn out all lights except one headlight.

Open lamp door. Move the bulb forward or backward, watching the circle of light thrown on the wall. When you find the point where this circle is as small as it will get, your lamp is at "No. 1" focus.. Turn out this lamp, and focus your other headlight.

Then, to make your headlights legal, all you have to do is equip them with lens made for the "No. 1" focus and approved by the Iowa State high[illegible] commissioner. (All garages and [illegible]dealers have the list of [illegible]) This "No. 1" focus [illegible] illuminating engineers as best for all lamps and all road conditions.

There are two other possible focuses—"No. 2" and "No. 3." These are not practicable for the average motorist because they cannot be accurately obtained except by an illuminating engineer.

Among the lenses tested and approved by the Iowa State highway commission, some require the normal "No. 1" focus and others the "No. 2" and "No. 3."

Certain of these approved lenses are not lawful unless the lamps are tilted to a certain angle to throw the light downward.

For the average driver who wants to adjust his own readlights with a minimum of time and trouble, lenses that take the "No. 1" focus and no tilt will prove most practicable.

THE BOLSHEVIK SCHEDULE

Eeach has	365 days
If you sleep 8 hours a day, it equals	122 days
This leaves	243 days
If you rest 8 hours a day, it equals	122 days
This leaves	121 days
There are 52 Sundays	52 days
This leaves	69 days
If you have Saturday half-holidays	26 days
This leaves	43 days
Daily average for lunch, sickness and other causes of 1½ hours, equal	28 days
This leaves	15 days
Two weeks' vacation	14 days
This leaves	1 day

This being Labor Day, no one works.

HOW FAR IS IT TO —?

So many people who own a car do not know how far it is to the towns around Belmond, and when they want to make a trip have to chase around asking the distance, that the Independent hopes the milage list printed below will be of service and value to its readers. The milage as given is as near correct as could be secured and if wrong the Independent would appreciate it if corrections will be pointed out. Distances given are by road from Belmond.

The distance from Belmond to—

Town	Miles
Goodell	06
Klemme	12
Garner	19
Forest City	33
Lake Mills	49
Galt	12
Rowan	10
Dows	20
Clarion	14
Goldfield	24
Eagle Grove	28
Fort Dodge	53
Kanawha	14
Algona	47
West Bend	52
Meservey	[illegible]2
Clear Lake	[illegible]
Sheffield	22
Mason City	43
Iowa Falls	40
Ackley	50
Des Moines	90
Alexander	10
Hampton	28
Thornton	18
Britt	29

Evils of Constipation

Perhaps the most serious of the diseases caused by constipation is appendicitis. If you would avoid this dangerous disease, keep your bowels regular. For this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent, easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

Two second-hand kerosene stoves for sale. Also two second-hand washing machines, which can be equipped for power.—Townsan Hardware.

New and second-hand tires at very reasonable prices.—Christ Rise, Phone 85.

Found—Lady's coat, west of the Harry Bamford farm. Owner can secure same by proving property and paying costs. Inquire at Independent office. 2tc

For Sale—Three well-bred Durham bulls.—M. G. Luick, Phone 3506. 2t.c

For Sale—Two tractors, complete: One Titan with three-bottom plow, One Sampson with two-bottom plow. Also five head of work horses and two mules, one gang plow, one four-section steel drag, and one heavy Studebaker wagon. Inquire at the State Bank. 2tc

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The entertainment given at the Congregational church was of more than usual interest, and was very good. The two entertainers were full blood Sioux Indians, and gave the songs and melodies of their people in a most pleasing and entertaining manner. One of the men was a graduate of Hampton Institute, and the other is a Senior at Oberlin. The former was very enthusiastic regarding the Belmond band, stating that it was a splendidly trained organization and one which the town should be proud of. He is the leader of the band at Hampton Institute. The latter entertainer is a member of the Glee Club at Oberlin, and the two were exceptionally fine singers and entertainers. A good-sized audience was present at the entertainment on Saturday evening.

Getting Together

One of the biggest problems facing farmers and bankers today is that of providing ample farm credits on reasonable terms. They can solve it only by working together, says

The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

Our credit system is based on a 60-day paper intended to serve commercial interests with a quick turn-over. It doesn't serve the farmer, whose turn-over comes once a year. How can he be supplied with the capital he needs to run his farm business?

Because the problem of furnishing the farmer with ample credit facilities is one of such vital interest to the whole farm industry and to our national welfare, THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN has many trained investigators working on the plans offered for solving the difficulties. Their articles will keep you informed on developments toward easier farm credits. For an example, next week's issue carries a story by E. V. Wilcox on financing the marketing of a major farm crop. Other competent articles are coming soon.

To make sure of getting them all, you'd better send me $1.00 today for the next 52 big issues of this dominant weekly.

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...A MESSAGE...

This is the first of a series of ads we intend to run in this paper.

We are first of all a one price store. The price marked on the goods is always the selling price.

Second, we want you to believe implicitly every statement made in every ad. If the people of this country lose faith in the business of retailing, it will be because they are being educated NEVER to pay the full price of the merchandise they buy.

Pick up a paper of Mason City or any other city, scan the advertisements and see how few things are advertised for which the full price is asked. Mostly all the merchandise offered, you will note, is sold for less than it is worth. If every advertisement TOLD the truth, it must follow that many merchants would soon be bankrupts, for no store can continually sell goods for less than worth.

To speak the truth of the store and its merchandise, is the simple rule of Manley's advertisements. Manley's storekeeping ideals and practices do not permit anything to be printed or spoken, either ignorantlye.

Manley's advertisements are intended to give information about merchandise helpful to customers in making their selection.

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RIOTERS AT SUNDAY GAME ARE ARRESTED

Community Club To Have Big Meeting Soon

Child Welfare To Be Subject Of Meeting And Good Program Is Planned

IOWA CITY EXPERT TO COME

The Community Club meeting on Friday was presided over by the vice president, Mrs. W. T. Gfeller, the chairman, Mrs. Herman Schultz, being absent.

The meeting was one of the best of the year. The program was led by Miss Ruth Klemme, the subject being "See America First." Miss Klemme took that as meaning, see the United States first and she told of many interesting places to see that are as wonderful if not more wonderful than places in Europe.

After the program, delicious refreshments were served and the usual social hour enjoyed.

The meeting next month will be on Child Welfare and Mrs. Max Mayer from Iowa City will have charge of the meeting. Mrs. Mayer has charge of the Child Welfare work at the state fair.

The Community Club will hold a reception for the teachers the same as in previous years. The date as yet has not been set.

SOCIAL AT JENISON HOME

The regular monthly meeting of the Pleasant townshhip Farm Bureau will be held at the Oscar Jenison home three miles north of Belmond on this week Friday evening, September 2nd.

The program committee has spent considerable time and effort in preparing a good lively program and all who attend are assured of an enjoyable time. The county agent is to be present and address the meeting. All are invited, whether members of the Farm Bureau or not. Refreshments will be served, consisting of ice cream and cake.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Clarence Scott and wife expect to drive to Minnesota this week and spend their vacation visiting in that state and in South Dakota.

A number have lost their chickens by chicken thieves lately.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Helmar Hanson this week Wednesday.

Mrs. Anton Olson and Mrs. Eddie Thompson attended the musical recital given by Miss Barry's pupils in Belmond last Friday evening. Miss Zoe Thompson was one of the pupils.

Percy Swenson has rented the Henry Stockseth farm for next year. Percy, what does this mean?

John Eliason shelled corn last week getting 9000 bushel.

S. O. Windecker went to Thornton Thursday on a business mission.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday viitor with relatives in Belmond.

Geo. C. Cook began plowing on his farm which is tenanted by John Groh. Mr. Cook expects to move onto it in the spring.

Geo. Thompson and family of Palsville. Andrew Lieuwen and wife of Alexander, and Miss Carrie Baxter spent Sunday at the Geo. Baxter home.

Andrew Jacobson and wife of Belmond stayed at the Henry Lein home kept house and took care of the stock while Henry and family attended the state fair.

The item in last week's Independent regarding Leo Kenefick seems to have been misinterpreted. He is not suffering from tuberculosis. but is merely undergoing an examination.

COURT NEWS OF INTEREST

A note for $1150 now past due is the cause of suit by the State bank of Dows vs. H. T. Lambert and wife.

The Community Service Station Co. of Clarion seeks judgement against Louis Scheppler on his note for $144.

State Savings bank of Galt brings action against Martin Jensen to recover the sum of seven hundred dollars on his promissory note.

L. W. Schroeder of Dows will ask the court for judgement on a certain mortgage, now past due, in the sum of $395 and against the property of Sarah Osborne.

John McFarland, an Eagle Grove barber, is boarding at Sheriff Lang's residence for thirty days. Mayor Baker fined him $100 for becoming intoxicated—his second or third offense.

Kelly, How, Thomson Co. vs. Frakes and Kahl, a hardware firm at Woolstock, is a suit filed in the district court to collect the sum of $343 alleged to be due for merchandise sold in 1920.

G. W. Hansen, a Galt merchant, brings action against Carl Waddel of Clarion in the sum of $46 for groceries, etc. A similar suit for seventeen dollars is brought against Chas. Babcock by this plaintiff.

The Clarmond Country club is made defendant in a suit brought by Pearse Robinson & Sprague of Des Moines who seek to collect $360 for preparing designs, specifications, etc., for their proposed club house in 1920.

The Rock Island railroad company has appealed to the district court from the raise in assessment in drainage district No. 183 made by the board of supervisors. The increase was from $851.25 to $1051.25.

Numerous applications for the position of deputy recorder have been received. It is probable action will be taken on the matter at the regular meeting of the board next week.

The Iowa Valley Sugar Co. of Belmond is made defendant in a suit brought by Erwin-Brooks Grocery Co. of Britt in the sum of $446 for groceries furnished beet workers on the alleged guarantee of defendant's field man.

Seven German residents of Pleasant township have applied to the district court for citibzenship in these good old United States. They are John Peter Waltzing, Anneus Jaobus Meintz, Will Joseph Boelman, Ede Kriens, Luke Wessels, Nysco Boelman and Aielt Riekens.

The board of supervisors made a neat saving to the county last week when they rejected all gravel bids on the Goldfield west road and contracted for the same from local parties. The saving amounted to $1,25 per yard on practically 6000 yards of gravel, also an additional sum of nearly $1100 on the item of hauling. A pit was discovered by the side of the rad to be graveled.

During the past several years a total of twenty judgements have been entered against Carl Waddell, living east of Clarion. These ranged in amount from seventeen dollars to $1500 or a total of $5348. Mrs. Maude Falsey f the clerk's office spent more than a day last week in making proper entries on the various record books, figuring up the interest and writing checks for the parties concerned. A loan of $10.000 was made to clean up these matters and other obligations.

An escaped lunatic from an asylum at East Moline, Ill., gave some of the ladies at the court house a little scare Saturday when he appeared at the officers of the recorder and clerk and began quoting scripture in a crazed frame of mind. The officers were notified and Deputy Denger and Marshal Leonard later found the man in the city park. By communicating with Cherokee it was learned where he belonged. Deputy Denger took the man to Davenport, where Illinois officers met him.—Monitor.

Wanted—A Copy of the Independent for August 11th. Two bits to the first one who brings in the copy.

It is reported that the Belmond ball team has refused to play the game with Kanawha scheduled for Lake View park this coming Sunday.

It Was The Real Stuff; But Oh The Awful Price

Hampton Men Think They Are Getting Gallons Of It But Only Get Stung

A HIGH PRICE FOR WATER

Chronicle: Talk about money from the babies! It is nothing compared to what was done to a few Hampton citizens one night last week by a smooth guy who dropped into town a few days previously and took orders for some of the real stuff in five gallon lots at $20 per gallon. It is said that he took in $500 and instead of delivering five gallons to each of the patrons he delivered about two quarts—the balance in the can was pure water. You see there was a "container, within a container."

The aforesaid crook arrived in town, hired one of our citizens for a $20 bill to introduce him to a few "prospects" who liked to have some of the real stuff around—for medical purposes. He succeeded in securing orders from five parties, and the delivery was to be made in a corn field, a few miles north of Hampton.

The crook had a regular government tester, but it only touched the hole in the small container. It tasted like the pure stuff to the five patrons. It was the real stuff. The money changed hands, about $500, and the aforesaid crook drove gallantly away, with head up. The five patrons returned to Hampton with the precious cans quietly tucked away out of sight. After getting home a further investigation was made by one of the local parties. He does not get stung very often, but this was his time. Five gallons at $100 and only two quarts of the real stuff. The crook ought to have been arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses.

MUST OPEN CARTONS AND STAMP PACKAGES

A business man of the city, who has a permit to sell cigarettes, has recently made inquiry regarding the placing of revenue stamps on every package of cigarettes sold, regardless of whether they are in carton or in package. A letter from the Treasurer of State reads as follows:

"Permit holders selling cigarettes in carton lot should open the carton and place the required amount of revenue upon each package of cigarettes contained therein. Stamps must not be placed upon the outside of a carton."

A FINE STORY—BUT ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE

The Wright County Monitor said yesterday:

Witnesses from Clarion who attended the Kanawha-Belmond ball game at the latter place on Sunday report a disgraceful row in the sixth inning. A Belmonder became miffed at one of the decisions and picking up a ball bat started into the diamond to beat up the umpire. A free for all fight followed in which several heads were cracked and a number of noses badly disfigured. This same fellow has caused more or less trouble at the other games but for some reason he was not arrested. The beter citizens of Belmond are quite indignant over the whole affair.

Aside from the fact that the row didn't take place in the sixth inning, that it was a Kanawhaite instead of a Belmonder who picked up the bat and started for the umpire, that there were no heads cracked and no noses disfigured, that no such fellow has caused more or less trouble at the games, and there has been no occasion for arrest, the Monitor's story is a good one. Whoever informed Brother Harwood has Munchausen in the piker class.

OBITUARY

Stamford Trees Sarber, second son of Spurgeon and Jessie Sarber, was born June seventeenth, 1920, near Belmond, Iowa, and died after an illness of three weeks, August 22, 1921, at the age of one year, two months and five days.

He was a very affectionate child and dearly loved by all who knew him, and he will be missed very much by his father and mother and brother DeWitt and by four grandparents and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services, in charge of Rev. J. H. Edge, were held from the Pink Trees home Thursday of last week and interment made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

SHOWER

An item that was unavoidably left out last week was that of a shower given to Edith Treese at the home of Mrs. Howard Forristal on Saturday evening. About 35 guests were present and the bride-to-be was presented with a variety of useful and appropriate gifts. Refreshments were served and the evening spent in an enjoyable social time.

STRANGER PROTESTS AT TREATMENT RECEIVED

I am a stranger within your little city and while here I want to enter a protest to the good citizens of the town and call the atention of the council to a grevious error that is being made.

I arrived in your town Friday and parked my car in front of a drug store, in much the same manner as I noted other cars were parked. Its true that my car was the "outer" one, and nearest to the corner. I had business of small importance and my car stood there perhaps twenty minutes. When I was in the car ready to leave, I was approached by the city marshall, and invited to accompany him to the man who rakes in the sheckles from strangers.

In the office over a clothing store an old gentleman with a Vandyke beard assessed me $3.70 for "parking my car in front of a drinking fountain." I asked him if he was not ashamed to "do it" and he would not say "no." He said he was only doing what the city council had told him to do, when strangers, who have no way of knowing that they are violating some part of an ordinance that not half of the people in the town know about. Now I am not protesting about the measley little $3.70. The town council doubtless does not pay the marshall enough and the old genleman with the Vandyke "needs the money," too, perhaps, but I do want the good people of your town and your council to realize how much an injustice to strangers is being pulled off daily.

In my town, Minneapolis, when you go there you are given a round plate button that says "Visitors." That means that police protection is assured you while you are in the city; it means that every police officer is under obligations to "set you right" should he see you in error in driving or parking your car. It is an assurance that gives you confidence.

Your city marshall is not to blame; neither is the court officials; but the fault lies in the law making body. What is there, pray tell to indicate to anyone where to park and where not to park? What is there to indicate to me any particular ordinance or any rules? No signs are in evidence and no mark on the paving to prevent persons from becoming "law violaters." If your city council wants certain rules enforced, then strangers at least, should be first informed and if they presist in violating your "rules." then it is time enough to impose the fines.

Let me suggest to the council, that that august body place signs "No Parking", or at least paint a "white line" from the curb into the street to indicate that cars shall be parked "thus far and no farther." I thank you for the "nice, welcome reception" and when again shall I have occasion to "pass" through Forest City, I shall do so with the emphasis on the "pass through." Respectfully. A STRANGER.—Forest City Summit.

AUTHORITES PULL THOSE RESPONSIBLE

Kanawha Men Who Started The Fight At Ball Game To Pay The Penalty

DISGRACEFUL RIOT STAGED

Kanawha Fans Seeing Team Losing, Start Fight With Baseball Bats

John Cosgriff, George Cosgriff and B. J. "Curley" Lewis of Kanawha were arrested and fined yesterday for instigating the riot at the ball game here Sunday.

They plead guilty to the charges preferred, admitted they lost their heads, and said they were very, very sorry. Mayor Barry then assessed them as follows:

John Cosgriffff, $35 and costs.

George Cosgriff and Lewis each $25 and costs. The gentlemen said they considered the fines pretty high, and were informed that the next time they lost their heads it would be still higher. John Cosgriff was the man with the bat, who started all the fracas. The three had gone to the fair at Britt and were brought to Belmond last night for trial. Cosgriff stated that he just wanted to make an adjustment with the umpire.

They all promised that henceforth they would be good, and that it would never occur again.

The men admitted that they started the whole proceedings, that they alone were to blame, and that noone else had anything to do with them grabbing the bat and starting the fuss.

At the game Sunday, the three men became angry over a decision on base, and started out into the diamohd to "adjust" the matter. The umpire ordered them back, and they refused. Marshal Hal Nourse then ordered them back and they jumped into him, precipitating a general riot in which several knock-downs occured but nobody was hurt.

There are rumors that there are to be othen "adjustments" also.

The ball team has disbanded and reorganized with John Jones as the captain and Geo. Corcoran as manager. They play Kanawha Sunday at the lake, Dows Monday, and in the tournament at Garner the next three days.

FARMERS TO HOLD PICNIC AT ROWAN

The Rowan Farmers Union will have a big picnic on next Thursday, September 8th, at the Frank Drury farm one mile west and one-fourth mile south of Rowan. A splendid time is being prepared, the day to have ma[illegible] interesting features. Meekers' orchestra will furnish music, there will be addresses by Father Umphers and Rev. Pettit of Fort Dodge, both men with a message. Games and sports will be on the program. Everybody is invited to come, to bring their dinner and spend the day as the guest of the farmers. In case of bad weather the picnic will be held in the Rowan Sale Pavilion.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT REPORTED AT GOODELL

An auto accident of rather serious consequences was reported at Goodell yesterday morning, when Mrs. White and daughter were thrown off a grade and the daughter seriously injured. A physician was summoned at once from Hampton and is now in attendance. If the young lady does not improve it is understood that she was to be taken to the hospital at Hampton last evening. The report did not state how the accident occured.

FREE AIR!

Did you like last week's spiel? Well here's another: how's this one? We think it's pretty good—there's su[illegible] a lot of truth in it.

Free Air on the Streets of Belmond

Didja ever just stand on a corner or the curb of the street on Saturday night and just listen to folks? Well, I did, and I must say it's funny the way folks talk and act. The first we heard came like this:

"Well, Jawn, howza old kid? Gotcher plowin' done yet? Yep, sure is tuff but then oh heck, what's the usea worryin'. Yep, got done Thursday night. Howdaja comeout onyeroats? Pretty good; got 1900 bushels offa seventy acres. But whatsa usea raisinem when ya don't get nothin' for 'em? That's what I say, but then they say better times 're comin'. Say let's goin an geta lemmon coak [illegible] a Green River, whatcha say? Awri', les go."

Then pretty soon we heard:

"Gee kid, he's some guy—and Some Car too—O gee—we went ta Thornton th' other night an' we passed ever'-thing on the road! Say, why don'tcha go? Some dance, we danced for about four hours and some jolly crowd [illegible] I'm tellin' ya, kid. Comin' home we had a pu'chure but we didn't care, we hada 'ota fun outa it. Yeh, we got home about four minutes after three and gee but ma raved next morning 'cause I was so tired an' wore out, but it'sa lota fun an' a great life. The other party just said unhunh an' I'll bet and oh gee.

And hen—

"Say, I thought she was kiddin' me when she said that hat was $12.00. W'y, I c'n get the ver' same thing in the National f'r $6.25. Belive me I won't pay it with oats two nickels a bushel. Nothin' doin'."

A couple of girls came along:

"Oh boy, ain't that band leader just simply swell! Wonder if he's married or not? I don't care if he is he's some boy—don't he look swell [illegible] there tho? Pretty good band for town, but say, they hada fine band at the Fort Dodge fair, the real stuff. A feller had a horn that wound all 'round his neck and tooted right straight up! I was sittin' in the gran'-stand talkin' about him and he looked right at me an' winked! Gee! I know my face went rainbow, but I kinda smiled and he did too an' then after that ever' time they played he'd look right at me and smile. Wish pa an' ma hadn't been there."

Along came two boys:

"Darn that guy! How'he know I ain't 21? Funny a fella can't buy a cigarette in this man's town. I was in Clarion and got 'em two diff'rent places and they didn't say nothin'. When yuh wanta buy a pill here they look atcha like yuh had the small pox r sometin'. I know where I c'n getem and I'm agoin' ta. I ain't afraid to smoke 'em on the street. I smoked one right before Matt an' he never saw me!"

The band played a waltz. A couple came along, girl over-painted, hair over-done, skirts to the knees, the boy wearing a yellow tie, green socks, and holding onto the girl's arm. Said the girl:

"Gee, don't that give you the wiggles?"

Came along two old men:

"We-ll, I heard that ol' man —— had a purty good sup'ly laid up fer winter an' I guess th' way he wuz loaded when we thrashed he had the supply pretty well broken into that day. When his wife asked how many there'd be fer dinner he said 35, an' there wuz only 13 of us in the hull bunch. Haw, haw! Say, les geta a disha iscream."

Two young fellows came along singing "She's a ja-a-a-z-z-z ba-a-aby, an' she' some kid, to-o-o.' To two young girls: "Say, kids, doncha wana ride? Yeah, got th' car right aroun' the corner. C'mon, les go." "Are you kiddin us or do ya really wana take us?" "Honest, kid, no kiddin". C'mon, takea spin. We'll give ya a swell li'l' ride." And they went.

"Did you ear about her? Why, I was so shocked! Mrs. —— told me the truth about it from start to finish and I never dreamed—why it was just awful—and I thought—I'll tell you, but you mustn't tell a soul, because she told me not to tell, and of course—well it seems—"

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Twice each day for almost two months New York's great Madison Square Garden was packed with those who thronged to see this biggest program in the circus history. They saw scores of the jungle's most ferocious beasts subjugated to such a degree, that these beautiful animals leaped to and rode on the backs of elephants and horses jumped through hoops of fire, opened their mouths that their men and women trainers might lay their heads and hands inside them, or leaped from pedestal to pedestal like trained dogs And these marvelous dumb actors are are all on tour with the great double circus. The four immense steel arenas in which they preform are set up in the mammoth main tent. There is no additional charge—everthing is on the one program. And by "everything" is meant not only the wild animal displays, but the entire circus. More 600 men and women, embracing the world's foremost arenic stars, take part. There are almost 100 clowns. Aside from the ferocious beasts, the program includes thirty trained elephants. Troupes of camels perform in the rings. Five troupes of monkeys. pigs and pigeons. Fully seventy trained horses and Shetlands are presented. It is the biggest circus program the world has ever seen, given under the largest tent and, in conection, is the famous combined Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey menagerie.

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CUT THEM OFF THE LIST

The disgraceful riot staged by the fans from Kanawha at the game here Sunday should be the last opportunity given them to stir up a rumpus. They should be cut off absolutely from the list of teams with whom Belmond will play.

The utterly disgraceful exhibition of their sportsmanship on the grounds here Sunday shold bar them from anoter game this year on the Belmond diamond. With the flimsiest of excuses they started a riot which was only saved from being serious in its consequences by the prompt and efficent work of the local police force, who were in the midst of the battle in short order and finally succeeded in subduing the rioters. It was due to the foresight of the city authorities that all of the police force and extra help besides was at the game. The Kanawha Reporter may think that one cop is enough, but Sunday ought to be sufficient evidence that a corporal's guard is almost too small to take care of some people.

It has been just this way at every game the two teams have played this summer, with an undercurrent of antagonism held more or less under control until Sunday. Belmond was not to blame, they have endeavored to avoid every appearance of a fight, but Sunday the ignorant and perhaps half-drunk fans from the west who started the fracas went too far and the fight was on. Two Kanawha men, disputing a decision of the umpire, ran out into the diamond with the evident intent to do something. The umpire ordered them back, and they refused. Marshal Hal Nourse came running up and one of the Kanawha men pitched into him. Another man grabbed a bat and came arunning, the rest of the cops mixed in, the crowd poured out from both sides, and billy clubs, base ball bats and fists were flying thru the air. All because the Kanawha fans were too hot headed and tempered to reason.

They were egged on; Kanawha men who should know more, who ought to have had sense enough to know that a match touched to the powder was dangerous, were heard to urge them on. What kind of work is that, anyway? If the two teams cannot play without the fans fighting, then don't play. There is no bitter feeling between the two teams, they have contested on friendly terms all summer, but the Kanawha fans have placed the matter to a point where future games between the two teams should cease.

There is no need of further disturbance, just cut Kanawha off the list and let them travel their own sweet way. Belmond does not have trouble with other teams, only with Kanawha, and the best thing to do is to ostracise them. Let them play in their own back yard, but not in ours. Otherwise baseball in Belmond won't drawn even a corporal's guard.

It is to be regretted, for Belmond, fans or players, were entirely innocent of starting the unfortunate occurance Sunday. They had nothing to do with starting it, and left it to the proper authorities to stop, and the team or fans should not be blamed in any way for originating the near-riot. There is no excuse for those men who did start it, and they should be made to settle for it. All Kanawha fans who accompany their team are not beligerant and hot-tempered, and the whole town should not be judged by the few, but so long as the said few makes things unpleasant, then the best thing to do is to quit playing with them. When these fans saw their team being whipped, they simply could not stard it, and waded in. All right, don't give them another chance. It's a poor sport who can't take a licking.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT.

Hampton Recorder: While at peace the wise man devises ways and means of perpetuating peace. Early in November the wise ones of many nations of the earth will gather in Washington. They will talk peace in an effort to pevent further wars. Disarmament will be their principal theme.

Japan, it is stated, will send two hundred of her ablest statesmen and international experts. Apparently Japan does not propose to allow anything to be "put over" on her, if numbers and brains can prevent. The Japanese delegates will be suave and polished while in Washington, but they will be in deadly earnest. Not a word of a gesture will escape them. It is with the demands of Japan that we of America are most vitally concerned.

England, France, Italy, Belgium, China and other countries will send their shrewdest and craftiest of men to safeguard their own particular interests at the meet. Every sleeve will be full of cards ready to be played at the psychological moment.

It is with men of this stamp and calibre that the secretary of state and his delegate-aids will be called upon to cope, and it is no reflection upon their mentality to state that their strategy will be taxed to the limit. We are assuming, of course, that Secretary Hughes will head the American delegation.

Undoubtedly as has been our custom in the past, the American cards will be laid upon the table, faces upward. But they will hardly be joined by the cards of other nations. That is hardly to be expected of men who have been trained in an atmosphere of secret diplomacy. The American delegates will skirmish in the open against adversaries who are concealed in a fog of doubt and uncertainty.

Then there is another influence—a sinister one—which will harass the American delegates, and may even attempt to fog the issue among the foreigners. Munition manufacturers and others who profit from warfare do not want perpetual peace. International financiers of Wall street are of this class. If the conference puts an end to warfare it also puts an end to billions and billions of fat profits that would otherwise flow into the swollen pockets of these fellows. They will do their utmost to prevent a lasting peace.

But they are not the only ones who will "butt in." The woods are full of senators and congressmen and notoriety-seeking politicians who will be button-holing delegates by the wholesale. Some will be lobbyists for the "interests," while others will see in it a means of creeping into print. The whole gang will be there with bells on.

Again, this is a "dry" country, and presumably our friends from abroad will bring their "liquid refreshments" with them. The government could hardly object to this without being discourteous. This puts another temptation in the way of our American delegates—such a temptation A parched throat gets mighty dry, and its owner will often do very queer things for "just a little nip." When a fellow is "properly mellowed" he is easy to handle, and the "mellowing" process will undoubtedly be worked to a finish by the astute gentleman from the seas.

Truly, the American footsteps will be beset with both thorns and roses, and it will require the wisdom of the ancients to successfully sidestep them.

In the meantime we will read the reams of stuff that will be heralded broadcast by the Washington correspondents and believe a fourth of what we see. Even that may be too much.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Last Sunday night was the last of our out-door meetings and while the attendance was not quite as large as usual it was a fine meeting and full of interest. Next Sunday night the services will be held at the church but will be in charge of the young people and Mr. Ira Christie will be the leader. Let us keep up the interest in these evening services which have proven such a blessing to so many during the summer. Be out in full force Sunday night as well as at Sunday shcool at ten o'clock and the morning worship at 11:00.

An opportunity will be given Sunday morning for anyone desiring to join the church to do so. Let every one be in his place at all the services next Sunday and if possible bring a friend with you. We are here to help in every way possible and we believe that more would be benefiited were they present at the services.

The Missionary society will meet on Thursday afternoon.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional service at 7:00 p. m.

A welcome awaist you at any and all of the services of the church. The sermon theme Sunday morning will be "The Christian Attitude Toward Sin." And in the evening "America's Great Need." A special invitation is extended to the evening service.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society will meet with Mrs. R. H. Klemme Thursday afternoon, September 1st. Annual election of efficers will be held at this meeting and members are urged to be present

A Sunday school institute will be held in the church September with afternoon and evening sessions. The afternoon session is primarily for officers and teachers, but the general public is invited to the evening meeting. A representative of the Board of Sunday Schools of Chicago will be present and give the principal address. Officers and teachers from a number of neighboring towns will be present for the sessions. Keep September 9 for the Sunday school institute.

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Rowan Congregational Church

The morning worship at 11:00. Sermon "The Angel's Ladder."

Sunday school at 12:00.

Christian Endeavor at seven p. m. Leader, Miss S, Emerson.

Evening service at 8:00. Sermon "The Wonderful Man."

During the month of Sept. we desire to make our services as attractive as possible. It is cooler, and tre weather is generally good during Sept. and the farmers have their work in the fields about finished. We are planning for special music and addresses for this month and desire trat all will start in Sunday morning, Sept. 4. Come and bring your friends with you.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 Junior Endeavor at the church.

Wednesday evening at 8:00 the mid-week meeting.

The Womens Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Braden on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Leader, Mrs. Ed. Ballou.

Subject, "Big Sister Movement."

A good attendance is desired and all the ladies ought to attend this.

The Ladies Aid of the Cong. church will meet with Mrs. Chas. Berger on Friday afternoon of this week.

The W. F. M. S will meet with Mrs. Len Rowen Thursday, Sept. 1. Leader, Mrs. W. H. Nye.

Rowan M. E. Church Notes

Services as usual will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday.

Public worship at 10:30.

Sunday school at 11:30.

Epworth League at seven p. m.

Evening praise at 8:00.

Mrs. Margaret Azeltine's division of the Ladies' Aid will hold a chicken pie supper in the basement of the church next Thursday commencing at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing in the evening. The chargegs which are very moderate will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for children.

The two women's missionary societies of the M. E. church this year raised $400.

The Union Sunday school picnic which was held on the lovely grounds of Mr. Frank Drury, Rowan, was one of the best and most enjoyable in the history of the town. Absolute unity prevailed and everything passed off most successfully. All kinds of sports and races were indulged in. Such social affairs help to cement the friendship and goodwill of the community.

A very fine concert and lecture were given in the Congregational church last Monday by two Indian students, their names being Fraser and Southwell. Mr. Fraser had an exceedingly good voice and delighted the audience with his Indian and English songs.

Mrs. Wm. G. Avard who has been spending the summer with her son, who is cashier in the Union bank of Canada at Saskatoon, returned last Wednesday and is now at the parsonage.

Messrs. Mathiason, A. Rietz, C. Lindsey, W. McCallum and Rev. Tomkinson attended the state fair last week.

The local tennis club crossed racquets with the Belmond club last Wednesday. The Belmond club, which has a very fine team and who will give a fine account of themselves in the county tournament next year, won most of the games. Two of the hardest fought games were those between Belmond and Don Farren and Rev. Tomkinson, the former winning 8-6, and Belmond and Tomkinson and Duncan Farren, Rowan team this time turning the tables by a nine to seven score. The Belmonders were fine sports.

There was a large number of patrons at the tennis social on Saturday evening, the proceeds amounting to over $22.00.

Rowan School Notes.

Rowan consolidated school will open Monday Sept. 5 with a splendid corps of teachers The high school is offering the best course in te history of the school with plenty of electives to choose from. Quite a number are planning on taking advantage of the splendid opportunities offered by the high school. From all indications there will be an unusually large attendance.

The time has come when man must be prepared for his work. The man who is not prepared must fight a losing fight. Lincoln said "I will get ready and possibly my time will come." His time did come and your time is coming too. Will you be prepared?

The little daughters at the T. Lindsey home were on the sick list the past week.

Bert Harris motored from Thornton Tuesday evening of last week to see his son Leland who was sick. His wife returned home with him Wednesday.

Lem Rowen and the Aldinger family had the misfortune to run their auto mobiles together Sunday doing quite a lot of damage to the cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tressidder and daughter of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder.

Mrs. Mary Braden returned Sunday from a visit at Cedar Rapids with her sister-in-law who was sick. She was mucr improved when Mrs. Braden left. Mrs. Braden also visited her brother at Swaledale.

Russel Bailey has given up his job at Dows and will resume his school work next week.

Mrs. James Reasoner and her three crildren of Dows spent last Friday at the Chester Bailey home.

The Belmond Telephone company is installing a new switchboard at the office here. The men have been laying cables the past week. This will be a decided improvement to the service the board has been too crowded.

Sunday the Bailey families held a reunion picnic at the W. W. Bailey home when the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jennings and family, Claud Jennings, Mrs. Lillian Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailey and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bailey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings and family of Clarion, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond. this was all the children and grandchildren excspt Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Reasoner and baby. A very enjoyable time was spent with a very elaborate dinner served at noon.

Miss Laura McCallum is clerking in the drug store this week while Fred Hackley is at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten and family were visiting in Clarion Sunday at the home of relatives

Mrs. L. A. McCallum was called to Dubuque last Tuesday to help take care of her mother, Mrs. Baltes, who was taken worse, the complication being pneumonia. Mrs. McCallum had only returned Monday.

Mr. ard Mrs. J. D Pritchett received word from their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Pollard, of Twin Falls, Idaho, that their young son had had his tonsils removed last Tuesday. He is reported as doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hill and son Dale, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodin were calling on friends in town on Sunday and attended church at this place that evening.

J. L. Sinclair of Clarion was looking after business interests here on Monday.

Miss Frances Farren returned from Hayfield Monday, where she had been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris motored to Rowan Sunday and spent the day at the parental home of Mrs. Harris. Their son Leland returned to Thornton with them.

M. and Mrs. Gunderson drove to Mason City Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown, former residents of this place. Wm. and Letha Gunderson had gogne up there Friday and returned home with them.

Union Sunday School Picnic

The Union Sunday school picnic held in the grove last Fiday was a rousing suceess. There were about 250 present. A delicious dinner was served at noon, everyone putting their dinners together and setting at one long table. After dinner races were run in which the following won prizes:

Primary Class: Vera Hackley 1st, Bobby Farren 2nd, Arthur Emerson 3rd, Maxine Sheldon 4th.

Intermediate Girls: Doris Hiams 1st, Lucile Nye 2nd, Pearle Hiams 3rd.

Intermediate Boys: Chas. Sellers 1st, Lloyd Mathiason 2nd, Linden Whitten 3rd.

Senior Girls: 12 to 18: Vey Ketchum 1st, Delila Thomas 2nd, Esther Emerson 3rd.

Senior Boys: James Kercheval 1st, Duane Bingham 2nd, Sidney Ketchum 3rd.

Ladies' Race: Mrs. Elmer Burt 1st, Mrs. Isenberger 2nd, Mrs. Alt Hackley 3rd.

Men's Race: Mr. Tomkinson 1st, Clarence Lindsey 2nd, Ray Harson 3rd.

Fat Man's Race: Pete Mathiason 1st, Herb Hadley 2nd, Ray Azeltine 3rd.

Three- Legged Race. Ray Azeltine Jr., and James Kercheval, 1st, Melen Toyne and Evelyn Whitten 2nd, Clessant Azeltine and Dale Farren 3rd.

Man Carrying Race: Herb Hadley carrying Roland Harris 1st., Clarence Lindsey carrying Rev. Tomkinson 2nd, Pete Mathiason carrying Burt Hiams 3rd.

Boy Carrying Race: Kenneth Keith carrying Donald Mathiason 1st, Duane Bingham carrying Sidney Ketchum 2n Ray Azeltine Jr., carrying Dale Farren, 3rd.

In the morning there was a ball game in which the two ministers pitched the game, Rev. Nye winning from Rev. Tomkinson by a score of seven to five.

In the afternoon sides were chosen and the boys put up a stiff game against the regular ball players, the score being seven to eight.

Let there be more of these union gatherings and have a spirit of brotherhood.

Little Harry Steffens who is ill with typhoid fever is reported not so well the first of the week.

May Hyde has been on the sick list the past week, suffering from the epidemic going around which caused her throat to rupture where she had her tonsils removed. She is better now.

Miss Audry Benton of Wesley came Friday to spend a week with her friend Miss Grace Holiday.

J. A. Whitten's are having a new cistern built on their property. O. F. Braden is doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Jay Tice at Cornelia Sunday and also made the acquaintance of a new baby at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and children visited relatives in Blairsburg Sunday of last week.

Messrs. Ed. and Ray Azeltine and three boys left Monday to attend the fair.

Jesse Steffens was a Belmond caller Tuesday.

Mrs. J. S. Farren and children spent several days at Mason City and Clear Lake last week at the home of Mr. Farren's brother Clifford and family.

F. M. Myers and son Walter motored to Clarion to have a broken auto spring replaced Thursday.

Mrs. Casper Reasoner and little son Chester returned to their home at Conger, Minn., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M Myers left Saturday to attend the state fair. Their son Walter accompanied them. He will go on to Indianola where he has a position in a drug store.

Jesse Steffens began work as third trick leverman on Tower 3 at Hampton Sept. 1. He was over learning the combinations Monday and Tuesday. He will live here going to and from work by train each day.

Mrs. Peter ansen and son Joe accompanied Mrs. Hansen's daughter, Mrs. J. M. Stroud, who has been visiting relatives here, to her home at Wynet, Ill, Monday.

Mrs. Peddle has been very sick with Shingles the past week as a result of a bad cold. She is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and family Mrs. Lizzie Brooks and Chester Moellering left Sunday for Des Moines to attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. L. W McCallum are attending the fair.

Miss Gena Jensen came Wednesday from Chicago to visit at the home of her step-brother, Peter Hansen, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller and daughter Blanch went to Goodell Friday.

Miss Smith of Goodell and Miss Sadler of Eagle Grove, former teachers here, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. R. . Keith. The former will teach at Rockwell this year, Miss Sadler being employed in an office at Eagle Grove.

Jim Thomas came home last week from Williams where he has been working. He will tile around here for a while.

Mrs. Studebaker and daughters of Belmond spent the week end with her friend Mrs. Perle LaGue.

Irma Barker returned from her summer term of school at Fayette last week. She reports a fine time.

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver went to Clarion Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. Heathershaw, returning home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas and family were visiting friends at Mason City Sunday.

John McAlpine has been suffering the past week from a lame limb caused by a horse kicking him. He went to Belmond for medical aid.

Last Wednesday there was a family reunion of the Keith cousins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith when the following people spent a very pleasant time: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keith and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Keith from Trear and Mesdames Gene and Iris Keith of Goldfield.

Mrs. Fred Adams of Pawnee City, Neb., visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Esther Andrews the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitten and son Ralph and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller attended a farm bureau meeting at Clarion Saturday.

Kenneth Ballou is driving a Ford car since last week which he purchased from Gay Fletcher.

Horseshoe Game.

In a game of horse shoe played at Clarion August 24 for the championship of Wright county, Rowan received first place, Clarion second and Holmes third. Riker and Mathiason of Rowan won four straight games having a credit of 25 ringers in the four games of 20 points each game. They will play at the state fair for the state championship. Rowan should feel proud of her players.

Wm. Tresidder spent several days last week at Clarion helping his son.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jensen got some lye when playing on the floor Saturday. They took him to Dows to the doctor and luckily he had gotten it only in the front of his mouth so that he was not injured seriously. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Azeltine were called to Des Moines Friday by the serious illness of their daughter Mable who is at the M. E. hospital there. She was operated on for appenditis Saturday morning and is getting along as well as could be expected..

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls were visiting relatives in town Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Bingham is not so well again and expects to go to Chicago to the hospital in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were called to Dows Monday of this week by the sudden death of Tom's sister, Lopisa, who has been sick the past week. It was not thought that her illness was serious until toward the end. The many friends of the family extend their sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and daughter Gladys were over Sunday visitors at Reinbeck at the home of Mrs. Whitten's sister.

Last Friday noon Mrs. O. F. Braden entertained the following guests to a 12:00 o'clock dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Pritchett: Mr. and Mrs. J. D Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs Geo. Pritchett, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval. A very pleasant time is reported and best wishes are extended the honored guest for many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reitz and family were at Iowa Falls Wednesday visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hackley left on Monday to attend the fair.

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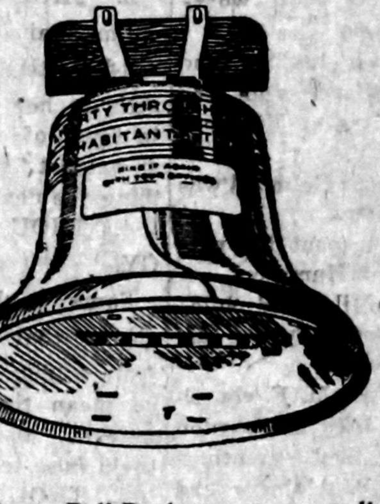

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ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

Fred Greenfield and son were business callers at Hampton Saturday.

Herbert Mallory and John Bohlen were callers at Clear Lake Sunday.

Theodore Beenen and Arthur Peters were Dows visitors last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and little daughter Mildred visited relatives at Belmond Sunday.

The Cemetery society will meet at the home of Mrs. John Arends on next Thursday afternoon, Sept. 8.

Chris Miller and family of Latimer were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and family autoed to Minnesota last week to visit with relatives at different points.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johanneson are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, born Aug. 23.

Mrs. Scott Meyers and daughter of near Dows were visitors in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son autoed to Tompson Sunday and spent the day with Miss Hazel Hendrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Armstrong, piano tuners of Clarion, were working in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Latham and sons Wilbur and Willard spent the past week with relatives at Minneapolis.

Carl Greenfield of near Belmond was a caller in town Friday.

Miss Velma Larsen spent tre past week with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd. Miles and children of Clear Lake spent Sunday at the Albert Larsen home.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. John Murphy on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. seventh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldinger and children were Hampton visitors last Sunday

The Charley Hansen family left last Monday for Des Moines where they attend the state fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pals and children and Mr. and Mrs. Casper Piel visited with relatives at Buffalo Center last Sunday.

GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Nelson and family have moved into the rooms over John Rahp's store. Mr. Nelson will superintend the Goodell high school the coming

The school board has put up signs in each direction from the school asking all auto drivers to slow down for the safety of the childen.

Three fine swings and a sliding shoot for the small children have been erected on the school grounds.

Mr. A. Boller, the efficient janitor, has the school building in fine condition.

The new teachers are:Mr. Nelson, superintendent; Miss Dows, principal and ; Miss Clara Johnson, who teaches the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The old teachers are Miss Quin, Miss Sandberg, and Miss Jenkins, who will resume their same work. School will open on Sept. 5.

Mrs. John Ahrenkeil is visiting friends at Clear Lake this week.

John W. Griggs is building a fine new cottage at Elm Bend, Clear Lake.

Arthur Savogue left last week for his work in Chicago, going by way of Marshalltown to visit relatives.

Mrs. McCray, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth, returned to her home in Oklahoma City last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hall of Charles City were calling on friends on last Thrusday and Friday.

Those who drove to West Bend last Sunday to see the grotto which is being built trere by the priest, were O. Sandberg and family, Mrs. John Savogue, Miss Louisa Ahrenkeil, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hughes, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Matson took their daughter, Mrs Stacy, to Claion Monday where she took the train for Anamosa, Iowa. At Anamosa she expected to join her husband on their way to their home in Indiana...

Walter Beier of Manse, Iowa, ... several hours at the parental h... last Sunday.

The county Sunday schools held a picnic Aug. 26th at West Lake. Britt, Corwith, Kanawha and Goodell were represented. The Boy Scouts of Kanawha and the Sunday school boys of Britt played base ball, the Scouts winning by a score of seventeen to one. Following the ball game a short program was carried out. Rev. Southgate, Congregational pastor of Algona, gave a helpful and inspiring address.

Mrs. J. W. Benson of Gladbrook, Iowa, returned to her home on Monday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Comins of Britt visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cordes last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cunningham are visiting friends at Boone.

U. B. Church Notes.

Slides showing the work of the U. B. Home Missions will be shown on Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All are welcome.

The Women Missionary Association will hold their monthly meeting in the church, Friday, Sept. 2.

U. B. Sunday school at 9:45 and general worship at 11:00 a. m. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and worship with us.

BILLY SUNDAY'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.

1. THOU SHALT NOT GOSSIP.

There are three ways to spread the news—telephone, telegraph and tell a woman. The devil is so afraid of some of you women he wouldn't get within 20 feet of you.

2. THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's cook, nor his automobile, nor his rubber tired carriage, nor his private yacht. Many a man would like to have his neighbor's wife. You let her alone.

3. THOU SHALT NOT TANGO.

I'm against the rotten, licentious, hell-begotten dance that sends more girls to hell than anything else. I'm in favor of everything that the devil is against. And I'm against everything the devil is in favor of.

4. THOU SHALT NOT BE STINGY.

Some would-be Christians are so stingy that they would steal flies from a blind spider. There are others so mean that they sing thru their noses to save the wear and tear on their false teeth.

5. THOU SHALT NOT HAVE TOO MANY BEAUX.

It's hard to fool a real suitor, and a man doesn't want to marry a girl that's been pawed over by every young buck in the community. The frizzle-haired girl that sits up in a dark parlor until all hours of the morning with one buck after another is on the way to perdition.

6. THOU SHALT NOT BE CONCEITED.

A conceited man is like a cheapskate restaurant where everything is in the window and nothing on the table but hot air. Self-conceit will always be a millstone around your neck.

7. THOU SHALT NOT DRINK.

The man who says he can drink or leave it alone lies. No man ever intended to become a drunkard. Every drunkard started out to be simply a moderate drinker. If you believe you can leave it alone, why don't you?

8. THOU SHALT NOT CUSS.

One of the things that show the foundation of a man's character to be rotten is to hear him cuss and vomit out oaths. I would not trust a profane man any too far in any transaction.

9. THOU SHALT NOT DODGE THY DEBTS.

Some haven't religion enough to pay their debts. Would that I might have a hook and for every debt that you left unpaid I might jerk off a piece of clothing! If I did, some of you would be left with only only a celluloid collar and a pair of socks.

10. THOU SHALT NOT FLIRT.

Sciety takes no note of the flirtation on the street. It waits until the girl has lost her virtue and then slams the door in her face. I wish I could take a girl who flirts see herself as others see her. If you make eyes at a man on the street he will pay you back.

SANDS MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A lawn social by the farm bureau will be held at the O. D. Jenison home on Friday evening of this week. A program will be given and refreshments served. All are invited to attend.

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NEW BATTERY FOR CARS OUT

An all-rubber storage battery—this is the latest achievement in the developing of the electrical system on the modern motor car.

Announcement of this advance was made this week in Cleveland, by T. A. Willard, inventor and head of the battery manufacturing company which bears his name.

In this improved battery, everything is of rubber excepting the plates or grids. The wooden battery box is done away with, and replaced by a hard-rubber case. This change has made possible another important one, for with the wooden box there passes the separate rubber jar heretofore required for each battery cell.

The new case being rubber, it has been found practcable to mould it with seamless partitions, which eliminate the necessity for jars. The term "Monobloc" which has been applied describes the one-piece construction very satisfactorily.

Between the plates, threaded rubber instead of wooden separators are used. This use of rubber, however, is not entirely new, having been started six years ago under Willard patents. It is in the developement of the new case and the bringing together of rubber container and rubber separators that the latest important advance has been made.

An all-rubber battery has been the goal of the industry for years. The biggest obstacle was the apparent impossibility of making practical rubber separators. This was due to the fact that no way could be found to provide for the free passage of the battery solution between the plates without making holes in the separators so large as to cause trouble.

The use of thousands of tiny threads, which act as wicks, finally overcame this difficulty and thus paved the way for the all-rubber unit.

The moulded rubber case, besides eliminating the separate battery jar, resists decay and corrosion, in much greater degree than the wooden container, being unaffected by the acid solution or by water. Also, since rubber is a non-conductor, it markedly reduces electrical leakage, which is especially likely to be present with wooden cases in damp weather. It has a tensile strength of 3600 pounds to the square inch and must stand 18000 volt electrical test. In making this test two wireless transformers capable of sending 1000 miles are used.

In a statement given out by him regarding his most recent contribution to the developement of the storage battery, Mr. Willard said that it was the result of an effort to produce a unit that would give as nearly uninterrupted service as possible, and the various parts of which would have not only longer but also more equal life.

"My purpose has been," he continued, "to make a battery like the one-horse shay, all parts of which would live to a ripe old age and lay down their different burdens at the same time."

No Subsitute Offered.

Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, when the best medicine for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know from what their customers say of it, that it can be depended upon.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

The Klemme band returned the compliment last week and went to Garner to play with the band there at their regular concert. A week ago the Garner band went to Klemme and played with that band. A neighborly thing to do. Why not invite some of the bands around Belmond to come and "sit in" with us some Saturday evening?

A. L. Luick was at Cedar Rapids the first of the week looking after some business affairs.

HOW FAR IS IT TO —?

So many people who own a car do not know how far it is to the towns around Belmond, and when they want to make a trip have to chase around asking the distance, that the Independent hopes the milage list printed below will be of service and value to its readers. The milage as given is as near correct as could be secured, and if wrong the Independent would appreciate it if corrections will be pointed out. Distances given are by road from Belmond.

The distance from Belmond to—

Town	Miles
Goodell	06
Klemme	12
Garner	19
Forest City	33
Lake Mills	49
Galt	12
Rowan	10
Dows	20
Clarion	14
Goldfield	24
Eagle Grove	28
Fort Dodge	53
Kanawha	14
Algona	47
West Bend	52
Meservey	2
Clear Lake	83
Sheffield	22
Mason City	43
Iowa Falls	40
Ackley	50
Des Moines	90
Alexander	10
Hampton	28
Thornton	18
Britt	29

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Try our bulk coffee---all guaranteed.

SUGAR - - $7.55

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Large can Peaches or Apricots, in syrup - 30c

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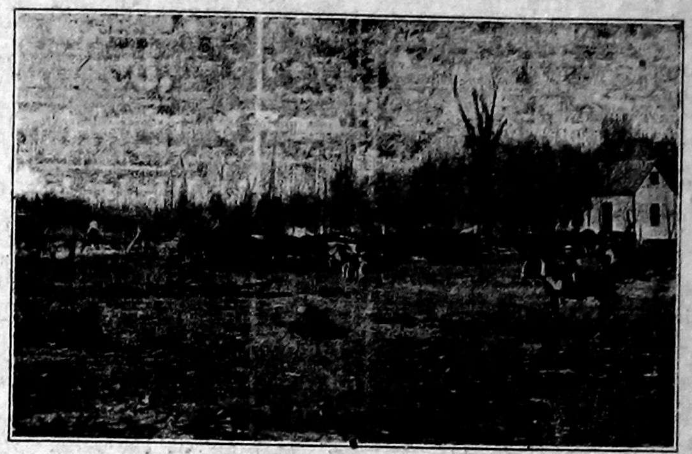
This Add Is Worth Dollars To YOU---
If A Renter or A Speculator Who Wishes A Home for His Loved Ones

Be your landlord---be your own boss. Was Darwin right when he said that without warning the finance would tumble---and take with it the Banker, Preacher, Doctor, Speculator and Wildcat Schemes, Stock and Bond Speculators. Did they get BUMPED? We need all of those men. They are useful to make people get sharper. However, we need more tillers of the soil.

We are selling the Soil---that is not Gold Bricks or Bonds, but the Earth itself---that makes the wheels of Commerce go---something that will produce the staff of life and plenty of it. If you have a few hundred dollars to pay down we will give you the ONLY CHANCE to make yourself independent. Look at the picture below---carefully.



Don't you think you can live on such as this? By paying a few hundred dollars down, and the balance in one-half crop payment yearly until paid.

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120 acres, three miles to market, about 60 acres cultivated, balance hay and timber; 5 room house, 16x24 barn for horses and other buildings. $800 cash, balance ½ crop payments. Get ready and go. We have 36 of those farms to sell. We want you as an owner of one. Pull the cash out of the old musty corner. Come let's talk it over, or write us your wants. You want the home—we need the money. Let's be partners. Be the owner of a farm. Take it.

Remember the only way you can get a Home is to work your own land.

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WOLLE LAND AGENCY
Belmond, Iowa

The Kanawha ball team played a game with the Dows team at the latter place last week Friday and won.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Nourse drove to Des Moines on Tuesday evening to attend the state fair.

Mail Order These Items

All orders filled same day as received. All orders guaranteed. If you think your purchase is not a profitable one, return it for refund.

Children's Burlington
Rib Stockings
All sizes, black and brown, a splendid hose for wear. Buy them for school wear 29c

21 New Shades in
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The old reliable "404" in nearly every good shade, send for samples --$2.50

Wonderful values in new 54 inch all wool.
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We feature a very big range of desirable patterns at
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Samples sent upon request.

27 inch Heavy
White Outing Flannel
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Our best grade of
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Bleached and of very high quality. We recommend this as a very good buy
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Belmond Local News

M. A. Smith of Meservey was a caller here on Wednesday of last week on some matters of business.

The ladies of the community will be glad to learn that our new hats for fall have arrived. We will be pleased indeed to show you the new modeds. Prices are lower than last year.

Dorenkamp & Greenfield.

Miss Bernice Wolle went to Manly on Monday of this week where she will spend a few days visiting at the home of the Kimmel family at that place.

Clear Quill flour $2.50, per sack at Hollman's. One week only.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry went to Des Moines to attend the state fair, making the trip by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bansman of Kemme were Sunday visitors at the W. H. Wolle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dipple started for Omaha on Sunday for a visit there with friends and relatives. They made the trip by auto.

Mrs. Wessels of Ackley, is visiting at the home of Mr. a W. H. Wolle this week. The two ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kragh and Muriel drove over from Clarion on Saturday evening to spend the week end at their home.

Aluminum ware one-third off at Hollman's, this week only.

Mrs. Will Rathburn will entertain the Chain of Ten at her home on next week Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Groen are the parents of a fine baby boy, who arrived at their home on Aug. 20.

Prof. and Mrs. E. S. Fyler returned last week Tuesday from their visit with relatives and friends at Shell Rock.

Richard Gowdy was a visitor with relatives and friends at Corwith last week.

Take home a pound of Webster' seven cents.—Scrultz Drug Co.

Miss Beatrice Leinbach attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva last week, as the representative of Coe College.

Miss Bernice Van Nice of Gravity is the new trimmer at the millinery store of Dorenkamp & Greenfield.

Mrs. Holden Nelson visited with relatives and friends at Clarion week.

J. D. Walton returned last week Friday from the hospital at Iowa City where he had been for treatment and examination.

Prices reduced on spectacles. Perfectly ground glasses and gold filled bows. Formerly $5.00, now $4.00.—Schultz Drug C. 1tc

Harry Tyrrell and his bride came up from Iowa City on last week Saturday morning for a few weeks' visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell.

Miss Lottie Wallace of Goldfield came last week to take charge of her brother's jewelry store while he attended the state fair.

Mrs. Strieby and daughter Beatrice spent a few days at Sheffield last week visiting friends there.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Miss Cecilia Barry gave a recital in the basement of the library on Wednesday of last week, her music pupils rendering a very fine program.

Mrs. C. J. Williams returned last week from Clear Lake, where she had been spending the past week or so visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cram of Bismark, North Dakota, were guests of relatives in this place last week.

Mrs. Golden of Cedar Rapids, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Moore, the past few weeks, returned to her home last week.

Mrs. J. R. Thayer and son were guests of relatives at Nora Springs recently.

Miss Edna Guest has gone to Chicago, and Toledo, Ohio, where she will spend a couple of months visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

Miss Hilda Madsor left the first of the week for Glendale, Arizona, where she will teach in the schools this coming year. She spent most of her vacation attending summer school and visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Madson, of Belmond.

Mrs. Johnson and children of Latimer were guests last week at the C. B. Johnson home in this city.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. H. Klemme.

W. H. Wolle has about completed his new residence on Water street and expects to have it ready for occupancy the latter part of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey have returned to the county seat, where Floyd is working on the big drainage job. He has recovered from his injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Longley are attending the state fair at Des Moines this week.

Seth Huntington and little daughter came up from Dinsdale the first of the week to spend a couple of days here visiting his mother, Mrs. Huntington, and his sister, Mrs. Ruth Williams of Iowa City, who is visiting her mother. Seth is attending college this year and attending to his duties as pastor of the church at Dinsdale, so that he is quite a busy person.

The Priscilla club was entertained yesterday at the home of Mrs. Thos. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Madson have been entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Peterson of Ames the past week.

Albert Chamberlain's mother, sister and two brothers have been paying he and his wife a visit the past few days.

Scott Smith of Coe College was a recent guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McBurney.

E. B. Cameron drove down from Cedar Rapids on this week Tuesday for a short visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. M. Cameron. Mrs Cameron and Miss Daisy accompanied him to Lake Okoboji, where they went to get Mr. Cameron's two daughters who had been at Camp Holiday for the past two months or so. The party then returned to Belmond.

Rev. J. H. Edge attended the funeral services for the late Bishop W. S. Lewis at Sioux City Monday.

Mrs. McAlpine spent the week end at Mason City where she visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. Coda.

Mrs. Will White went to Centerville on Thursday of last week where she spent a few days at the home of her father.

Miss Minnie Geitz is back at her duties as clerk in the Goetz store after a vacation of two weeks.

Guy Withers from Ackley spent Sunday of this week visiting at the home of relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell and family went to Des Moines Sunday to take in the state fair for a few days.

Will my pupils or any others desiring to take piano lessons please notify me before September 5th. The only beginners classes for the year will be started for children from five to eight years old.—Gertrude Ely.

The Wright County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet on September 8th in the McCumbers woods at Eagle Grove at 10:30 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy and family drove to Hampton last Saturday evening where they spent Sunday with relatives and friends.

There are a number of subscriptions to the Independent that are now due or past due, and the publisher would esteem it a great favor if those who are in arrears would send their check.

Mrs. Philip Geitz and daughter Miss Minnie were callers at M— City one day last week.

Wanted—Anyone having a good young Collie dog for sale, write or phone Wm. Messelhiser, Meservey, Iowa, R. R. No. 1. 1tc

Gene Kinney has been on the list of sick folks the past few days.

Geo. Polmateer went to Goldfield one day last week where he took his brother William to the soldiers' hospital at Marshalltown for treatment. He made the tip by auto and reports the roads as being in nice shape most of the way.

Quite a number from here attended the big day at Thornton last week Thursday.

House for rent or sale—seven room house in fine condition, with four lots, barn and garage. Phone 247. 2t*

The base ball tournament at Garner holds forth next week three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Belmond is scheduled to play at the tournament.

A number of local folks have been driving down to attend the state fair the past week. All reports of the fair say that it is a humdinger.

Charley White has been enjoying a visit the past week from a brother, who lives in Montana, and whom Charles had not seen for eleven or more years.

Have you got the lawful lenses on your car? Yesterday was the last day of grace and you are liable to a heavy fine if your car is not lawfully equipped with the right lenses.

Hampton had a two-day ball tournament this week, on Sunday and Monday, and very large crowds are reported at the games.

The A. E. Martin family attended the state fair last week.

Miss Lucretia Morse is visiting at the home of her cousin, Miss Malvin, in Minnesota this week.

Miss Gertrude Ely has returned from a visiting trip to various points the past month.

Mrs. Missman of Klemme was a week end guest at the home of her parenst, Mr. and Mrs. Ely.

Pink Trees returned Tuesday evening of last week from South Dakota, wrere he had been on some business matters. He reports things in Dakota as being pretty fair. He tates that there are farms there on which the corn will go 35 bushels to the acre, and that potatoes are expected to run 150 bushels per acre in places. Oats there are selling at 14 cents and potatoes at $2.50. Walter Sorenson, so Pink says, has had his crop practically ruined by hail, the hail taking a strip about two miles wide and ten long where it cut the grain off as tho it had been done with a knife. Walter lives near Beebee. They have had plenty of rain in that country and the crops are looking better than here.

Chas. Schmalle presented the editor with one of the largest muskmelons it has ever been his pleasure to set teeth into. It was as large as a medium-sized watermelon and as sweet and juicy as they grow 'em. As a sample of Iowa-grown melons that was certainly a prize winner.

Pink Trees has some corn on exhibition at the Savings bank that is right up to the standard, the ears being 11 inches and three-quarters in length, the kernals all there and a lot of them. He estimates that his corn will go around 50 to 60 bushels to the acre, which is pretty good for this year.

Thornton's big day last Thursday was a regular one and drew a crowd of close to five thousand people to the doings. A big roast ox dinner was served free to the crowd, and with five thousand buns the committee in charge of the eats ran short long before the crowd was served. The Rockwell band furnished music for the occasion, and the Thornton and Hampton ball teams the main feature of the sports program, the latter team winning by a score of 6 to 0. A comical parade, in which the merchants and the farmers endeavored to out-do each other was a feature of the day, as was a pulling contest between a steam engine and a gasoline tractor. The tractor won the contest, but they say that the test was rather unfair to the steam engine as they held the engine to 125 pounds of steam while the tractor opened her wide. Various races and other contests were on the program, including a big dance in the evening, and a "large" time is reported by those who attended from Belmond.

The Independent was incorrect in its statement last week that the ladies of the M. E. Aid society conducted the stand at the picnic. The stand was run by the cemetery association, and the Independent begs pardon for the mistake.

Kanawha defeated Belmond Sunday 3 to 2.

Henry Steinlicht will leave next week for a farm near Kanawha which he will work this coming year. We regret to lose Henry as a neigrbor and citizen, and hope that after he gets in his new home that he won't start rooting for the Kanawha ball team.

Mrs. J. F. Henn took her young son to the hospital at Iowa City last Trursday for examination.

An event of unusual interest occured at Hampton last week when a horse ran away. The Hampton Recorder considered the item of such news value that it placed a "head" on it and ran it on the front page. Well, when you come to think about it, it is a rather unusual happening nowadays. The fact was amply demonstrated at the picnic last Wednesday, when there were four buggies to be seen. Ten years ago how many horses and buggies and how many automobiles would have been present if the crowd had been as large as at the picnic this year?

W. E. Bullard returned yesterday from attending court at Nevada, Ia.

ORANGES

Two Bits a Dozen—
For Two Days Only

Saturday and Sunday
September 3 and 4

A DRAY LOAD

Of the nicest, sweetest oranges that you ever tasted, full of that snappy, refreshing juice that satisfies.

Of all fruits, oranges are the best and healthiest. Take home a dozen Saturday and Sunday for only

25 cents a dozen

FOSTER'S CAFE

Belmond, Iowa

IT WOULD SURE MAKE HOOTCH

Monitor: Two trainloads of raisins estimated at 4,000 tons passed thru Clarion Sunday. They were from Fresno, Cal., and consigned to eastern points and Canada. Two special trains of seventy-one cars took care of the consignment which the Great Western received from the Sante Fe. Both trains were run over this division on passenger schedule. H. W. Ensign accompanied one of the trains from Omaha to Clarion. It is estimated that the freight charges would be fully $28,00 on each of the shipments. Now somebody wants to know how many pies and cakes such a quantity of raisins would make. A thirsty fellow says the lot would make enough "hootch" to float a whole navy, with plenty of drinks for the crews.

Mrs. Wassam of Iowa City came last Friday to visit her mother Mrs. Buchanan.

ROBINSON'S

These Are No. 10 (gallon) cans

BLACK RASPBERRIES	$1.50
RED RASPBERRIES	1.50
BLUEBERRIES	1.50
BLACKBERRIES	1.35
RED PITTED CHERRIES	1.50
ROYAL ANNE CHERRIES	1.50
LOGANBERRIES	1.35
APRICOTS	1.25
PINEAPPLE	1.00

These cans are solid pack, splendid for canning, pies or preserves. Cheaper than fresh fruit.

Next Sunday—

11:00 a. m. "The Christtan's Attitude Toward Sin."

8:00 p. m. "America's Great Need"

Methodist Episcopal Church

Specials

Ladies' hose, black	25c
Ladies' hose, white mercerized	65c
Children's hose	25c to 50c
Men's overalls	$1.25
Men's hose	15c to 50c
Crash toweling	18c to 35c
Bath towels	25c to 50c
Muslin, yard wide	13c to 25c
Voiles, 40 inches wide	38c
Flaxon	25c

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We Deliver — Phone 30
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Home Baking at the Woman's Exchange

Homemade Bread, per loaf	15c
Nut Bread, per loaf	35c
Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
Spice Cake	40c
Nut Cake	50c
Sunshine Cake	50c
Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
Drop Cookies, dozen	25c
Baked Beans, pint	20c

Phone your order at any time and in any quantity.

Bring in your needlework or anything you have to sell. I charge 20 per cent.

MARY GEALOW

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FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

BELMOND PICNIC A SUCCESS

Attorney Dunn of Mason City Gave Principal Address

One of the largest community gatherings ever held in the vicinity of Belmond was staged last Wednesday, August the 24th, when about 2,500 people of Belmond and the four townships immediately surrounding that place assembled at the Franklin grove, just south of town for the community farm bureau picnic.

The morning program consisted of a number of selections by the Belmond Community band, several readings by local talent, a goodly number of vocal solos, and quartettes by several from the various townships, a few recitations, a short play and the splendid address by the speaker of the day. The afternoon program was given to horseshoe pitching, racing contests of various kinds, tug-of-war, and a baseball game by the players from Iowa and Pleasant townships on one team and players from Grant and Belmond townships on the other.

The outstanding feature of the entire program was the splendid address given by Mr. E. G. Dunn, one of the leading and successful attorneys of Mason City. Mr. Dunn's former connection with the organization of farmers' elevators of the state of Iowa will be remembered by all farmers who took active part in this mowement for the establishment of farmers' elevators in the state. It was this close connection with farm interests and farmers problems that makes it possible for Mr. Dunn to talk in such an interesting way to farmers concerning their farm operations. Mr. Dunn devoted considerable time in the fore part of his speech to the discussion of the world war and the influence this great conflict has had in an indirect way on the farming interests of our great country. In speaking of world conditions Mr. Dunn said "What is wrong with America? Nothing. The trouble is that individuals are looking out for themselves and they don't seem to care for their neighbors." He urged upon his listeners the necessity of laying aside selfish interests and work for the good of the entire community He spent considerable time in discussing the conditions which are responsible for the agricultural situation at the present time and suggested measures which can be taken to bring about improved conditions. The one thought which seemed to be foremost thruout his entire speech was that of getting away from selfishness on the part of individuals in a community and in his closing remarks he said, "I hope you people will make a survey of your community and go to work to help those who need help instead of waiting until they are sold out under judgement and then see how cheaply you can buy their belongings."

The people of the entire community of Belmond should be congratulated upon the splendid spirit of cooperation which was exhibited at this farm bureau picnic when the farmers and business men of the community touched shoulders with one another in thought and conversation. The business men of Belmond sould be commended for their spirit of co-operation and helpfulness as shown by the closing of the various business houses for this community affair.

BOONE TOWNSHIP PICNIC

The farmers of Boone township took time out last Thursday to enjoy a good old time community picnic and met at Smith's park near Renwick for a day of festivity and fun making,. The morning program consisting of community songs, vocal solos, recitations, dialogues, readings, and a splendid address by A. J. Shinn of Woodbine, Harrison county. Mr. Shinn a farmer who owns and operates a farm of over 500 acres, talked to the people of Boone township as a farmer who is in the game himself and who has made a thoro study of farm conditions truout the state. The afternoon program was taken up with several athletic stunts including horse shoe pitching, races of various kinds and a good live ball game between two of the local teams.

LIVELY SOCIAL IN NORWAY

A lively community social gathering was held Friday evening, August 26, when about five or six hundred Norway township farmers met for a social mix. A program made up entirely of home talent numbers was enjoyed by all. A short talk was given by the county agent who talked upon the main farm bureau problems of the day and who urged a closer co-operation among the farmers in supporting their own organization.

One of the features of the evening was the refreshment stand on the lawn of the farm home, where ice cream and cake and all kinds of cold drinks were served. The people were entertained during the latter part of the program with several wrestling bouts by several young men of the community.

POULTRY CULLING GIVES GOOD RESULTS

A series of poultry culling demonstrations which covered the entire county with three demonstrations in each township was completed last Friday when the last demonstration was held in Liberty township.

Record cards, showing the number of eggs prduced for a fourteen day period previous to the time of culling also for a fourteen day period after culling are beginning to come into the office and when the last cards have arrived, which will be about Sept. 15th results will be printed showing total number of birds culled and the total egg production both before and after culling.

It may be said roughly at present that between 20 and 25 per cent of the birds of each flock were culled out as non-layers or slacker hens while the egg production of the whole flock was reduced only 5 per cent. Definite figures will be published in the October issue of the Exchange.

THE MAN WHO WINS

The man who wins is the man who does,
The man who makes things hum buzz,
The man who works and the man who acts
Who buildts on a basis of solid facts.
Who doesn't sit down to moan and dream
Who humps ahead with the force of steam,
Who hasn't te time to fuss and fret,
But gets there every time—you bet.
The man who wins is the man who climbs
The ladder of life to the cheery chimes
Of the bells of labor, the bells of toil,
And isn't afraid his skin will spoil
If he faces the shine of the glaring sun,
And works in the light till his task is done;
A human engine with triple beam
And a hundred and fifty pounds of steam.

—Farm Bureau Mutterings.

LET US HELP MAKE EFFICENCY POSSIBLE

The amount of misdirected mail daily is almost inconceivable. Let us turn over a new leaf before we ask the postoffice department to do so. The following clipping, reported as an official fact, will give us some idea of the amount of mail that is misdirected:

350,000 misdirected mail pieces are handled daily at the New York post office, which includes Manhattan only. This means 127,750,000 misdirected pieces are handled every year in this one metropoltan center. It requires no imagination to appreciate what this means by the way of hampering and slowing down the postal service. Great armies of postal clerks who might otherwise be engaged in facilitating the general service, are thus tied down to the problem of rectifying the mistakes and supplying the ommissions that are chargeable to careless correspondents. We Americans sort of take our postal service for granted. We kick like a steer when one letter out of the millions handled daily goes astray or is delayed for a few hours; yet we are so neglectful of our own responsibilities in this connection that we pile thousands of pieces of misdrected mail into the postoffice and expect that the postal machinery can and must in some way surmount your own negligence.

The Nen York situation is merely typical of the situation in every other city in the land. Take Grand Rapids, for example. Postmaster Hogadone says that as nearly as can be estimated, the local post office handles 5,000 pieces of misdirected mail every twenty-four hours; and in addition thereto, about 20,000 pieces of mail are received without street addresses. It repaires the full time of five clerks in Grand Rapids alone to correcr the addresses on misdirected mail. The mail without complete address is the cause of loss of time to distributors who could otherwise have been employed in handling properly and fully addressed mail, thereby making it possible in many instances to give an earlier delivery. We who constantly yell for "greater economy" and greater efficiency" in the public service may well pause and ask ourselves whether it would not be a good thing, a consistent thing, if we took a little more care in making "economy" and efficiency" in the public service possible.

Some of the more common mistakes in addressing mail are noted as follows: Addresses are written hastily and illegibly, often in lead pencil; pencil addresses become obliterated in the course of handling. Abbreviations in the names of firms, postoffices and states, are confusing and invite trouble; for instance, contemplate the similarity in the abbreviations of "Pa." for Pennsylvania, "La." for Louisiana and "Ia."for Iowa; also "Col." for Colorado and "Cal." for California. Unless all letters in these abbreviations are written very plainly, there is danger of mistakes. Street addresses are often omitted; and obsolete mailing lists are the bane of postal existence.

All these things considered it is really a wonder that the post office makes as few mistakes as it does. When one thinks of the 5,000 misdirected pieces of mail in Grand Rapids daily—and 350,000 pieces in New York—and when one multiplies an average figure by the number of postoffices in the country, it is necessary to confess that the people do not do their whole part in the matter of postal efficiency. If we are going to throw stones we must not live in glass houses. We are all demanding of the post office department that it turn over a new leaf under its peppy new Washington chief. Let us turn over a new leaf, too.

DOES NOT PAY TO BURN CORN.

Recent suggestions that corn may be used as a fuel in Iowa this winter due to low prices, have again brot up the question: Is corn a cheap fuel?

Iowa State College investigators believe it is not. They say coal will have to go much higher or corn become almost valueless before it will pay to burn the latter. They base their belief on experimental work carried on by the engineering experiment station in which corn was analyzed in comparison with coal for heating qualities.

The engineering experiment station in the laboratories found that Iowa coal which generally sells around \$10 per ton would have to sell at \$20 per ton before it would begin to pay to burn corn worth 47 cents for a 75 pound bushel. They also found that corn is a poor burner, acting like green cord wood and requiring a lot of attention in firing

Corn with 10 per cent moisture, the winter average, gave off only 7540 British thermal units of heat per pound while Iowa coal gave off 12,000 B. T. U. per pound. At this rate, they claim, corn could become very cheap and still be expensive fuel.

Members of the agricultural staff say that cheap corn can be utilized as feed and shipped to market as meat products and give a real profit. Cheap corn means that feeding operations can be handled with more profit to feeders since corn is the basic ration in the middle west.

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AND A friend asks.
"WAS THE dog mad?"
AND THE first guy.
SAYS, "WELL, he wasn't.
SO DANG well pleased."
AND A chap told me.
THAT THIS described.
SOME SMOKES he'd tried
THEY DIDN'T exactly.
MAKE HIM mad.
BUT HE wasn't.
SO VERY well pleased.
OF COURSE that was.
MY CUE to slip him.
A REAL cigarette.
AND AFTER he'd taken.
A GOOD pull or two.
INTO HIS constitution.
HE GRINNED and said.
"THE ONLY way these.
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A MAN FOR THE AGES

A STORY OF THE BUILDERS of DEMOCRACY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Samson and Sarah Traylor, with their two children, Josiah and Betsey, travel by wagon from their home in Vergennes, Vt., to the West, the land of plenty. Their destination is the Country of the Sangamon, in Illinois.

CHAPTER II.—At Niagara Falls they meet a party of immigrants, among them a youth named John McNeil, who also decides to go to the Sangamon country. All of the party suffer from fever and ague. Sarah's ministrations save the life of a youth, Harry Needles, in the last stages of fever, and he accompanies the Traylors. They reach New Salem, Illinois, and are welcomed by young "Abe" Lincoln.

CHAPTER III.—Among the Traylors' first acquaintances are Lincoln's friends, Jack Kelso and his pretty daughter Bim, 16 years of age.

CHAPTER IV.—Samson decides to locate at New Salem, and begins building his house. Led by Jack Armstrong, rowdies attempt to break up the proceedings. Lincoln thrashes Armstrong. Young Harry Needles strikes Bap McNoll, of the Armstrong crowd, and McNoll threatens vengeance.

CHAPTER V.—A few days later Harry, alone, is attacked by McNoll and his gang, and would have been roughly used had not Bim driven off his assailants with a shotgun. John McNeil, the Traylors' Niagara Falls acquaintance, is markedly attentive to Ann Rutledge. Lincoln is in love with Ann, but has never had enough courage to tell her so.

CHAPTER VI. — Traylor helps two slaves, who had run away from St. Louis, to escape. Eliphalet Biggs, owner of the slaves, following them, attempts to beat up Traylor and in a fight has his arm broken.

CHAPTER VII.—Waiting for his arm to heal, Biggs meets Bim Kelso, with whom Harry Needles has fallen in love. Biggs asks for Bim's hand, but her father refuses his consent. Biggs returns to St. Louis.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bim confesses to Harry that she loves Biggs, and the youth is disconsolate. Lincoln decides to seek a seat in the legislature. He and Harry volunteer for the Black Hawk war, and leave New Salem.

CHAPTER IX.—Biggs comes back to the village and he and Bim elope. Harry learns of it on his way home from the "war." Lincoln's advice and philosophy sustain him in his grief.

CHAPTER X.—Lincoln, defeated in his candidacy for the legislature, forms a partnership with "Bill" Berry in the grocery business. Biggs sends a gang to burn Traylor's house, but the New Salem men are warned and the raiders worsted.

CHAPTER XI.—Lincoln, now postmaster, decides to run again for the legislature. Ann Rutledge is openly in love with John McNeil. He leaves for his home in the East, promising to return soon and marry Ann. Lincoln accepts his defeat manfully. No word coming from McNeil, Ann confesses to Abe that his real name is McNamar, and her fears that he will not return. Lincoln in his deep love endeavors to reassure her, though he shares her misgivings. Lincoln wins his seat in the legislature.

CHAPTER XII.—Ann hears from McNamar, but his letter is cold and she is convinced he does not love her. She tells Abe of her doubt, and he confesses his love and asks her to marry him. Ann declares she does not yet love him, but will try to. With that promise Lincoln sets out for Vandalia and his legislative duties.

CHAPTER XIII.—Inspired by Elijah Lovejoy, Traylor arranges on his farm a hiding place for runaway slaves, a station on the "Underground Railroad."

CHAPTER XIV.—Ann agrees to marry Abe, but her health is wrecked. Three runaway slaves seek Traylor's help in escaping. They belong to Biggs and he comes in pursuit of them. Threatened with arrest for inciting the raid on Traylor, he flees. One of the fugitives is Bim in disguise. She has fled from her husband's cruelty.

CHAPTER XV.—Dying, Ann Rutledge calls for Abe, and he bids her farewell at her bedside. Following her demise a settled sadness descends on him. He is no longer "Abe," but "Abraham Lincoln."

CHAPTER XVI.—Overcoming his despondency, Lincoln returns to his work. Abolition sentiment is crystalizing and he throws himself into the movement.

CHAPTER XVII.—Traylor sells his farm and moves to Springfield. Lincoln plans to secure a divorce for Bim in order that she may marry Harry Needles, whom she has always really loved. McNamar returns to New Salem, too late.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Traylor and Harry Needles visit the "boom" city of Chicago, where Bim, now the mother of a son, is living with her parents. She has her divorce. Harry leaves for the Seminole war. An unscrupulous, rich speculator, Lionel Davis, desires to marry Bim, but she repulses him.

CHAPTER XIX.—Ruined by the panic of '37, Kelso dies and Bim and her mother are left penniless. Davis presses his suit, and, made desperate by the news of Harry's death, Bim almost makes up her mind to marry him.

CHAPTER XX.—Lincoln is admitted to the bar. Traylor ascertains that the report of Harry's death is false. He hurries to Chicago. Davis has swindled Brimstead, a friend of Traylor's, in real estate deals, and Traylor seeks to collect the money. Smallpox breaks out at Honey Creek, and Bim goes there as a nurse.

CHAPTER XXI.—Lincoln at Springfield enters into his life work. Harry Needles comes home and at once seeks Bim.

CHAPTER XXII.—Lincoln wins Brimstead's suit against Davis, thoroughly discrediting the speculator. As an outcome, Harry, resenting an insult to Traylor, fights a duel with Davis, in which both are wounded.

CHAPTER XXIII.—Lincoln meets Mary Todd and after a strange courtship wins her. Harry Needles, following a period of recuperation, returns to Chicago thoroughly restored to health.

The young soldier looked about him and smiled.

"This is wonderful!" he exclaimed. "To whom are we indebted?"

"You don't think I'd bring you out here on the plains and marry you and not treat you well," Bim laughed. "I warned you that you'd have to take what came and that the hospitality would be simple."

"It's a noble and benevolent conspiracy that has turned this cabin into a paradise and brought all this happiness upon me," he said as he kissed her. "I thought it strange that Mr. Nuckles should be on hand at the right moment."

"The creek was a harder thing to manage!" she answered with a smile. "I told my messenger to see that the gate of the reservoir was opened at four o'clock. So, you see, you had to marry or swim. Now I've made a clean breast of it. I felt sure something would happen before you got back from Milwaukee. I was plum superstitious about it."

The young man shook with laughter and said: "You are the new woman born of the democracy of the West."

"I began to fear that I should be an old woman before I got to be Mrs. Needles."

"Whose house is this?" he asked in a moment.

"It is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lukins. Their land near Chicago is now used for a cattle yard and slaughterhouse and is paying them a good income. They moved here some time ago. He looks after the reservoir. Mrs. Lukins is a famous cook, as you will see. We can stay here as long as we want to. We shall find everything we need in the well, the chimney, the butt'ry and the cellar. And here is the wedding supper all ready for us and I as hungry as a bear."

"In the words of Mrs. Lukins 'it is very copasetic,' and I begin to feel that I have made some progress in the study of Bim Kelso. Come, let's have our supper."

"Not until you have broiled a piece of venison. It will take a lot of food to satisfy me. I'll get the cream and butter out of the well and make a pot of coffee. Hurry up, Harry, I'm starving."

Darkness fell upon the busy lovers and soon the firelight and the glow of many candles filled the homely cabin with flickering shadows and a soft, beautiful color.

"Supper is ready," she said, when the venison steak had been deposited on the platter.

"Bim, I love you not as most men love," he said as they stood a moment by the side of the table. "From the bottom of my heart I do respect you for your honor and good faith and when I think of that and of all you have suffered for my sake, I bow my head and ask God to make me worthy of such a helper."

They sat down to this unusual wedding feast, and as we leave them the windows of the little cabin fling their light far out upon the level plain: we hear the sound of merry laughter and of the tall grasses rustling and reeling joyously in the breeze. The moon in mid-heaven and the innumerable host around it seem to know what is passing on the edge of the Grand Prairie and to be well pleased. Surely there is nothing that finds a quicker echo in the great heart of the world than human happiness!

CHAPTER XXV.

Being a Brief Memoir by the Honorable and Venerable Man Known in These Pages as Josiah Traylor, Who Saw the Great Procession of Events Between Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson and Especially the Making and the End of Lincoln.

Now, as I have done often sitting in the chimney corner at the day's end, I look back at my youth and manhood and tell, with one eye upon the clock, of those years of fulfillment in the progress of our beloved pilgrim. There are four and twenty of them that I shall try to review in as many minutes. At this distance I see only the high places—one looming above another like steps in a stairway.

The years of building and sentiment ended on the fourth of November, 1842, when he and Mary Todd were joined in marriage. Now, like one having taken note of the storm clouds, he strengthens the structure.

Mary tried to teach him fine manners. It was a difficult undertaking. Often, as might have been expected, she lost her patience. Mary was an excellent girl, but rather kindlesome and pragmatic. Like most of the prairie folk, for instance, Abe Lincoln had been accustomed to reach for the butter with his own knife, and to find rest in attitudes extremely indolent and unbecoming. He enjoyed sprawling on the floor in his shirt-sleeves and slippers with a pillow under his head and a book in his hand. He had a liking for ample accommodation, not fully satisfied by a bed or a lounge. Mary undertook to turn him into new ways and naturally there was irritation in the house, but I think they got along very well together for all that. Mary grew fond of him and proud of his great talents and was a devoted wife. For years she did the work of the house and bore him children. He milked the cow and took care of the horse when he was at home.

Annabel and I, having just been married, went with him to Washington on our wedding tour in 1847. He was taking his seat in congress that year. We were with him there when he met Webster. Lincoln was deeply impressed by the quiet dignity of the great man. We went together to hear Emerson lecture. It was a motley audience—business men, fashionable ladies and gentlemen, statesmen, politicians, women with their knitting and lion-hunters. The tall, awkward orator ascended the platform, took off his top-coat and drew a manuscript from his pocket. He had a narrow, sloping forehead, a prominent nose, gray eyes and a skin of singular transparency. His voice was rich and mellow, but not strong. Lincoln listened with rapt attention to his talk about Democracy. It was a memorable night. He spoke of it often. Such contact with the great spirits of that time, of which he studiously availed himself in Washington, was of great value to the statesman from Illinois. His experiences on the floor were in no way important to him, but since 1914 I have thought often of what he said there, regarding Polk's invasion of Mexico, unauthorized by congress as it was:

"The provision of the Constitution giving the war-making power to congress was dictated, as I understand it, by the following reasons: Kings had always been involving and impoverishing their people in wars, pretending generally that the good of the people was the object. This our convention understood to be the most oppressive of all kingly oppressions and they proposed to so frame the constitution that no man should hold the power of bringing this oppression upon us."

The next year he stumped Massachusetts for "Zach" Taylor and heard Gov. Seward deliver his remarkable speech on slavery, which contained this striking utterance:

"Congress has no power to inhibit any duty commanded by God on Mount Sinai or by His Son on the Mount of Olives."

On his return home Lincoln confessed that we had soon to deal with that question.

I was in his office when Herndon said:

"I tell you that slavery must be rooted out."

"What makes you think so?" Mr. Lincoln asked.

"I feel it in my bones," was Herndon's answer.

After that he used to speak with respect of "Bill Herndon's bone philosophy."

His term in congress having ended, he came back to the law in partnership with William H. Herndon—a man of character and sound judgment. Those days Lincoln wore black trousers, coat and stock, a waistcoast of satin and a Wellington high hat. He was wont to carry his papers in his hat. Mary had wrought a great change in his external appearance.

They used to call him "a dead square lawyer." I remember that once Herndon had drawn up a fictitious plea founded on a shrewd assumption. Lincoln carefuly examined the papers.

"Is it founded on fact?" he asked.

"No," Herndon answered.

Lincoln scratched his head thoughtfuly and asked:

"Billy, hadn't we better withdraw that plea? You know it's a sham and generally that's another name for a lie. Don't let it go on record. The cursed thing may come staring us in the face long after this suit has been forgotten."

On the whole he was not so communicative as he had been in his young manhood. He suffered days of depression when he said little. Often, in good company, he seemed to be thinking of things in no way connected with the talk. Mary called him a rather "shut-mouthed man."

Herndon used to say that the only thing he had against Lincoln was his habit of coming in mornings and sprawling on the lounge and reading aloud from the newspaper.

The people of the town loved him. One day, as we were walking along the street together, we came upon a girl dressed up and crying in front of her father's door.

"What's the matter?" Lincoln asked.

"I want to take the train and the wagon hasn't come for my trunk," said she.

Lincoln went in and got the trunk and carried it to the station on his back, with people laughing and throwing jokes at him as he strode along. When I think of him, his chivalry and kindness come first to mind.

He read much, but his days of book study were nearly ended. His learning was now got mostly in the school of experience. Herndon says, and I think it is true, that he never read to the end of a law book those days. The study of authorities was left to the junior partner. His reading was mostly outside the law. His knowledge of science was derived from Chambers' Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation.

He was still afraid of the Abolition Movement in 1852 and left town to avoid a convention of its adherents. He thought the effort to resist by force the laws of Kansas was criminal and would hurt the cause of freedom. "Let us have peace and revolutionize through the ballot box," he urged.

In 1854, a little quarrel in New York began to weave the thread of destiny. Seward, Weed and Greeley had wielded decisive power in the party councils of that state. Seward was a high-headed, popular idol. His plans and his triumphant progress absorbed his thought. Weed was dazzled by the splendor of this great star. Neither gave a thought to their able colleague—a poor man struggling to build up a great newspaper. An office, with fair pay, would have been a help in those days. But he got no recognition of his needs and talents and services. Suddenly he wrote a letter to Weed in which he said:

"The firm of Seward, Weed and Greeley is hereby dissolved by the resignation of its junior member."

When Greeley had grown in power and wisdom until his name was known and honored from ocean to ocean, they tried to make peace with him, but in vain.

Then suddenly a new party and a new Lincoln were born on the same day in 1856, at a great meeting in Bloomington, Illinois. There his soul was to come into its stateliest mansion out of its lower vaulted past. For him the fulness of time had arrived. He was prepared for it. His intellect had also reached the fulness of its power. Now his great right hand was ready for the thunderbolts which his spirit had been slowly forging. God called him in the voices of the crowd. He was quick to answer. He went up the steps to the platform. I saw, as he came forward, that he had taken the cross upon him. Oh, it was a memorable thing to see the smothered flame of his spirit leaping into his face. His hands were on his hips. He seemed to grow taller as he advanced. The look of him reminds me now of what the famous bronze founder in Paris said of the death-mask, that it was the most beautiful head and face he had ever seen. What shall I say of his words save that it seemed to me that the voice of God was in them? The reporters forgot to report. It is a lost speech. There is no record of it. I suppose it was scribbled with a pencil on scraps of paper and on the backs of envelopes at sundry times, agreeably with his habit, and committed to memory. So this great speech, called by some the noblest effort of his life, was never printed. I remember one sentence, relating to the Nebraska bill.

"Let us use ballots, not bullets, against the weapons of violence, which are those of kingcraft. Their fruits are the dying bed of the fearless Sumner, the ruins of the Free State hotel, the smoking timbers of the Herald of Freedom, the governor of Kansas chained to a stake like a horse-thief."

In June, 1858, he took the longest step of all. The Republican state convention had endorsed him for the United States senate. It was then that he wrote on envelopes and scraps of paper at odd moments, when his mind was off duty, the speech beginning:

"A house divided against itself must fall. Our government can not long endure part slave and part free."

I was among the dozen friends to whom he read that speech in the State house library. One said of those first sentences: "It is a fool utterance." Another: "It is ahead of its time." Another declared that it would drive away the Democrats who had lately joined the party. Herndon and I were the only ones who approved it.

Lincoln had come to another fork in the road. For a moment I wondered which way he would go.

Immediately he rose and said with an emphasis that silenced opposition:

"Friends, this thing has been held back long enough. The time has come when these sentiments should be uttered, and if it is decreed that I shall go down because of this speech, then let me go down linked to the truth."

His conscience prevailed. The speech was delivered. Douglas, the Democratic candidate, came on from Washington to answer it. That led to Lincoln's challenge to a joint debate. I was with him through that long campaign. Douglas was the more finished orator. Lincoln spoke as he split rails. His conscience was his beetle. He drove his arguments deep into the souls of his hearers. The great thing about him was his conscience. Unless his theme were big enough to give it play in noble words he could be as commonplace as any one. He was built for a tool of God in tremendous moral issues. He was awkward and diffident in beginning a speech. Often his hands were locked behind him. He gesticulated more with his head than his hands. He stood square-toed always. He never walked about on the platform. He scored his points with the long, bony, index finger of his right hand. Sometimes he would hang a hand on the lapel of his coat as if to rest it. Perspiration dripped from his face. His voice, high pitched at first, mellowed into a pleasant sound.

One sentence in Lincoln's speech at Ottawa thrust "The Little Giant" of Illinois out of his way forever. It was this pregnant query:

"Can the people of a United States territory in any lawful way and against the wish of any citizen of the United States exclude slavery from its limits prior to the formation of a state constitution?"

He knew that Douglas would answer yes and that, doing so, he would alienate the South and destroy his chance to be President two years later. That is exactly what came to pass. "The Little Giant's" answer was the famous "Freeport Heresy." He was elected to the senate, but was no longer possible as a candidate for the presidency.

I come now to the last step in the career of my friend and beloved master. It was the Republican convention of 1860 in Chicago. I was a delegate. The New Yorkers came in white beaver hats, enthusiastic for Seward, their favorite son. He was the man we dreaded most. Many in the great crowd were wearing his colors. The delegations were in earnest session the night before the balloting began. The hotel corridors were thronged with excited men. My father had become a man of wealth and great influence in Illinois. I was with him when he went into the meeting of the Michigan delegates and talked to them. He told how he came West in a wagon and saw the spirit of America in the water floods of Niagara and saw again the spirit of America in the life of the boy, Abe Lincoln, then flowing toward its manhood. When he sat down, the Honorable Dennis Flanagan arose and told of meeting the Traylor party at the Falls, when he was driving an ox-team, in a tall beaver hat; how he had remembered their good advice and cookies and jerked venison.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am willing to take the word of a man whose name is hallowed by my dearest recollections. And believing what he has said of Abraham Lincoln, I am for him on the second ballot."

The green Irish lad, whom I remember dimly, had become a great political chieftain and his words had much effect. There was a stir among the delegates. I turned and saw the tall form of Horace Greeley entering the door. His big, full face looked rather serious. He wore gold-bowed spectacles. He was smooth-shaven save for the silken, white, throat beard that came out from under his collar. His head was bald on top with soft, silvered locks over each ear. They called on him to speak. He stepped forward and said slowly in a high-pitched drawl:

"Gentlemen, this is my speech: On your second ballot vote for Abraham Lincoln of Illinois."

He bowed and left the room and visited many delegations, and everywhere expressed his convictions in this formula. Backed by his tremendous personality and influence, the simple words were impressive. I doubt not they turned scores of men from Seward to the great son of Illinois.

Then—the campaign with its crowds its enthusiasm, its Vesuvian mutterings. There was a curious touch of humor and history in its banners. Here are three of them:

"Menard County for the Tal Sucker."

"We are for old Abe the Giant Killer."

"Link on to Lincoln."

Then—those last days in Springfield He came to the office the afternoon before he left and threw himself on the lounge and talked of bygone days with Herndon.

"Billy, how long have we been together?" he asked.

"Sixteen years."

"Never a cross word."

"Never."

"Keep the old sign hanging. A little thing like the election of a President should make no change in the firm of Lincoln and Herndon. If I live, I'm coming back some time and then we'll go right on with the practice of the law as if nothing had happened."

Then—that Monday morning in Springfield, at eight o'clock, on the eleventh of February, the train bore him toward the great task of his life. Hannah Armstrong, who had foxed his trousers in New Salem, and the venerable Doctor Allen and the Brimsteads, and Aleck Ferguson, bent with age, and Harry Needles and Bim and their four handsome children, and my father and mother, and Betsey, my maiden sister, and Eli Frendenberg were there in the crowd to bid him good-by.

A quartet sang. Mr. Lincoln asked his friends and neighbors to pray for his success. He was moved by the sight of them and could not have said much if he had tried. The bell rang. The train started. He waved his hand and was gone. Not many of us who stood trying to see through our tears were again to look upon him. The years of preparation were ended and those of sacrifice had begun.

Now, we are at the foot of the last hill. For a long time I had seen it looming in the distance. Those days it filled my heart with a great fear. Now, how beautiful, how lonely it seems! Oh, but what a vineyard on that very fruitful hill! I speak low when I think of it. Harry Needles and I were on our way to Washington that fateful night of April 14, 1865. We reached there at an early hour in the morning. We made our way through the crowded streets to the little house opposite Ford's theater. An officer who knew me cleared a way for us to the door. Reporters, statesmen, citizens and their families were massed in the street waiting with tear-stained faces for the end. Some of them were sobbing as we passed. We were admitted without delay. A minister and the doctor sat by the bedside The latter held an open watch in his hand. I could hear it ticking the last moments in an age of history. What a silence as the great soul of my friend was "breaking camp to go home." Friends of the family and members of the cabinet were in the room. Through the open door of a room beyond I saw Mrs. Lincoln and the children and others. We looked at our friend lying on the bed. His kindly face was pale and haggard. He breathed faintly and at long intervals. His end was near.

"Poor Abe!" Harry whispered as he looked down at him. "He has had to die on the cross."

To most of those others Lincoln was the great statesman. To Harry he was the beloved Abe who had shared his fare and his hardships in many a long, weary way.

The doctor put his ear against the breast of the dying man. There was a moment in which we could hear the voices in the street. The doctor rose and said: "He is gone."

Secretary Stanton, who more than once had spoken lightly of him, came to the bedside and tenderly closed the eyes of his master, saying:

"Now, he belongs to the ages."

We went out of the door. The sound of mourning was in the streets. A dozen bells were tolling. On the corner of Tenth street a quartet of negroes was singing that wonderful prayer:

"Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home."

One of them, whose rich, deep bass thrilled me and all who heard it, was Roger Wentworth, the fugitive, who had come to our house with Bim, in the darkness of the night, long before.

[THE END.]

THINGS TO BE DONE IN SEPTEMBER

Pick Seed Corn

For the best results seed corn should be picked from the field before the first frost. In Iowa the first frost may be expected about September 20. Therefore, seed corn should ordinarily be picked before that date.

Seed winter Grains

Winter wheat and rye should be seeded, for the best results, during the last week in August or the first week in September. This allows plenty of time for formation of a good root system before severe freezing occurs. If the frosts come late and the grain to joint, it should be pastured or clipped high with a mower.

Wean calves and lambs

Early springs lambs and calves should be weaned late in August or early in September so that the cows and ewes can fatten up for the winter.

Hogging Down Corn

Many pork producers in south Dakota practice turning their pigs into the cornfield about this time of the year to pick their own feed instead of gathering the corn and hauling it to them. This practice saves the farmer much labor, the pigs do well under these conditions, and the manure is distributed over the fields as a fertilizer.

How About A Vacation

The farm work has been heavy this summer and has kept the farmer close to home. But the early harvest ought to give him a chance to get away for a vacation of at least a day or two. If a car is available, as is usually the case, the practice of one farmer in taking a little trip with a picnic dinner each day might well be followed. Thus one could see what the neighbors have been doing, what crops they have raised, what improvements they have made and how they have made them. The family would enjoy such trips, also.

TAKE CARE OF ALL PIGS

Fall pigs which are farrowed the latter part of August or the first of September can be produced nearly as cheaply as spring pigs if they are given the opportunity to make good growth before cold weather sets in According to R. G. Anderson of the animal husbandry department at Ia. State College, this can be accomplished by a little extra care.

In order to overcome the handicap of cold weather and the lack of green crops in raising fall pigs, a little extra care must be taken with their feed. While the pigs are still suckling the sow get them to eating a little dry feed. A self feeder in a creep containing corn, oats, and tankage will give them a balanced ration and keep them growing. Or the pigs may be given a slop of whole or skim-milk and wheat middlings.

After the pigs are weaned they should be fed liberally at all times of a well balanced ration, to keep them in a thrifty condition. Give them plenty of salt at all times. Fall pigs need a good, warm, dry, and well ventilated place to sleep, with plenty of clean, dry bedding.

PUT NEW SILAGE ON OLD

Where a silo still contains a part of last year's filling of ensilage there is no danger of placing new silage on top of the old, say the farm crops department of Iowa State College. By taking the proper precautions the old silage can hardly be detected a year later.

When filling starts, be sure and remove the top layer of moldy silage from the last years silage. Then place the new silage right on the old and wet it down thoroly so as to exclude air from this section.

In filling last years silo it is a good plan to examine all the doors and see that they are in good condition so that air will not enter thru cracks or places where boards are cracked. Air soon causes chemical action in the silage which will spoil it for uses as feed.

School Starts Monday, September 5

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Belmond High School

School Days Are Here

Franklin said "Empty your purse into your head and nobody can take it away from you." In other words, Education is the best paying investment that any person can make.

School will begin Monday September 5th, and we hope to make this school year the best and biggest in the history of the Belmond Schools.

Last year, because of the exceptional high wages paid, a number of our students dropped out of school to earn money. Now that wages are lower and labors plentiful, it is time for you to re-enter school and complete you High School Course. Your teachers and school mates will welcome you back to good earnest work.

This year the Vocational Agricultural Course will be in charge of Mr. Christie. We recommend this course to all boys who live on a farm and expect to -return to the -farm after completing their High School Course. This course deals with the farm, better methods of farming, and the present day farm problems. It is an exellent opportunity for the boy on the farm who will not be able to attend an Agricultural College to get advanced work in agriculture.

A small pamphlet has been issued by the Board and will be given to each High School student as he enrolls. This pamphlet explains briefly the course of study and regulations of the school and school be filed for tuture references.

Special attention is called to the enrollment as follows, and High School students not enrolling as per schedule need not expect the Program of Classes altered to suit their pleasure when school opens Monday morning.

Enrollment Schedule

Juniors -- Friday Sept. 2nd- 9:00-12:00
Seniors --- Fri. Sept. 2nd -- 2:00-5 :00
Sophomores--Sat. Sept. 3rd -9:00-12:00
Freshmen --- Sat. Sept. 3rd - 1:30-5:00

Pupils entering the grades for the first time, bring your report card to the Superintendent's office Thursday Sept. 1st from 2:00—4:00.

Pupils entering the Kindergarten must be five years of age or will be five years old by December 1st. Pupils will not be enrolled in the kindergarten after October 14th for this school year.

Tuition in the grades is $6.00, High School $10.00.

Rural Eighth grade graduates will bring g their diploma issued by the County Superintendent in order that you may be checked for exemption for personal tuition.

The faculty wish to ask that the parents continue the co-operation given us last year, thru this school year. Plan to visit school several times this year, and get acquainted with the teachers and obtain a definite knowledge of the plan and character of the work that is done. We are very glad to have you attend our literary programs, but we wish you to visit the regular classes as well.

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STREETS OF BELMOND ARE RENAMED

Home Team Is Playing Real Ball

First Game Goes To Clarion 9 To 7; 11 Inning Game Played At Garner

PLAYING ALL HOME MEN

The home ball team has been putting up some sensational ball playing since its reorganization, and altho it has lost the two games played, the team may feel justly proud of its record to date.

Monday they met Brown's Colts of Clarion, and as it was the first game of the newly organized club they did not play as good as they can. The result was nine to seven for the county seaters, but they had to earn it. Clarence Obrecht of Thornton was in the box for Belmond, while the Colts had the noted Wilson.

Tuesday afternoon at the Garner tournament the home boys met the aggregation from Dows, and altho they lost the game, 2 to 1, it took Dows 11 innings of the most sensational ball playing to do it.

The game was a humdinger, and those who saw it say that it was simply a hair-raiser for thrills and tight playing. Pillmer in the box for the home boys held Dows to four hits—and the Dows team was composed of six hired men and three of the regular Dows line-up. They had the best that money could hire, and a hired pitcher from Charles City, conceded to be one of the best semi-pro pitchers in the state, and the local boys pounded him for five good solid hits.

In fielding, batting and base running, the Belmond boys more than held their own against the high-priced outfit brought against them. Even tho they lost the game they have just cause to feel proud over the showing they made.

Kanawha and Lake Mills played at the tournament Tuesday, and the Kanawhites were easy victims to the Lake Mills bunch, the latter winning 6 to 3. Belmond and Kanawha were to have played Wednesday, but on account of the rain the game was postponed. A large number of the local fans drove up to see the game and had the ride for their trouble.

DITCHED HIS TOOLS BUT SAVED THE RINDS

Livermore Gazette: Got any carpenter tools you want to sell? Mr. A. A. Snyder who works at the Catholic church is in the market for some good used tools. He visited his home at Fort Dodge over Sunday and he and his wife celebrated the occasion by carving a watermelon or two, but they evidently keep ne[illegible] and are averse to throwing melon rinds out onto the public highway after the manner of some Livermore people, so his wife suggested that he place them in a box, take them to the train, when he went to buy a ticket to Livermore, and when he was out of town a mile or two, throw them out the car window. So he endeavored to carry out her instructions; but the carpenter tools and his melon rinds were in boxes that resembled each other very much, and all too late he discovered that he had ditched the wrong box. At his earliest convenience he went back, revisited the scene of his mistaken identity, but the box of tools had disappeared, somebody having beaten him to it. We have not learned if he is still saving the melon rinds.

The Eagle Grove post of the American Legion had a big day on Tuesday of this week when members of that post and neighboring posts were taken into the mysteries of the "40 and 8". An aerial service to give exihibition flights had been engaged as part of the program, and a ball game was part of the doings of the day. A large crowd is reported as having been in attendance at the affair.

A NEW WAY TO PAY FINES

The Humboldt Republican says in its recent issue:

"It is said that a couple of still operators recently worked a smooth game on the officials. They were arrested and fined. They had sufficient funds between them to pay one of their fines. The one whose fine was paid got his release and promised to borrow money for the fine of his pal. Instead he went to his cache where his moonshine was planted and got enough to sell to take up the fine on his pal. In other words, there are more ways of killing dog than choking him on butter."

SOME GOOD IDEAS HERE

The greatest industry of the world is now started in practically every town, city, village, hamlet, and so on, it being school. And now is the time for everybody to get into harness and make it a sucess. Everybody to pull together, both young and old alike. From the little tot of five or six to the young man or woman. It is up to every parent to see that their children are in the proper place, have the proper equipment, for no industry will ever make a sucess without the equipment or the place to use same. To be in school is not the whole thing. They must have the essentials that make such a success. To illustrate, what good is a factory if they have just the building and the employees They cannot turn out a finished product without tools or material, ect., for that is half of the battle which is to be won.

Another thing that should be under strict surveillance of city or town authorites is of the older people in their actions. Motorists, tourists and truck drivers should at this time of the year give their cars and trucks a good loking over, especially the brakes of the same. At certain times of the day when hundreds of school children are turned loose after their day's work people driving cars exercise great care in driving on the streets for usually the children are apt to be careless in going home, trying to take the shortest cut, darting across street where there are no reggular crossings and the unwatchfull eye of a motorist may not see this or that child darting across the street, and the child in its hurry will not see the fast approaching car. At this time of the year, after a good seasons run, the average car is not apt to be so snappy in its movements, or so responsive to the application of the brakes, for they become worn and neglected as the season draws to a close. City authorites should put much stress on the necessity of warning drivers upon approaching school grounds to drive slowly and carefully as many young lives in the bud are in danger.—Contributed.

BILLY SUNDAY SAYS THEY'RE "FRIVOLOUS FLAPPERS"

Not the children but the parents are to blame when "flappers" run around the streets with the stockings rolled down, their forms adorned with peek-a-boo waists and short skirts, and their hair all frizzled up.

Such is the vigorous opinion entertained by the Rev. Bill Sunday and expounded at some length by him to ten thousand persons at Portland, Ore. "Any man who can look at the short-skirted, bare-necked, frizzled-headed, gum-chewing, fudge-eating modern flapper without having a moral blow-out, should get a government pension," says Billy.

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg. Address	Twps.
99-1	W. M. Coons, Goldfield,	Boone, Liberty.
99-2	J. K. Baker, Eagle Grove—	Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff, Woolstock—	Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick, Dows—	Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers, Belmond—	Pleasant, Belmond, Norway, Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin, Clarion—	Dayton, Lake, Grant, Lincoln, Wall Lake, Clarion

Enjoyable Social Held In Pleasant Township

Farm Bureau Affair Held At Jenison Home Proves To Be Big Event

SPLENDID PROGRAM GIVEN

One of the jolliest crowds ever assembled in Pleasant township gathered at the Oscar Jenison home three miles north of Belmond Friday Sept. 29, when the members enjoyed their regular monthly farm bureau social. About three hundred farmers their wives and children turned out to enjoy an evening of entertainment and fun making.

The success of this meeting should go to Miss Vida Jenison and her corps of willing committee members who worked so faithfully in planning and organizing the program for the evening. Only those who serve on a committee of this kind realize the work and energy necessary which must be given in order to bring the people of a community together for a community gathering of this kind. The people of Pleasant township should be congratulated upon having such a splendid entertainment within the boundaries of their township line and above all, the fact that they are able to call upon their home talent and entertain themselves.

The feature of the evening's entertainment was the splendid music furnished by the Nolte Bros. harp orchestra assisted by Abe Scott. This orchestra is a good sample of the township. The boys furnished music which made the joy seekers light-hearted and lightfooted.

The following program shows the enteresting arrangement of selections which was rendered, and those who took part:

Intrumental—Nona, Cloe Jenison.

Dialogue, Runaway—Lillian Faulhaber and Carl Mennenga.

Song, The Blue Bird—Grace Gartz

Reading, The Inspired Dishwasher—Virgie Jenison.

Song, They Needed a Songbird in Heaven—Ralph M. Edwards.

Song, Morning on the Farm—Six Children.

Recitation, Now You Stop That—Harry Gealow.

Song, On the Trail to Home Sweet Home—Lena Steenblock and Harry Mennenga.

Recitation, The Robin and the Chick

Instrumental, An Old Fashioned Garden—Sextette.

Recitation, The Inventor's Wife—Bertha Gealow.

Song, Georgia Moonlight—Quartette.

Duet, Wang. Wang Blues—Miss Esther Hardwick and Ralph M. Edwards.

Recitation, A Letter to a Wife on Her Summer Vacation—Duane Jenison.

Song, Oh Organize—Community Singing.

Address—County Agent Edwards.

NEW CHURCH AT GOODELL TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Dedication ceremonies will be held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock for the new Catholic church at Goodell, the cornerstone of the new church being laid at that time. The Rev. Dean Nolan of Eagle Grove will be in charge of the ceremonies, and an address will be delivered by Rev. F. J. Dougherty of Oelwein. Immediately following the ceremonies, the ladies of the parish will serve a bountious supper. The church is to replace the one which was burned on last Christmas day, and the fact that the members of the parish are able to lay the cornerstone of the magnificent new building so soon after the destruction of the old church speaks volumes for the progressiveness a spirit of that congregation.

HAUPT-SCHANCK

On Saturday, September 3rd, occured the marriage of Mr. Earl Lewis Haupt and Miss May Schanck, the Rev. J. H. Edge of the Methodist Episcopal church of Belmond officiating. The ceremony took place at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Geo. Schanck of Belmond.

The double ring ceremony was used, and the service took place in the presence of the immediate relatives of the couple. Those present were: Mrs. Geo. Schanck and daughter Elizabeth of Belmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haupt of Belmond, Mrs. L. H. Johnson and three daughters, of Belmond. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Haupt of Clarion Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Owens of Omaha, Nebraska

Following the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The bride and groom left later on a short wedding trip to points in Nebraska, and upon their return will be at home after October 1st on the groom's father's farm, southeast of Belmond.

Both young people are well and favorably known in this community and have thhe best wishes of a large circle of friends for much happiness and prosperity in their life together. The Independent joins with them in extending congratulations.

MOYOR STICKS GYPSIES FOR $25 FINE

Last Thursday morning a band of gypsies in three autos drove into town. The mayor was informed of their presence and he made a rush to drive them out. He got them all started down the street when he was informed that one woman had stolen some articles in the Liebenstein store and he had to run down and bring back the guilty party. He marched her down the street and locked her up. The man she was with begged hard for her release, but the mayor was hardhearted. He told the fellow there was a fine of $25 hanging over her that would have to be paid or he would hold her for the grand jury in October. The fellow tried every way he could to get her out without paying the money, but he had to come across. This is the first time we ever knew of any of that gang parting with money, but it was also the first time we ever saw any of them in Mayor Zeiger's clutches. They left town as soon as the woman was released.—Garner Signal.

HAMPTON MAN ORDERED TO PAY $1,000 BLACKMAIL

Chronicle: John Coggleshall, one of the old time settlers of Hamilton township, is getting in the Rockefeller class, as he recently received a "blackmail" letter demanding that he place $1,000 at a certain place, and on failure to do so the "goblins were liable to get him." things at once began to look serious—from Johns point of view, as he did not want to dig up a cool thousand, right at a time when money is tight even for a Rockefeller. Neither did he want some guy coming around and putting him on the blink.

Sheriff Atkinson and Deputy Sheriff Millett were notified, and had the case well under way, when a detective blew in from Des Moines, carried off the aforesaid blackmailing letter, and generally mussed up things by poor management. Like all detectives he wanted it to appear that he was earning his salary, even if he did not get the desired result.

The letter requested Mr. Coggeshall to go to Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad crossing, at the edge of Hampton, on McKinley street, near the W. P. Nolte home, and then go north to the third telegraph pole, and two feet north of the pole was the place designated in the letter to dig a hole and place the $1,000 in a tin can. The detective went out in broad daylight, dug the hole and placed a note in the tin can asking for futher particulars, and of course any wise guy would be on guard at the time watching for Coggeshall to come along to bury his sack of gold. When they saw the detective they knew better than to go after the money. They did not show up, altho the officials on guard picniced in the grove nearby until after midnight watching for possible developments.

CITY COUNCIL TAKES ACTION MONDAY NIGHT

"Spruce Street" To Be Known As "East Main Street" From This On

OTHERS STREET AND AVE'S.

Town Divided Into Four Sections For The Purpose Of Arranging Streets

The town council met Monday of this week and passed the ordinance changing the names of the streets of the town of Belmond. The complete ordinance may be found on page two of this issue of the Independent.

Hereinafter, Spruce street is to be known as East Main Street, that portion of the street running east from the town bridge, and that portion west of the bridge to be known as West Main Street.

River Street (running north and south past the mill) is to be known as River Avenue, and that portion north of Spruce street to be called River Avenue Northeast, and that portion on the south side of Spruce street to be known as River Avenue Southeast.

These will be the only streets that will carry names, all others will be designated by numbers. All streets running east and west are to be called streets, starting from River Avenue, First Street Northeast and First street Southeast, Second street Northeast, etc. Streets running north and south are to be avenues, numbered the same as the streets.

The prize of five dollars, offered by the Independent for the winning name, goes to R. D. Kenefick, whose suggestion of Main Street was the first to be submitted. There were a considerable number of names suggested in the contest, and the council, after thoroly going over the list, chose Main Street as being the most appropriate.

WALLACE-LEGGE

Mrs. Martha Legge and T. B. Wallace of this city were united in marriage at Des Moines on Tuesday evening August 30th. at 8:00 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Billings of the Simpson M. E. church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace spent a few days in Des Moines attending the state fair returning home Friday. They will reside in rooms over the groom's jewelry store.

The many friends of the couple with whom the Independent joins extend their best wishes for a prosperous and happy life.

COUNTRY CLUB TO HAVE INFORMAL OPENING

An informal opening of the new Clarmond Country club building at Cornelia will take place Friday afternoon and evening, when the families of the various members will gather for the occasion. Entertainment will be provided from 2:00 p. m., with dinner at 6:30. Members are supposed to bring their golf clubs, also plates, cups, etc., for the family.—Monitor.

M. E. W. F. M. S. ELECTS

The Women's Foreigng Missionary society of the M. E. church met last Thursday with Mrs. R. H. Klemme and held their annual election of officers, the following being elected:

President—Mrs. Wallace Ramsay.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. C. H. Pullin.
Corres. Sec—Mrs. R. H. Klemme
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. H. C. Claussen.
Treas.—Mrs. H. L. Gowdy.
Extension Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Bailey.
Supt. of Standard Bearers—Mrs. J. H. Edge.
Supt. of King's Heralds—Mrs. A. W. Martin.
Supt. of Light Bearers—Mrs. J. S. White.

DOINGS AT DISTRICT COURT

(From the Monitor.)

Coronor Walker and attorney Rogers conducted an inquest yesterday over the accident death of Dan Filkins at Eagle Grove.

G. H. Wheeler of Woolstock brings action against Sam Pate to recover the sum of $186.81 for merchandise sold defendant.

Earl Anderson vs. D. B. Hutton, a suit to compell de[illegible] form his part of a [illegible] volving a 160 acre tract valued $58,400.

The state checkers have been at work on the books of Treasurer Allen and Auditor Walker the past week and so far have given them a clean bill.

C. W. Nicoulin of Algona brings suit against Nordschow Motor Co. of Belmond in the sum of $89.25 said amount alleged to be due for a truck body.

A. H. Ziegler of the Zeigler Hardware Co. of Clarion seeks to recover from S. E. Ewing the sum of $66.50 balance due on his note. He alleges that defendant is about to dispose of his property and to remove from the state.

Tillinghast & Co. of Clarion have brought suit against Ewing Bros. to recover $40.57 for groceries, etc. sold to them. For cause of action plaintiff alleges defendants have disposed of their property and are about to remove from town.

Serena Peterson has petitioned the court for the appointment of Geo. W. Young of Clarion as guardian of her husband, Peter B. Peterson, who is of unsound mind and has been confined to the hospital at Cherokee for the past fourteen years.

The board of supervisors contemplate the grading, draining and gravling of several miles of the Wilson highway next season. Engineer Hilton says the work will begin at the Severe school house and continue south to the county line on the Blairsburg road.

Henry Spoora of Belmond has begun action in the district court to collect the sum of $660 for rent of fifty-five acres of land leased to Bert Lauen for the raising of sugar beets. The sugar beets were harvested and alleged to have been sold to the Iowa Valley Sugar Co., who are made defendants in the case.

John Gray alleges he loaned Henry Van Haften the sum of $600 and that he has lost the note given for same, but that the mortgage securing the loan is a matter of record; that plaintiff is ready to furnish an indemnifying bond as provided by law to protect defendant against the lost note. The note is past due, hence the suit.

Manda Tippen of Eagle Grove alleges her husband Orry O. Tippen, has become addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and has subjected her to cruel and inhuman treatment; that during the month of February, 1921 he left the plaintiff to care for their five minor children. Mrs. Tippen wants the divorce and custody of the children.

Miss Blanche Agar, who has been employed as saleslady in Baker's dry goods store in Eagle Grove returned to Clarion Monday and resumed her former position as deputy superintendent of schools under Miss Blanche Bock. Miss Wilma Trumbell of Belmond, who resigned as deputy, will attend Morningside College.

Wright county is well to the front in the matter of road construction this season, few counties doing more such work than Wright. At present seven road crews are at work on the various projects. A second crew was added to the Solberg-Rowan road on Monday, working from the county line west toward the Iowa river. The first crew is now at the river and have the abuttments and piers completed for the new bridge. While waiting for the remainder of the steel the river channel is being changed.

E. A. Ely, the head clerk in the Goetz store, suffered a severe and painful accident Monday of this week while at home. He was descending the cellar stairs, and had gotten almost to the bottom when he slipped and fell, breaking one of the bones in his right leg. He will be laid up for some time, but is reported as resting easy at this writing. His many friends will hope for his speedy recovery and return to duty.

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The hen since time began has been taken as a model of industriousness. She toils from dawn till dark, earnestly scratching for her daily worms wandering far and near, making her territory fit the need.

When worms are scarce and hard to find, does she sit down, bemoan her hard luck, say it's no use, there are no worms, we're all going to starve to death? She does not.

When the worms are the hardest to find them the hen extends her range and scratces all the more. She must eat, and she must have worms to eat, consequently she keeps after the worms.

Business might learn a lesson of much good and magnitude from the hen. Instead of saying that there is no business, and times are hard, and it looks like we were going to die from starvation, and what's the use, etc., the wise man would go out and, like the hen, extend his territory and scratch all the harder. One big trouble with business right now is that it has had too many worms which were too easy to get; it required very little scratcing to find all they wanted, and now that the worms are scarce and difficult to locate, some people are lying down on the job.

You won't find worms by sitting down and waiting for them to come out of their holes and be picked off; worms are too hard-headed nowadays to be easily picked up; you've got to extend your territory and scratch a little harder.

The hen who does is the hen who eats.

The man who follows suit is the one who survives.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Aid society will eet in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon. Let every member be present so as to plan for the work of the fall and winter.

The services last Sunday were exceptional for the day. Some of the members of the church did not know that the evening services were to be in the church. Tell your friends and bring them along with you for perhaps they are just waiting for a friendly invitation.

The services next Sabbath will be the Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., the morning worship at 11:00 and the evening young peoples meeting at 8:00 to which all are invited. Miss Helen Hildebrand will be the leader Sunday night. Come and help make these services count for God and for each other.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at seven.

A feature of special interest to Sunday school workers is the Sunday school institute to be held in the church Friday afternoon and evening of this week. It is expected that teachers and officers from ten different Sunday schools will be present for this institute. The principal addresses will be by Dr. Buriff of Klemme and Dr. C. L. Hay of Chicago. The afternoon session begins at seven-thirty. Dr. Hay's address will be on "The Modern Program of Religious Education." The program of the afternoon will be more especially for officers and teachers, but the general public is cordially invited and urged to hear Dr. Hay in the evening.

The King's Heralds will meet with Randall Klemme Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10th. Heralds are asked to bring their Mite boxes and the money which they have earned from the ten cents given them last spring.

ORDINANCE NO. 123

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE OF NAMES OF STREETS IN THE TOWN OF BELMOND, IOWA.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Belmond, Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the names of the streets in the original town plat and any addition thereto through which they extend are hereby changed and for the purpose of changing the names of the streets of said Town of Belmond, Iowa, that said Town of Belmond, Iowa be divided into four districts, and that the portion or territory of said town which lays east of River Street and North of Spruce Street, (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) shall be designated as Northeast; that portion or territory of said town which lays east of River Street and South of Spruse Street, (hereinafter to be called East Main Street), shall be designated as Southeast; and that the portion or territory of said town which lays west of River Street and North of Main Street, (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) shall be designated as Northwest, and that portion or territory of said town which lays west of River Street and South of Main Street, (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) shall be designated as Southwest; and the streets of said Town of Belmond, Iowa, shall hereinafter be known and designated by the following list:

Spruce Street changed to East Main Street.

Main Street changed to West Main Street (that portion laying on the west side of River Street).

Main Street changed to First Street Southeast (that portion laying on the east side of River Street and which lays one block south of Spruce Street)

Luick Street changed to Second Street Southeast.

Latimer Street changed to Third Street Southeast.

Railroad Street changed to Fourth Street Southeast.

Washington Street changed to First Street Northeast.

Pine Street changed to Second Street Northeast.

Hathaway Street changed to Third Street Northeast.

Greeley Street changed to Fourth Street Northeast.

Lincoln Street changed to Fifth Street Northeast.

Sumner Street changed to Sixth Street Northeast.

Stanton Street changed to Seventh Street Northeast.

Boone Street changed to First Street Southwest.

Emmet Street changed to Second Street Southwest.

Oliver Street changed to Third Street Southwest.

Franklin Street changed to First Street Northwest.

Archer Street changed to Second Street Northwest.

Cutler Street changed to Third Street Northwest.

Elder Street changed to Fourth Street Northwest.

River Street changed to River Avenue, and the portion of said street laying north of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) be designated and known as North River Avenue and that portion of said street laying South of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) be designated and known as South River Avenue.

Vine Street changed to First Avenue Southeast and First Avenue North East, that portion laying north side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as First Avenue Northeast, and that portion laying on south side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as First Avenue Southeast.

Race Street changed to Second Avenue Southeast and Second Avenue Northeast, that portion laying on south side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Second Avenue Southeast, and that portion laying on north side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Second Avenue Northeast.

Filbert Street changed to Third Avenue Southeast and Third Avenue Northeast, that portion laying on south side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Third Avenue Southeast, and that portion laying on the north side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Third Avenue Northeast.

Market Street changed to Fourth Avenue Southeast and Fourth Avenue Northeast, that portion laying on south side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Fourth Avenue Southeast, and that portion laying on the North side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Fourth Avenue Northeast.

Union Street changed to Fifth Avenue Southeast and Fifth Avenue Northeast, that portion laying on the south side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Steet) to be known and designated as Fifth Avenue Southeast, and that portion laying on the north side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Fifth Avenue Northeast.

Queen Street changed to Sixth Avenue Southeast and Sixth Avenue Northeast, that portion laying on south side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Steet) to be known and designated as Sixth Avenue Southeast, and that portion laying on the north side of Spruce Street (hereinafter to be called East Main Street) to be known and designated as Sixth Avenue Northeast.

High Street changed to Seventh Avenue Southeast.

Wilson Street be changed to Eighth Avenue Northeast.

Ellen Street changed to First Avenue Southwest and First Avenue Northwest, that portion laying on south side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as First Avenue Southwest, and that portion laying on north side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as First Avenue Northwest.

Pink Street changed to Second Avenue Southwest and Second Avenue Northwest, that portion laying on south side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Second Avenue Southwest, and that portion laying on the north side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Second Aevenue Northwest.

Gap Street changed to Third Avenue Southwest and Third Avenue Northwest, that portion laying on the south side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Third Avenue Southwest, and that portion laying on the north side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Third Avenue Northwest.

Clark Street changed to Fourth Avenue Southwest and Fourth Avenue Northwest, that portion laying on the south side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Fourth Avenue Southwest, and that portion laying on the north side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Fourth Avenue Northwest.

New York Street changed to Fifth Avenue Southwest and Fifth Avenue Northwest, that portion laying on the south side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Fifth Avenue Southwest, and that portion laying on the north side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Fifth Avenue Northwest.

Lucina Street changed to Sixth Avenue Southwest and Sixth Avenue Northwest, that portion laying on the south side of Main Street, (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Sixth Avenue Southwest, and that portion laying on the north side of Main Street (hereinafter to be called West Main Street) to be known and designated as Sixth Avenue Northwest.

SECTION 2. That the Street and Alley Committee cause the names of the streets on the signs now erected to be changed where necessary to correspond to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as by law provided.

Adopted Sept. 5th, 1921.

M. C. BA[illegible] ...or.
Attest: GUY BYER[illegible] ...k.

[illegible] of St. [illegible] ...ice Simerson ...rise party last Thurs. evening. Ice cream and cake was served. A very enjoyable time was had.

Mrs. Geo. Baxter and Mrs. S. O. Windecker attended a pre-nuptial shower, last Friday evening, given in honor of Miss Mae Schank, at the Mrs. Erma Neilson home.

Miss Ruth Olson of Fort Dodge is visiting at the E. N. Ericson home.

Clarence Scott and wife, and Geo. Baxter and wife were in Clarion one day last week on a business mission.

A number from here attended a miscellaneous shower at the Rikanshrud home near Kanawha last Thurs. evening in honor of their daughter Hannah, who will soon become the bride of Ralph Forristal.

Mrs S. O. Windecker was a Belmond visitor one day last week.

Daryl Lein started to school in Kanawha monday.

Martin Paulson is spending the week at Minneapolis taking in the fair.

Miss Gladys Hauge began the fall term of school Monday. She is boarding with Mrs. S. O. Windecker.

Mrs. Anna Martinson, a missionary from China gave a very interesting talk at the Ladies Aid Society, last Wednesday. Mrs Martenson has been in China nineteen years. Her husband having died there about nine years ago. She has come back to the United States to educate her three children they will attend the St. Olaf college at Northfield Minn.

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

The morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Sermon: "The Man Who Arose."

Sunday school at 12:00.

The Christian Endeavor will meet at seven p. m.

Evening service at 8:00 p. m. Sermon: "What is the Purifying Savior?"

The Junior Endeavor meets on each Wednesday at 4:00 o'clock at the church.

The mid-week meeting at the church Wednesday evening at 8:00.

The W. F. M. S. met with Mrs. Len Rowen last Thursday afternoon, with a goodly number present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bingham.

Be sure and hear Rev. Nye during this month in the mornings and evenings, as he will take up in his sermons thoughts that will be interesting to all, and something that will be spiritual, educational, elevating for the young and old.

Last Sunday morning he gave us a good sermon on the "Angels Ladder," and brought out the thought that the individual had the angel within, and that we should trust in our greatest belief, aspirations, and in our noblest dreams.

Sunday morning he will take up the thought of where Jacob arose early in the morning, and will bring out the idea that Man cannot have a God more honorable than himself in life, and men will never have great ideals unless a proper foundation is aid. There will be good music at these morning and evening services. We invite you and your friends to attend these services this next Sunday.

Little Ivan Williams has been very ill the past week. Dr. Potter of Galt was called to see him Sunday. The little fellow has had a touch of pneumonia.

George Pritchett was a Clarion visitor Tuesday.

Harold Farmer returned to his home at Clarion Tuesday after a week end visit with his sister, Mrs. Will Ferguson.

Mrs. C. A. Carter and son Harold of Hampton visited at the home of Mrs R. H. Keith Tuesday, and attended the musical recital given by her daughter that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Farren and children visited his brother, J. S. and family several days last week. They returned to their home at Matlock on Friday, Mrs. J. S. Farren and son Bobby going with them to [illegible] several days.

Mrs. Roscoe Robinson was a Clarion shopper Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Onstein and children of Mason City spent Sunday at the home of their friends, Miss Vinnie Whitten and Mrs. Mary Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reese and son of Albert Lea, Minn., spent Sunday in Rowan at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Farmer of Clarion spent Sunday of last week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris of Des Moines spent Sunday and Monday at the parental Williams home and at the Harris home.

Harry Harris spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris, returning to his work at Goldfield Monday.

Donald Farren spent Sunday night with his friend, Jesse Steffens, at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Maresh of Cedar Rapids came Sunday to visit at the C. W. Fowler home. Mrs Maresh will be remembered as Miss Alma Campbell who lived here when a small girl.

Herman Pepper of Waterloo spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gardner the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mathiason and Mrs. Willard McCallum were Dows callers Saturday.

Fred Jensen was a Clarion caller Monday of this week.

Little LeRoy Emerson the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emerson, has been quite sick the past week.

Willard McCallum was sick Saturday so he was unable to attend to his duties in Theo. Hansen's store. Mrs. Bert Pelly took his place Saturday.

Mrs. A. G. Sorenson and children of Ottosen came Tuesday to spend several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitten. Mr. Sorenson came Saturday night from Ft. Dodge where he has been on business, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson and daughter of Galt visited Mrs. Frank Drury Saturday.

Mrs. Lorence Dorr of Clarion was a visitor the week end at the home of her friend, Mrs. Jesse Payton.

Miss Grace Meinders of Glenwood, Minn., spent several days at the home of her friend, Mrs. Chas. Richards the past week.

The young people of the neighborhood enjoyed a good time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ramond Hansen on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and children returned last Monday from Polo, Ill. Mrs. Mabel Pilfer returned with them for a visit at the Ed. Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger and son of Coulter spent Thursday evening at the Chas. Richards home.

Mrs. Cady Templeton spent Tuesday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen, returning to her home in Clarion Wednesday.

Kenneth Smith of Clarion spent Tuesday at the home of his grandma, Mrs. M. Snyder.

Mrs. Gay Fletcher spent Wednesday in Clarion at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Yoeman, Mrs. O. E. Ballou, Mrs. Viola Tibbits and Mrs. L. W. Stevenson were Dows visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Conn and family of Parkersburg spent Sunday at the home of their niece, Mrs. D. W. Whitten and family.

Norris McTaggart of Belleville, Kan came Monday of last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Esther Andrews. He was enroute home from an Odd Fellow convention in Canada where he had been as delegate.

The Misses Cecia and Hazel Azeltine went to Hampton Tuesday and visited friends for a few days last week.

Last Thursday evening the choir of the Cong. church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens. About 20 were present to enjoyed this very pleasant evening. This was a backward party, the refreshments being served first and the entertainment after. Some very amusing stunts were performed and the evening will be long remembered by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Whitten and daughter Frieda were Hampton shoppers Wednesday.

Miss Mamie White of Garner transferred here Wednesday night enroute to the hospital at Hampton. She had been in an automobile accident and had injured her back.

James Rowen went to Spirit Lake Wednesday to attend the state convention of the American Legion.

Wm. Tresidder went to Clarion on Wednesday to assist his son Edward for the remainder of the week.

Marion Smith of Clarion returned home Thursday after several days visit at the home of her grandma, Mrs. M. Snyder.

Mrs. Otto Jensen spent Friday at Clarion at the home of relatives.

Mrs. Dan Whitten and Mrs. F. M. Fowler were Dows visitors on last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey, Jr., and Mrs. Esther Andrews and the latter's sister, Mrs. Adams, who has been visiting here, motored to Sheffield on Thursday to visit another sister, Mrs. Seamy. Mrs. Adams returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A A Williams and Henry have moved into their new home which they built in the grove

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey have moved into the flat which was vacated by the Williams family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wessels and family have moved from Meservey to the Nels Hansen house which was vacated by the Bailey family.

Mrs. Peter Schreck of Hayfield, who had an operation for appendicitis at the M. E. hospital in Des Moines, is reported as doing as well as could be expected, and intends to return to her home Thursday of this week.

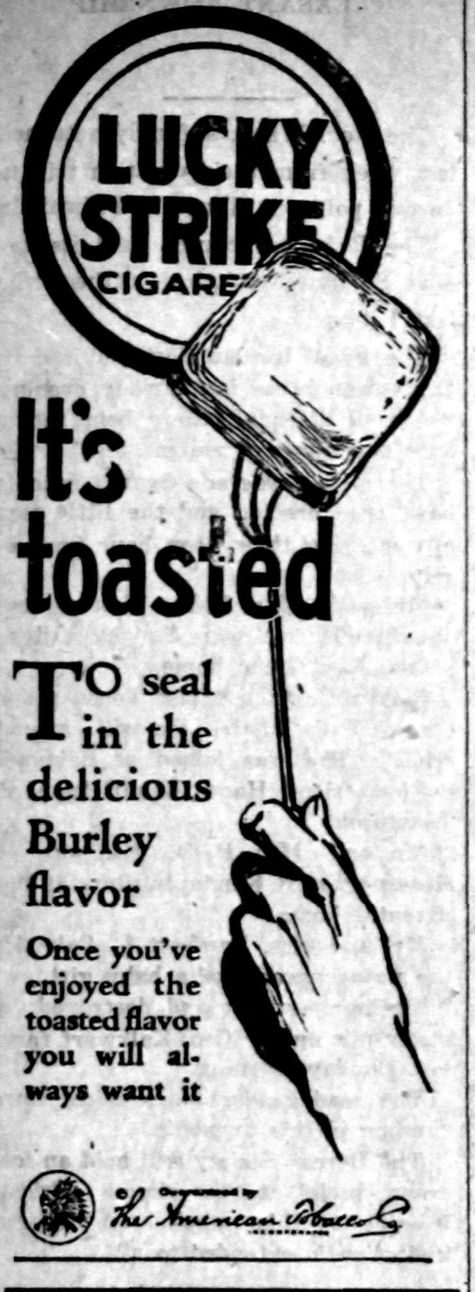
Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls who went to Chicago for medical advice, writes that they are not going to operate this time but will use the radium treatment.

Rowan School Notes

The Rowan school opened Monday. Sept. 5 with the following teachers present: Supt. T. K. Holiday, prin. Maude Cowley, Domestic science, Lenora Osterhus and Mrs. Holiday. The grade teachers are as follows: [illegible] Kerving seventh and eighth; Miss Mary Draheim 5th and 6th; Miss Endna McCutcheon 3rd and 4th; primary Mrs. Agnew. There 192 pupils enrolled with more to enter later. This makes a fine bunch of pupils and with the fine corps of teachers this year should be one of the best years in the history of the school. Let the parents co-operate with the teachers and pupils to make this year successful.

Thompson horse shoe players came to Rowan Thursday to play the Rowan pitchers, winning all the games from the Rowan bunch.

Another graing outfit of the Wisely and sons arrived Monday to work on the new federal road, beginning at the county line east of Rowan and working toward town. They shipped in six carloads of material.



Robert Holiday left Tuesday to continue his course at the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society held a chicken pie supper at the basement of the church Thursday evening. A large crowd attended and they served an extra fine supper for the money.

Mrs. Peddle was looking for her daughter, Mrs. John Butler, last week when word was received that Mr. Butler's mother had passed away on Tuesday. Mrs. Butler will come later.

Leona Bowers is on the sick list this week and was unable to start her school duties Monday.

Little May Hyde was also unable to commence school as she had not fully recovered from her recent illness.

Little Clifford, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Halbrook, was very ill Monday.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten was a Dows caller Wednesday at the home of her sister.

Edgar Mantle and Jim Burt and the Misses Marjorie Brooks and Laura McCallum went to Clear Lake Monday to attend the barbacue at that place.

Nels Hansen, who has been making his home at Jens Kjar's, went to Woolstock Saturday where he will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crozier and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Guyer of Waterloo motored here Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hyde, returning home on Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Emerson has been very ill the past week from rheumatism.

Miss Irma Barker returned Friday to her school duties at Lamont, where she teaches 5th grade.

Miss Mildred Duffy left Tuesday to continue her course in special primary at the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

The W. C. T. U. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Braden on Wednesday afternoon. This was a business meeting at which they elected their officers as follows: Pres. Mrs, L. A. McCallum, vice pres. Mrs. Tresidder and Mrs J. S. Farren, Rec. sec Mrs. M. Snyder, with Mrs. Fred Brooks as assistant, Corres. sec. Mrs. Angie Baines, treas. Mrs. Ed. Ballou with Mrs. R. H. Keith as assistant.

Messrs. Ben and Herb Hadley went to Ellsworth Saturday on a business trip.

Mamie Allen of Iowa Falls called at the telephone office here on her way to Solsburg to visit her sister, Mrs. Oscar Isenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum Geo. Anldrich and Blanche Box were Cear Lake visitors Thursday.

Word was received from Mrs. L. A. McCallum at Dubuque that her mother had passed away. Mrs. McCallum will stay a few days longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Werwick of Lake City are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toyne. Mrs. Werwick is a sister of Mr. Toyne.

Mr. and Mrs Geo. Liming were called to Titonka Sunday by the serious illnes of his brother-in-law.

Rev. Tomkinson was a Clarion caller Monday of this week.

The Cong. Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. S. B. Heath on Friday afternoon. All the ladies are requested to be present at the meeting as there is work for all. The work on the comforters which the society contracted for is progressing nicely, they have them half finished and in another week will be nearly thru.

The pupils of Miss Viola Charter gave a musical recital at the Cong. church Tuesday evening. It consisted of piano solos, duets and trios, violin solos, and readings, and several selections from the orchestra. The pupils all did very well and show lots of study on their part and an interest on the part of their teacher. The rain in the evening stopped a great number from attending but nearly all on the program were present. Miss Charter rendered several selections on the violin which were enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Viola Tibbets returned Saturday from Anita where she had been helping care for her niece, Mrs. Harry Cate, and new son, and spent several days at the home of her mother, Mrs. O. E. Ballou and family.

Thursday afternoon Rowan crossed bats with the Galt team meeting defeat 4-8. Better luck next time, boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley will move on the farm now occipied by Mr. and Mrs. Albian Anderson, next March.

Several families from Rowan had planned to attend the old settlers picnic at Goldfield but the rainy weather prevented.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tourzek were Ft. Dodge shoppers Monday of last week.

The A. C. Rietz family were Belmond shoppers Monday.

A great number of people were disappointed Saturday night when they came to town and found there was no picture show. These shows have been greatly enjoyed this summer and large crowds have attended them. We are sorry to have them discontinued.

Little Maxine Sheldon had a little cousin from Chicago visiting her several days the past week.

Mr. Schroeder of Clarion called on the home of his daughter, Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Thursday. He and his family had been to Nashua to view the Little Brown Church and on their way home ran into a cloud burst so that Mrs. Schroeder and her daughter were obliged to go home on the train, a brother of Mrs. Sheldon's stopping here for the night and returning home with his father next day.

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Fort Dodge's

AUTUMN EXPOSITION

September 8th, 9th, and 10th

The first formal welcome of the Autumn season will be held amid gala festivities in Fort Dodge, Thursday, September the 8th, from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M.

The other two days, the 9th and 10th, are reserved for a continuance of the elaborate displays and carefully executed features that will be viewed first on Thursday evening.

Every store is making preparation for your coming. Every store will be open to welcome you and entertain you from 8 to 9:30 P. M. Thursday—not to sell merchandise but to show the new things in the most attractive ways.

The merchants of Fort Dodge have prepared to make this an Exposition that will long be remembered. An Automobile Fashion Parade headed by the band, aeroplane stunts with an illuminated plane and other entertainment will be provided for you. The new Fall merchandise will be displayed in all the stores and store windows in a profuse extravagance that cannot be duplicated before or after this annual event—this first wonderful showing.

Let us urge you to come to Fort Dodge this first evening. Plan with your friends to enjoy this evening of free entertainment.

THE MERCHANTS OF FORT DODGE

Emergency Shoe Sale Going Strong

RIGHT DOWN CHEAP PRICES are good medicine for a heavy stock--but we still have too many shoes left on our shelves. Fall shoes and all are included in these prices.

For Men

All Men's Fall Footwear priced in four groups---

$9 $7.85 $6.50 $4

For Women

All Fall Oxfords $4.95 or $7.85.

All Fall Shoes $3.95, $4.95, $7.85 and $9.85

SCHOOL SHOES!

Special Lot of School Shoes

$1.98 $2.98 $3.48

EVERYTHING AT EMERGENCY PRICES

- COME TOMORROW -

Woodruff Shoe Co.

26 Years of Good Shoes

115 N. Federal — Mason City, Iowa

A PENNY SAVED ---

Is a penny doubly earned right now when every penny counts.

I CAN SAVE YOUR PENNIES and your dollars too on your magazine subscriptions, any periodical published in America, from The Ladies Home Journal to The Police Gazette and I guarantee to save you money on every one. Ask me for prices.

Remember the Attractive

CLUB OFFERS

New Subscriptions to the *Independent* In Clubbing Offers

R. A. RANKINS MAGAZINE AGENCY

Phones 115 and 196 — Belmond, Iowa

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

Wanted to rent—Five or six room house, modern or partly modern, by November 15th. Lee W. Stacy, Phone 325 or 115. Belmond Iowa.

Wanted—4 or 5 school children to room. $1.00 per week. Mary Gealow Phone 316.

House for rent or sale—seven room house in fine condition, with four lots, barn and garage. Phone 247. 2t*

Wanted—Anyone having a good young Collie dog for sale, write or phone Wm. Messelhiser, Meservey, Iowa, R. R. No. 1. 1tc

FOR SALE—P. & O. riding beet lifter, new. Will take half what it cost me. Geo. Polmateer. 2tpd

Wanted—Family laundry and mending. Leave orders at this office. tfc

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

GOODELL NEWS

Mr. Julius Cook had business in Garner last week.

Two of the young Nimrods of Goodell opened the hunting season by bringing home two squirrels.

Last Thursday Mr. L. W. Sherwood and family and Miss Maude Griggs drove to Iowa Falls to attend the funeral of Mr. Sherwood's aunt.

Mr. L. Ericson and Carl Sandberg attended the Britt fair on last Thurs.

The Heginger and Hubbard familes attended the fair atBritt on Friday.

Friday found Roy Cordes and Frank Dominys at the county fair.

Mr. Joe Cordes spent a few days at Britt last week.

Mr. Fred Bachman and family took in the Britt fair on Thursday.

The Britt High School advertised their school by exhibiting at the county fair the excellent work done in manual training and domestic science departments.

Supt. Nelson will give special attention to the manual training department of Goodell High school this year.

Mr. Charles Nelson and family of Thompson Iowa, visited O. Sandberg and family on sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning Sandberg of Iowa Falls came up Saturday and spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. Sandberg's parents.

Mr. White of Culloden, W. Va. visited his cousin A. D. White the past two weeks. They had not seen each other for over fifty years, so it was a great treat to review their early life.

Unfortunately Mr. White was hurt in the auto accident nearGarner Aug. 6th. Miss Mamie White will have to remain in the hospital at Hampton for some time but she is improving as fast as can be expeced considering the seriousness of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Orick Busick accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rhoads to the State fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust went to Britt Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rust's sister Mrs. Cline.

Owen Conwell and wife attended the state fair while on their vacation.

Chris and Mm. Deiger are enjoying a visit from their mother.

Mrs. W. O. Butterfield, of Belmond was calling on Goodell friends Sunday.

Tuesday Earl Ruka cut corn for Hans Nelson, of Old Town.

The farmers around Goodell this week are busy cutting corn and fill ing silos.

Mr. Earn Wilkins had the misfortune to be hit by Mr. John Castello's auto Monday evening. The buggy was slightly dammaged.

Mr. Nelson and wife spent Sunday at Lake Mills.

Mrs. John Ahrenkiel is improving her residence by the addition of two new porches and a new roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber and nephew drove to Minn. Sunday afternoon to visit his brother Fred Graeber They returned on Tuesday.

The U. B. Sunday school will observe Sept. 18th. as enrollment Sun. Are you enrolled? If not why not? Sept. 25 is promotion and rally day. Parents should plan to attend and thus encourage their children in their spiritual work.

Sept. 18th. is the last Sunday of this Conference year.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeling of Clarion were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davenport on Saturday of last week

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1921

Regular council meeting, with members all present.

Clerk's financial report received and read.

Bond of L. M. Foster covering sale of Cigarettes approved.

Ordinance No. 123, An Ordinance Providing for the Change of Names of Streets in the Town of Belmond, Ia., was duly passed.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Frank Hake, labor storm sewer		$ 18.50
Iowa Falls Electric Co., Aug. Lights		133.98
Iowa Falls Electric Co., Aug. Power		42.53
The Improvement Bullitin, adv.		1.00
W. S. Nott Co., mdse.		23.40
C. N. Hildebrand, Surveying	(G)	70.50
George Heginger, labor and material	(C)	6.49
D. L. Rankins, concrete step	(I)	1.50
Wm. Collins, labor on street	(R)	1.50
Ben Smith, dragging streets	(D)	16.75
Harry Forrestall, labor on streets	(R)	10.00
Belmond Independent, ptg.		30.73
Bel. Ptg. & Pub. Co. ptg.		24.05
C. J. Papousek, mdse.	(W)	7.40
Schultz Drug Co. mdse.	(C)	17.60
F. P. Dibble, draying	(R)	6.50
F. P. Dibble, express	(C)	9.72

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS, Clerk.

Belmond Local News

The game with Dows, scheduled for Sunday at this place, was cancelled on account of the rain. The Dows team phoned Saturday that they could not come, and Ryder's Independents from Rowan were secured, but as the grounds were too wet no game was played.

Geo. Hake was a caller at Mason City on Friday of last week, looking after some business interests.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Edge motored to Humboldt on Thursday of last week to spend a day or two visiting there at the homes of relatives. They were caught there in the rain and were unable to gethome until Saturday morning.

Mrs. James R. Giffen of Fort Dodge came Tuesday for a short visit at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stacy, and with other relatives rere. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Norma Wolcott, of the same city.

Miss Mildred Gealow came down from Meservey to spend the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mortimer were visitors at the Twin Cities on Sunday of this week.

Eugene Kinney, who was on the sick list the past week, is able to be out and around again.

A number of local people attended the base ball tournament held at Garner this week.

Take home a pound of Webster's Famous Fudge at 67 cents a pound. Schultz Drug Co.

Chas. Moore has been visiting at the home of his son, H. D. Moore, the past week.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Quite a few local folks are planning to attend the circus at Mason City.

The Belmond team played Dows at the Garner tournament Tuesday and lost 2 o 1 in 11 innings, the game being one of the most sensational, close and hotly contested games that have been played in northern Iowa this year. Dows was loaded up with six semi-pro players, while Belmond played all home men.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsay and family of Des Moines were in town over the week end, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay.

$20 buys a 1-4 horse power electric motor for washing machine. Good as new, used but a few months. $4 takes an electric iron, good as new. Inquire at Louis Steinlicht, Belmond. 2t*

Henry Steinlicht moved his family and household goods last week to a farm near Kanawha, which he will operate this next year.

Have you paid your subscription to the Independent yet? We need the two dollars right now, and will appreciate it if those who know themselves to be in arrears will come in and leave us two dollars. Every little helps these days. Thanks!

Miss Bernice Wolle returned on last week Friday from Manly, where she had been spending a few days visiting at the home of her friends, the A. E. Kimmel family.

School opened on Monday of this week and with a very good attendance in all grades. Monday was given over mostly to registering and getting things in shape to start the year right.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Engstler and family from Crystal Lake drove down on Monday of this week to spend the day at the home of her parents here, Mr and Mrs. R. D. Kenefick, and to greet old friends.

Mrs. Philip Geitz left last week Thursday for Illinois, where she will spend a week or so visiting at the homes of relatives at various points in the state.

Mrs. Golden returned last week to her home at Cedar Rapids, after a month's visit here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Moore.

A large number of tourist parties have been going thru Belmond the past few weeks, seemingly more than usual. Probably because the roads in this vicinity are better than they are others. They can always be spotted by the amount of baggage that they carry on the running board of their car.

The Womans Missionary society of the Congregational church will hold a food sale Saturday afternoon at Tyrrell's meat market. This will be a place to get a variety of homecooked food.

Men's Fine Clothing
Made-to-Order

High-class Dyeing, Cleaning and Repairing.

We are not in competition with any-one on prices. Our work is guaranteed up to a standard---not down to a price.

OUR GUARANTEE---Our many satisfied customers.

New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. Tuffree, Prop.
South of Hotel

Rowan Auto Company

Automobiles Auto Repairing
Acetylene Welding
Tires Tubes Supplies

All Work Guaranteed

Carmon Bros. & Larson
Props.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Rev. Waalkes family returned last week from their vacation trip to various points in Illinois and Michigan

The Reformed church held its annual Sunday school picnic at thechurch last Friday.

The Farm Bureau Social at the O. D. Jenison home last Friday evening was well attended, there being some over two hundred present.

The slides ordered by the schools have been erected and the little tots are enjoying their noon hour immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Walters and daughter Harriet were Sunday visitors at the Ray Green home.

Bertha Gartz left last Tuesday for Cedar Falls where she will attend school. She was joined at Belmond by her friend Hazel Hendrickson of Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Halfpop of Meservey, were Sunday visitors at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert L. Pals are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Lightning struck and destroyed a straw pile on the Geo. Kalkwarf farm last Sunday morning.

The road graders are doing more grading in this township.

The Dorcas Society will hold an icecream social at the church Friday evening of this week. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Priscilla club is planning on a picnic to be held in the city park on the 14th of this month.

REPAIRING DONE

I will do all kinds of carpenter Repairing, fix your screen doors, put on the new storm doors, fix that tight window, repair your broken furniture, and do any kind of repairing you may have in the carpenter line. Call the Belmond Lumber Co. for service and satisfaction in this line, or see me at my shop on the Lumber Co. grounds.

R. D. KENEFICK.

KINSETH'S Cash Grocery

SHOES
See our fine Dress Shoes.

Men's Work Shoes, black or tan	$2.45

FLOUR

White Rock	$2.65
White Swan	2.65
Cream	2.10

Try our bulk coffee---all guaranteed.

SUGAR	$7.45
Soap, 6 bars for	25c
High grade broom	67c
Large can Peaches or Apricots, in syrup	30c

Call us on prices of eggs.
---Open Evenings---

Halt! Read Every Word!

This Add Is Worth Dollars To YOU---
If A Renter or A Speculator Who Wishes A Home for His Loved Ones

Be your landlord---be your own boss. Was Darwin right when he said that without warning the finance would tumble---and take with it the Banker, Preacher, Doctor, Speculator and Wildcat Schemes, Stock and Bond Speculators. Did they get BUMPED? We need all of those men. They are useful to make people get sharper. However, we need more tillers of the soil.

We are selling the Soil---that is not Gold Bricks or Bonds, but the Earth itself---that makes the wheels of Commerce go---something that will produce the staff of life and plenty of it. If you have a few hundred dollars to pay down we will give you the ONLY CHANCE to make yourself independent. Look at the picture below---carefully.

Don't you think you can live on such as this? By paying a few hundred dollars down, and the balance in one-half crop payment yearly until paid.

Why pay high rent, and give the landlord six days of your work—Sunday thrown in?

SAMPLE OF THE FARMS WE SELL:

120 acres, three miles to market, about 60 acres cultivated, balance hay and timber; 5 room house, 16x24 barn for horses and other buildings. $800 cash, balance ½ crop payments. Get ready and go. We have 36 of those farms to sell. We want you as an owner of one. Pull the cash out of the old musty corner. Come let's talk it over, or write us your wants. You want the home—we need the money. Let's be partners. Be the owner of a farm. Take it.

Remember the only way you can get a Home is to work your own land.

Yours for a Great Big Bargain in Farm Lands. Insurance ONLY THE BEST.

WOLLE LAND AGENCY
Belmond, Iowa

The first ball game of the newly organized team was played here on Monday of this week when Brown's Colts came over from Clarion and trampled on them to the tune of nine to seven. It was the first game of the new team and they were somewhat ragged, but they put up a good brand of ball, nevertheless, and with an even break on things would have won. Clarion scored two in the first on a walk and a homer, Belmond tied in the second; in the third and forth the Colts piled up a total of seven runs, and in the last of the fourth Belmond tied by driving in five runs. Even Stephen until the nineth, when Clarion secured two runs of somewhat doubtful character on a line drive to right field. Belmond couldn't make the rounds in their half. It was a nice little game, well played and clean. Obrecht of Thornton pitched for the Belmond team, Wilson doing the heaving for the county seaters.

Quality, Style Service

Manley's

Truth Always Facts Only

EAST STATE STREET MASON CITY, IOWA

Not How Cheap' But What Is the Value?

If you paid 25 cents for a hen that wouldn't lay and was too tough to eat, what good would it do you to have bought it cheaply?

Value is the relation of quality to cost. A low price alone does not guarantee it.

We are selling the best values in Mason City, not necessarily the cheapest.

FALL DRESSES

Our Fall Dresses in Canton Crepe and Tricotine are priced mostly at---

$18.75 to $38.75

They have the charm, the chic and the individuality io please your eye and the quality and workmanship that insures lasting service and thas show a definite superiority, easily seen and honest when anlyzed.

NEW FALL SUITS
OUR SUITS PRICED $23.75 TO $58.75
ARE VALUES EQUALLY AS GOOD

When you come to Mason City you owe it to yourself to shop around and to buy where your money gets you the best value. It's on this basis that we ask your patronage.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Veeder celebrated her birthday on Thursday of last week by entertaining some 35 guests at her home. Refreshments were served, and Mrs. Veeder was the recipient of many beautiful presents in honor of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hansen have moved into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voiles where they will reside until next spring.

Wm. Voiles was a passenger to Mason City one day last week where he had some work to do in landscape gardening, connected with his nursery buisness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott left on Tuesday morning of this week for Huron, South Dakota, where they plan to spend a couple of weeks visiting at the home of Claire Snyder, and with other relatives and friends in that vicinity

M. O. Crawford, a former resident and business man of this place, was in town last week one day attending to some business matters.

T. B. Wallace was a visitor from here at the state fair in Des Moines last week.

Mrs. Geo. McAlpine and daughter of Council Bluffs were the guests of relatives here last week.

Miss Ialeen Flynn left on Sunday of this week for Glendale, Arizona, where she will teach in the schools at that place this coming scool year. She has been spending her summer vacation here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn.

The ladies of the M. E church who compose the seven divisions engaged in working for the annual bazaar to be held in December, are getting the affair pretty well in order and expect to have one of the best ever this year

Raymond Walton came up from Iowa Falls last week to spend a few days here with his relatives and old friends.

Miss Esther Hardwick, who has been the bookkeeper at the telephone office, has resigned her position and is taking a course in Domestic Science at Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton drove to Mason City on Thursday of last week where they spent the day.

Harm L. Pals and family were the guests of the Henry Groen family on Sunday of last week.

There are rumors that a local business is soon to change hands.

Dows will have a big day on the 15th of the month, when the American Legion at that place will stage an all-day affair of various sports and entertainments.

Seth Huntington returned the latter part of last week to his church duties at Dinsdale, and to resume his studies at Coe College, after a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. L. R. Huntington, and his sister, Mrs. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson are the parents of a fine baby girl, who came to their home on Monday night of last week.

W. H. Galliger and mother-in-law, Mrs. Bensch, went to Fort Dodge on Saturday to spend Sunday at that place visiting with friends and relatives.

ROBINSON'S

These Are No. 10 (gallon) cans

BLACK RASPBERRIES	$1.50
RED RASPBERRIES	1.50
BLUEBERRIES	1.50
BLACKBERRIES	1.35
RED PITTED CHERRIES	1.50
ROYAL ANNE CHERRIES	1.50
LOGANBERRIES	1.35
APRICOTS	1.25
PINEAPPLE	1.00

These cans are solid pack, splendid for canning, pies or preserves. Cheaper than fresh fruit.

Mrs. Pat Dillon visited friends at Hampton last week one day.

The Kanawha Reporter last week had a great deal to say regarding the riot staged here the Sunday befor by three Kanawha fans. The Reporter told all about the game, with emphasis on the fact that Kanawha won, but somehow overlooked the fact that there had been a fight. Wonder why?

Mrs. W. E. McAlpine returned last week from her season's tour with the show business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Martin were among the local folks who were in attendance at the state fair at Des Moines last week.

Bert Trumbell was down from Klemme last week looking after some business matters prior to his leaving for Des Moines, where he will take a business course this winter at the C. C. C. C.

C. J. Johnson returned last Friday night from the Twin Cities, where he had been on business. Charley bought a car up there and drove it back. He says that the roads were pretty bad, and that the fog that night was so thick that he couldn't see but a few feet ahead of the car. He started at six in the evening and made Belmond at three in the morning.

Adolph Beirson, C. L. Ray, and Ted Veeder were visitors at the state fair last week. Ray also visited at the home of his folks, who live in Des Moines.

Job by day, week or month wanted by married man. Inquire at this office.

Harry Webb came up from Wellingford, Iowa, last week, for a few days visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Webb, and with other relatives and friends. Harry has been pastor of the church at Wellingford, but is planning on resuming his studies at Morningside College this fall and fitting himself more thoroly for the ministry.

The **Hampton Ball** tournament a decided success, and resulted in some fast and exciting games, with Dumont **the winner** of the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Keninger, Mrs. Mary Essen and Mr. Henry Thilke of Ackley spent Sunday at the Pat Dillon home.

Miss Maude Newgard was a visitor with friends at Latimer on Thursday of last week.

Miss Agnes Dillon is spending the week visiting at the home of relatives and friends at Ackley.

Mrs. Fred Bowers and children of Mason City are the guests of relatives here this week.

Woman with boy 9 years old wishes place with small family, more for light work and home than wages. Write Box 466, Belmond, Iowa. 1t*

Dress making and ladies tailoring, all kinds of sewing done. Satisfaction guaranteed. Galliger residence, Phone 116.—Mrs. M. J. Bensch. 1t*

THE ladies will be pleasantly surprised at the many beautiful new Fall Hats that are priced at seven and eight dollars. See our hats before deciding.

D. ORENKAMP & GREENFIELD

A few fans from Belmond drove to Lake View Park on Sunday to see the game there between Kanawha and West Bend, the latter team winning by a score of 8 to 3 in an easy and mediocre game. The West Bend pitcher had the Kanawhaites guessing from start to finish.

Quite a number of the fans from the county seat accompanied their team here on Labor Day.

The catcher for the Clarion team Monday was "Old Man Shaffer," who will be remembered by many local people as having played with Belmond about ten years ago. Shaffer has been in the ball playing business practically all his life, and he is only 62 now. And he plays just about as good as he did thirty years ago His son played first base for the Colts Monday.

NOTICE—All customers holding ice books, whether entitled to refund or if owing, are requested to turn them in to the office at once, as we are out of ice and further delivery of ice has ceased, as the supply is exhausted.—E. F. Bailey.

Dedication ceremonies will be held at Goodell Sunday for the new Catholic churcr being erected at that place.

Johnson & Wright are holding a big sale, and carry a full page advertisement in this issue.

Mrs. John Harriott of Hampton is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pals.

Lost—Auto license number 412015 Ia. Finder please return to John Hill, Belmond, R. R. No. 3. 1t*

Chester Cullinan is spending a few days here visiting at the home of his parents before returnng to his duties at Ames where he is attending college.

QUERIES FOR PARENTS

The boy's recent failure to pass his school examinations still rankles in the minds of his parents. They accuse him of laziness, or if they hate to acknowledge that he may be deficient in any respect, they are inclined to blame poor schooling for his failure. "His teacher did not teach him properly," they insistently assure friends. "He studied diligently enough and he is naturally quite bright, but he was not prepared as he should have been for his examinations."

Well, it is possible they are right.

There are incometent teachers, just as there are incompetent workers in every other vocation. The educational process as a whole, moreover, is not nearly as efficient as it might be. And the boy is perhaps as bright as they deem him, despite his low examination marks.

But conceding his natural brightness, it yet is entirely possible that not the teachers but the parents are mostly to blame for his examination failure. Has this possibility received any thought from them? If not I command to their consideration some queries recently put to parents in a questionaire issued from a Toronto school. Here they are:

"Do you visit the school to inquire about your child's process and deportment, and to see if you can help the teacher to help the child.

"Do you encourage your child in respect for teachers and for others in authority?

"Do you send your child to bed in time, so that he will be fit for study?

"Do you provide plain nourishing food and see that your child is up in time to eat a good breakfast?

"Do you teach your child to read the papers and find out the best in them, and do you encourage an interest in public affairs?

"Do you advoid gossip before your children and the telling of incidents which they may misinterpret?

"Do you encourage helpful conversation at table?

"Do you interest yourself in your child's sports, amusements and friendships?

"Do you comply with the rules of public health in your home?

"And do you keep in mind the fact that, while the school may be made to instill right principles, your children are handicapped if you do not support the school by instilling obedience and high ideals of patriotism and personal life?

Unless you can satisfactorily answer these queries, it is hardly in order for you hastily to condemn either your unfortunate little boy or his teachers for something which actually may be your fault more than his or theirs.

And if candor compels you to give unsatisfactory answers, then I would respectfuly suggest that, wherever you find your policy as a parent at fault, you should endeavor to make the necessary correction.

The results to your boy may be so beneficial that, long before his school life is done, you will be as proud of him as now you are irritated and discouraged.—Published by request.

Dimes

--grow to

Dollars

---when deposited in the

Belmond Savings Bank

START THE SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT

You will need the right kind equipment to do your work right. You will find just what you want at our store.

Besides our large line of Tablets, Pencils, Pens, Inks, Crayons, Rulers, Paste, Mucilage, Etc. we would like to show you the

Sheaffer Fountain Pen and Sharp Point Pencil

Prices One Dollar and Up. Guaranteed to give satisfaction.

ADAMS PHARMACY

The Rexall Store

Kanawha won from Dows in the game played at Dows last week.

Eddie Pillmer and wife were attending the state fair last week.

Specials

Falcon, Clear Quill, Crocker's Best Flour	$2.50
Crystal, Blair's Certified Flour	2.25
Peacock Flour	2.10
Sugar, per 100 lbs., cash	7.75
Only a few Overalls left for	1.25
Two 1-lb. cans Prelate brand Salmon	35c
1 can Mustard Sardines	10c
1 loaf Betsy Ross Bread	10c
18 ounce Jar Pure Fruit Preserves	30c
1 good Broom	30c

Several pairs of Men's, Ladies and Children's Hose at Cut Prices.

W. A. Parsons & Co.

We Deliver Phone 30

We Buy Eggs and Butter. Open Evenings

Home Baking at the Woman's Exchange

Homemade Bread, per loaf	15c
Nut Bread, per loaf	35c
Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
Spice Cake	40c
Nut Cake	50c
Sunshine Cake	50c
Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
Drop Cookies, dozen	25c
Baked Beans, pint	20c

Phone your order at any time and in any quantity.

Bring in your needlework or anything you have to sell. I charge 20 per cent.

MARY GEALOW

Phone 316 Belmond, Iowa

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

COUNTY WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

The wool growers of Wright county met at the county agent's office Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3, and organized the Wright County Wool Growers Association. The purpose of this organization will be to look after the interests of all wool grower of the county and see that proper returns are made for wool consignors. The following men were elected as officers of the organization: Pres. M L. Clark, vice pres. Clark McNeal, sec.-treas. Ralph P. Smith.

A membership fee of twenty-five cents was decided upon as a reasonable fee necessary to carry on the business of the organization. All wool growers are urged to sign up by sending membership fee to R. P. Smith sec.-treas., of the organization.

LINCOLN GIRLS ORGANIZE

The girls of Lincoln township met at the home of Mrs Anna Overbaugh Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3, and with the assistance of Miss Hazel Spencer county club leader, and the county agent, organized a girl's club with Mrs. Isel Matsen as club leader for the township and with Edith Waddel president, Edna Pohlman vice president, Margery Soults sec.-treas., and Madelyn Russell club reporter.

The next meeting of this club will be announced later by the club leader. The matter of deciding upon a name for the club and other business will come up at the next regular meeting of the club.

CLUB GIRLS WIN AT THE STATE FAIR

Entries were made in the garment club department by several Wright county girls and two of the girls succeeded in winning in their classes.

Entry was made in class 204 (Suit able dress for tall, slender school girl) by Ruth Dorr, age 19, of Grant township, who won fourth place out of a total of seven places in this department. It is interesting to note that this girl was the youngest to enter in this particular class, because all other girls who entered ranged in age from 12 to 16. Entry was made in class 209 (Set of three piece underwear) by Blanche Sibert, age 16, of Grant township, who won fifth place out of seven placings in this particular class.

A new feature of the club work in the state is the foundation of a state organization which has for its object the organzation of the club pigs for the 1922 season. This organization consists of three representatiyes from each county within the state. The Misses Mary Denby, Blanche Flurer and Lorene Porter were selected to represent Wright county on this committee for next year's fair exhibit Miss Hazel Spencer, county leader of girls' club work, will act as senior advisor.

The Wright county girls' club has the distinction of being the only organizaton in the state which has a definite program for the entire year. The credit for the success of the girls' club work in Wright county should go to Miss Hazel Spencer, who volunteered her services as county club leader and who has worked so faithfully and untiringly in an effort to put club work on the map in Wright county and in the state.

The girls' clubs of the state were entertained royally while at the fair. They were entertained at the Successful Farming Publishing company, they enjoyed a three-course luncheon at the Yonkers Bros. department store on the same day. They were entertaind Wednesday afternoon at the afternoon program in the amphitheatre and at the evening program in the same place as guests of the Iowa State College and the club leaders of the state. All club boys and girls were entertained Tuesday at the girls and' women's community house by Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader of girls' club work and Paul Taff and Mr. Reed, state leaders of boys' club work.

CLOTHING SPECIALIST IN WRIGHT COUNTY

Miss Cora Leiby, of the extension department, is conducting a series of "dress form" demonstrations in Wright county this week. The schedule has been arranged so as to include the townships which asked for this work in their program of work and to invite the neighboring townships so as to give them an opportunity to attend.

The demonstrations as they are being conducted by Miss Leiby consist of all day meetings. The forenoon meeting is given to fitting the dress form to one lady of the group and allowing the dress form to dry during the dinner hour. The afternoon demonstration consists of an explanation of how the dress form is cut and reassembled. The demonstrations are proving very interesting and instructive and it is thought that the ladies of the county are getting as much good from this particular line of work as anything else that has been put on.

IOWA LAND TAXES TOO HIGH

For the first time, in the history of Iowa the farmers have been represented before the executive council in connection with the equalization of taxes. The railroads have always been represented and it is a common belief that they have been assessed a lower ratio, in fact the farm bureau federation presented figures before the executive council showing that railroads and other interests who have made a practice of having representation before the council have been assessed a less relative ratio than has farm property.

The farm bureau presented figures to show that farm land was assessed higher on its valuation and net income and carried a greater share of the taxes. It is general knowledge that the railroads have spent a large amount of their time in compiling figures to show that Iowa land has increased in selling value.

This office has received a large amount of material put out by the railroad office from Cedar Rapids showing in detail the increase in value of land in each township. They have hoped with these figures to have farm land bear a larger per cent of the taxes than it already carries. The figures went on to show that land had increased over forty per cent in the last two years. The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation may be given credit for having averted this increase in valuation of farm land.

It is conceded fact that Iowa farm lands today are taxed over 25 per cent of their net income, taking the last ten years as an average. The federation is to be commended for their good work Let us back them for other pieces of work of similar nature that will be of benefit to us.

SEVERAL HOG CHOLERA OUTBREAKS IN DAKOTA

The existance of several outbreaks of hog cholera in South Dakota is reported by Dr. G. S. Weaver extension specialist in animal diseases at the state college. The disease, he says, is istributed mainly over the eastern part of the state. Many cases have been reported where the disease has wiped out most of the animals in the herd.

"Hog cholera," says Dr. Weaver, is caused by a very small germ, and this germ will live many months if covered up in a cold, dark, damp place. The disease occurs in several forms and does not always act the same. Some hogs die quickly while others linger longer.

"At this time of the year hog cholera is more prevailant than in winter or spring. The disease can be prevented by vaccination, coupled with sanitation. All hogs in the neighborhood of hog cholera should be immediately vaccinated; visiting of hog lots should be immediately stopped; all dogs should be tied up; dead animals should be immediately buried Vaccination should be done before the animals get sick, as it is a preventative measure and not a cure."

BURT FARMER HAS OVER HUNDRED HOGS STOLEN

Officials at Burt are hunting a thief or a gang of thieves, who were smooth enough to steal one hundred and seventeen hogs from the farm of W. E. Grover and never wake the farmer or any of his family.

It is thought that the swine were driven from the farm and then loaded into trucks. This is the largest haul of livestock that has been reported in a long time, and the smoothness of the crooks is remarkable.

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GENERAL LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT DECREASES

Government figures recently released show that the total live stock receipts of 69 public stockyards decreased decidedly during the first seven months of this year as compared to a corresponding period in 1920. The only exception are the sheep receipts, which increased 11.8 percent. The movement of cattle showed a decrease of 13 percent, and hogs 5.5 percent for the same periods.

Of the 69 markets, Chicago was the only one of the few to show an increase, which was due entirely to the unusually large runs of sheep this year. The increase amounted to 1.5 percent. On the other hand, South St. Paul was one of the large markets to show a heavy decrease which amounted to 17.3 percent.

NEBRASKA CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS SHOW PROFITS

A study just completed by the Nebraska state department of agriculture shows that there are many successful co-operative enterprises in that state. Farmers there are successfully conducting the business of 244 elevators, 46 elevators and lumber yards combined, 39 stores and elevators, 6 elevators, stores and lumber yards combined, 5 implement houses, 13 creameries, 114 stores and 2 telephone companies. There are in addition to a considerable number of other enterprises of similar nature, largely elevators, owned by stock companies made up entirely of famers. The companies have been trying an average of 8 percent dividends and have a little over $5,000,000 invested.

SILOS WILL BE FILLED EARLIER THIS YEAR

Silos will be filled earlier than usual this year, due to the advanced season. Care must be taken that the corn does not get too dry nor too mature before filling. For best results the corn should be nearly all in the dent stageg and the stalk should contain a great deal of moisture. If this moisture is lacking, the only alternative is to supply fater as the silo is being filled. This can be done quite conveniently by running a stream of water thru a hose or pipe into the drum of the blower.

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ACREAGE OF WINTER GRAINS TO BE INCREASED THIS FALL

An increased acreage of winter grains will be planted in South Dakota this fall, judging from the inquiries received by the extension service of that state, where many letters have been answered regarding the culture of these crops and the sources of good seed.

A fall seed list has been issued by the South Dakota Experiment association, an organization of pure seed growers, with the co-operation of the county agents and the extension service from whom copies can be obtained.

This list is the result of the certified seed work of the state college and the information which it contains is valuable to the grower who wants to secure good seed of the best varieties, such as Turkey and Kanred winter wheats; Swedish, Advance and Rosen winter rye.

EMMETSBURG DEPOT IS ROBBED BY THIEVES

Emmetsburg Democrat: Sunday night burglars entered the Milwaukee depot an took between $80 and $90 from the safe. They also broke into the trunk in the freight room but so far as we have leaned they did not secure anything of value. They entered thru the freight room and cut out some wood-work in order to get into the ticket office. The operator who was on duty Sunday evening turned the combination of the safe a short distance and instucted the operator who came early in the morning how to turn it back and open it as he did not know the combination. After unlocking the safe, the thief closed it again and the operator could not open it. Local parties are suspected and will doubtless be hunted down. As the Democrat has stated from time to time, some of our young men are criminally inclined will soon find their way into penetentiaries.

TYPHOID PATIENT FOUND DROWNED IN WATER TANK

Harold Sorenson, a young farmer who had been working for Juhl Bros., down on the J. J. Cosgrove half section farm was found in Will Cosgrove's water tank early in the morning with his head and shoulders in the tank and the balance of his body on the outside. The history of his case is about as follows: Last Sunday Harold called on Dr. Sartor and complained that he was not feeling well. The doctor gave him some medicine and he went home. Monday he grew worse and Dr. Sartor was called. His ailment developed into typhoid fever and a nurse was sent for and arrived Tuesday. At 10:30 on Tuesday night his fever was 102 and pulse 88. At ten minutes till three yesterday morning the nurse heard a movement in the room and she woke up quickly, and by the time she got up from her cot the sick man jumped thru the window and ran away. She immeidately called the Juhl Bros. and their sisters. A search was made for the young man first by looking around the farm and then by horse back. Neighbors were called out. But no clew as to where he went was obtained by daylight when Will Cosgrove found the body partly in his water tank located east of his barn. The coroner was called yesterday morning. The young man was born in Denmark and had only been in this country a short time. He was delirious when he jumped thru the window and ran away, of course, and the cause of his death was not from drowning, but perhaps by the rush of blood to his head when he stooped for a drink from the water tank.—Titonka Topic.

HAMPTON TO BUY A REAL FIRE ENGINE

Chronicle: The city council last week purchased a real fire engine, one similar to the fire truck and engine which was demonstrated in Hampton several weeks ago. At that time the engine pumped water and threw it over the court house and as high as the dome. The truck and engine cost $6,000.

The new fire truck and engine will give Hampton a fire equipment that few towns of its size can boast of. With the modern chemical fire truck purchased a couple years ago, this new equipment will give the town ample fire protecton, if there is any water to be had in case of fire. It will surely pump the water and no worry will be necessary hereafter about the water pressure. All that will be necessary is plenty of water. The new truck and engine will be here within a week or ten days and will be given a ten-day tryout before final settlement is made.

GREAT CHURCHMAN PASSES AWAY AT SIOUX CITY

Bishop W. S. Lewis, one of the most popular bishops of the Methodist church, passed away at Sioux City last week, death being caused by an infection on the back of his neck, which spread until it developed into several severe boils.

Bishop Lewis was known by many of the Methodists of this community. For a number of years he was a member of the Upper Iowa Conference. He was president of the Epworth Seminary for several years and was president later of Morningside College, where his influence and work helped to make that institution one of the foremost denominational schools in the country.

He was elected bishop at the Methodist general conference held in 1908 at Baltimore. There were severa leaders of the Methodist church who were brought forward by their friends for the position. A number of ballots were taken and Mr. Lewis was among those who received liberal support. At one time he insisted on his friends withdrawing his name from the contest and his friends agreed that if would be impossible to elect him at that time. However, others insisted that his name remain and it was agreed that Mr. Lewis should stay in the contest. After a few more ballots it was seen that he was going to win and the entire delegation from Iowa boosted strongly. Shortly after that the final ballot was taken which elected Mr. Lewis. Following his election he was stationed for a time in China and he had served all the time since in that country.

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CHAPTER I.

David Moreland's Mountain.

Carlyle Wilburton Dale—known to himself and a few close friends as Bill Dale—had laid out a course of action almost before the northbound train had left the outskirts of the state capital behind. It incurred facing big odds; but other men had faced big odds and won out, and what others had done he could do. Indeed, he had already done several things which other men might not have thought of doing, and one of them was leaving a bride, not figuratively but literally, at the altar in a fashionable church! But he knew Patricia hadn't wanted to marry him any more than he had wanted to marry her.

It was only natural for him to think of coal, now that he had cut loose for all time from the "set" in which he had always been a colossal misfit, now that he must pull his own oars or virtually perish. He had heard coal talked since the day of his birth; to him coal and business meant exactly the same.

One of his father's associates had often spoken of a fine vein in the mountains of eastern Tennessee—had often tried to persuade his father to look into it, to no avail. Young Dale remembered that this vein lay not far from a long railroad siding called the Halfway Switch, in the vicinity of Big Pine mountain. The owners were mountain folk of English descent, his father's associate had said. Decidedly strange, thought Dale, that his father had never cared to investigate it.

The cindery little train reached the long siding about the middle of a fine spring morning. Dale took up his bag, hastened out, and soon found himself standing alone in the heart of an extremely wild section of country.

When the noises of the little train and the fast mail it had just met had died away, there came the saucy chattering of boomer-squirrels and the sweet twittering of birds. Dale caught the joyous spirit. He could have fairly shouted out of the fullness of his very human heart. Here all was unspoiled and unprofaned, and something whispered within him:

"They won't call you a savage here—make this your own country!"

From somewhere on a nearby mountainside a rifle's keen report split the air; a bullet whined like a mad hornet; Dale's hat jumped a little on his head.

The awakening was exceedingly rude. Dale wheeled, his gray eyes ablaze, and saw only a tiny cloud of smoke-mist rising from the laurels more than fifty feet away.

"Come out, you coward!" he roared. "Come out and let me see you," curiosity taking the place of anger in his voice. "I've always wanted to know just what a real highwayman was like!"

The muffled sound of a twig breaking a short distance off to his left next claimed his attention. He was being closely watched by a pair of the finest, clearest brown eyes he had ever seen. He saw her eyes first; he never forgot that.

She was standing on a low cliff beyond the sparkling creek that flowed beside the railroad, and she was partially hidden by a clump of blooming laurel. But Dale could see that she was about twenty; that every line of her rounded, graceful figure whispered of a doelike strength; that she was as straight as a young pine; that her chestnut-brown hair caught the sunlight, and that her face was oval-shaped and handsome—rather than pretty—in spite of its tan.

Dale took off his hat. There was a bullet hole in the very top of its high-peaked crown.

"Who's the robber?" he frowned.

The girl blushed.

"Mebbe he ain't a robber," she said. "Mebbe he thought you was somebody else. Anyhow, you ain't bad hurt, are ye?"

Dale smiled. "Oh, not seriously!"

"You ain't likely to be, ef ye behave yeself."

"If I behave myself—!" Dale laughed. "Why, I couldn't be naughty if I tried; I'm the one and only mamma's little Willie-boy! I wonder if I could put up at some house near here; eh?"

"The' might be," she said, thoughtfully.

"Where?"

"At pap's, or grandpap's, or with most any o' my people; or," she added with a contemptuous twist to her lips, "you might stay with some o' them low-down Morelands."

"Where do your people live?"

"About six mile back that way." She pointed over her shoulder with a forefinger.

"Would you mind showing me the way to your parental domicile?"

"What's that, fo goodness sake?"

"Your home, you know," Dale explained with a smile.

"Oh, my home. Why didn't ye say so, then? No, I won't," she declared.

Dale put his bag down and rested his hands on his hips.

"Why, may I inquire?"

"'Cause I won't. I don't never keep comp'ny with no strange menfolks. But yander comes By, and he'll show ye the way; he's a-goin' over to the settlement."

Dale faced to the right and saw, coming toward him with steps that would have measured almost four feet, the tallest and lankiest individual he had ever seen outside a circus. The newcomer had a smoothly shaven chin, his coal-black hair was long and his long mustache completely hid the narrow slit that was his mouth. In one hand he carried a repeating rifle.

"Who's that?" Dale half whispered.

"That's By Heck," answered the girl. She continued in a low voice, "His name's Sam Heck; but pap, he called him 'By Heck' one day, and the nickname stuck to him like molasses. Everybody calls him that now, even the revenuers. By, he's the biggest eater, and the biggest liar, in the world! But his lyin' don't never do no harm, and nobody keers. So ef ye want to go to the settlement, mister, By, he'll take ye over. They mebbe ain't got what you're used to fo' eatin', but ye'll be welcome to what the' is."

She laughed a little, turned, and disappeared among the blooming laurels.

The man By Heck wore the poor clothing of a poor hillman. His hat, which had once been black, was all brim and yet all crown; his suspenders, which had been bought with a 'coonhide, were redder than fire; his rundown cowhide boots seemed ridiculously short because of the great length of his slender legs.

"'Cause I Won't. I Don't Never Keep Comp'ny With No Strange Menfolks."

When he had reached a point some three yards from Dale, he halted, placed the butt of his rifle carefully between his toes, and leaned on its muzzle; then he deliberately began to take eye measurements of the newcomer.

Dale didn't like the stare—to him it was impudent.

"Well, what's the verdict?" he asked sharply.

"Spoke like a man," drawled By Heck. "I reckon you must be up here a-lookin' fo' coal."

"How did you reach such a conclusion as that?"

"Jest plain hoss sense." The drooping mustache muffled the words somewhat. "The' ain't but three things 'at can bring a city man here, mister," he drawled on, "and them's moonshine stills, bad health, and coal. You shore ain't got bad health, and you ain't got the cut of a revenuer, though a few minutes ago I thought mebbe ye was."

"And you shot at me!" said Dale.

"No," objected Heck. "I shot at yore hat. I allus hits at what I shoots at, mister. I wanted ye to turn yore face, so's I could see it, and ye did. As fo' that coal—

"The Morelands, they owns the coal in David Moreland's mountain, and they won't sell it fo' no 'mount o' money. They lives over in the settlement, them and the Littlefords. They're every danged one fine folks. I'm a-goin' over thar now. Want to go long? Say—dang my picture ef I didn't fo'git to ax what might be yore name, mister!"

"Bill Dale," came quickly—"Bill Dale. Settlement? Sure! Lead the way, By Heck. Who's the young woman I was talking with when you came up?"

"Who? Her? That's old Ben Littleford's gyurl. Her name's Babe. That's what they call her. She's got another name; but it ain't been used fo' so long it's been fo'got, I reckon. She's the youngest one o' old Ben's children. She hain't like none o' the rest o' the Littlefords. By gosh, she's awful high headed. She can read good, Babe can. Old Major Bradley, from down at Cartersville in the lowland, he spends his summers up here fo' his health, and he teached Babe how to read. Fine feller, Major Bradley. Lawyer. Babe, she has done read everything in the whole danged country. The's sev'ral Bibles, and a book about a Pilgrim's Prog-ress, and a Baker's Hoss and Cattle Almaneck, and a dic-dictionary.

"But we'd better light out fo' the settlement, Mr. Bill, or we'll miss dinner, mebbe. I'm a plumb danged fool about eatin'. I e't twenty-two biscuits o' flour-bread this mornin' fo' breakfus', asides a whole b'iled hamshank, and other things accordin'. It's the dyin truth! Come on, Mr. Bill."

They went down to the creek, crossed it on stones, and began to climb the low cliff.

After an hour's traveling Heck stopped in the trail and put the butt of his rifle to the ground.

"From right here, Bill," he said, "we can see every house in the whole danged settlement."

They were standing on the crest of David Moreland's mountain. Below them lay a broad valley checkered with small farms; and each farm had its log cabin, its log barn and its apple orchard. Beyond it all rose the great and majestic Big Pine, which was higher and more rugged with cliffs than David Moreland's mountain.

"The Morelands lives on this side o' the river, and the Littlefords lives on yan side," drawled Heck. "They don't never have nothing to do with each other, but they don't hardly ever fight; they're all strappin' big men, and they fights so danged hard it don't pay. My gosh, Bill, every man of 'em can shoot a gnat's eyelash off at four hundred yards—I wisht I may drap dead ef they cain't! Do ye see that big cabin right plumb in the middle o' the nigh half o' the settlement, Bill? Well, the boss o' the Morelands he lives thar—John Moreland. That's whar you want to go, Bill, sence ye've got a oncyorable case o' the disease knowed as coal-on-the-brain. But I can tell ye aforehand, you ain't got enough money to buy that coal, don't matter how much money ye've got."

Dale was not looking toward John Moreland's home now. His gaze had wandered to the other side of the river. By Heck waited a full minute for a reply to his speech, then he spoke again:

"The gyurl, or the coal—is that what's a-botherin' ye, Bill?"

Dale's eyes twinkled. "Must I choose between them?" he laughed.

"Shore!" By Heck wasn't even smiling. "Shore! The Morelands and Littlefords hates each other wuss nor a blue-tailed hawk hates a crow. The gyurl, or the coal, Bill?"

"We'll go down to John Moreland's," announced Dale.

The mountaineer took up his rifle. "Let me gi' ye a word or two o' warnin'," he continued seriously. "Don't you offer to pay John Moreland fo' eatin' his grub, nor fo' sleepin' in his bed, nor fo' chawin' his tobacker. Ef ye do, yore goose will shore be cooked with John Moreland. But ef ye was to brag on the vittles a little, John's wife a-bein pow'ful handy in the kitchen, it wouldn't do a danged bit o' harm. Do ye understand it all now, Bill?"

Dale nodded, and they began the descent.

John Moreland's house was built of whole oak logs, which were chinked with oak splits and daubed in between with clay; the roof was of handmade boards, and a chimney of stones and clay rose at either end.

John Moreland himself sat on the front porch, and beside him lay a repeating rifle, two young squirrels that had been very neatly shot through the head, and a weary black-and-tan hound. He was an uncommonly big man, and about forty-seven; his eyes were gray and keen; his thick hair and full beard were a rich brown, with only a few threads of white. There was a certain English fineness about the man. One felt that he could trust John Moreland.

As the moonshiner and his companion reached the gate Moreland rose and pushed his hat back from his forehead.

"Hi, John," grinned Heck. "This here feller wants to stay with ye a few days, John. Seems to be all right."

"Come right in," invited the chief of the Morelands. He indicated the home-made chair he had just vacated. "Set down thar and rest, stranger. I'll be back in a minute or so."

He h[illegible] into the cabin, carrying the squ[illegible] with him.

"He's went to tell his wife to hatch up a extry good dinner, Bill," whispered Heck. "Pepper-cyored ham, young chicken, hot biscuits, fresh butter, wild honey, huckleberry pie and peach pie and strawberry presarves—Bill, I cain't hardly stand it. Blast my picture ef I couldn't eat two whole raw dawgs right now, I'm that dingbusted hongry. Well, I got to ramble on home. I live down the river half a mile, we and my maw. Come to see me, Bill, and we'll go a-fishin'. So long, Bill old boy!"

John Moreland returned presently. The man from the city rose and proffered his hand.

"My name," he began, old habit strong upon him, "is Carlyle—"

Before he could get any farther with it John Moreland flung the hand from him as though it were a thing of unspeakable contamination. His bearded face went deathly white with the whiteness of an old and bitter hatred. His great fists clenched, and every muscle in his giant body trembled.

"What's the matter, man?" Dale wanted to know.

"Carlyle!" Moreland repeated in a hoarse growl. "You say yore name is Carlyle!"

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"Yes," wonderingly, "but that's only a part of it. My name is Carlyle Wilburton Dale—Bill Dale. What's the matter?"

"Did you come from West Virginny?" sharply.

Dale gave the name of his home town and state.

"That's dif'rent." The mountaineer's countenance became lighter. "This man I'm a-thinkin' about, he was from West Virginny. I hope you won't hold nothin' ag'in me fo' actin' up that away. I couldn't he'p it, shore, it seems. You'll know how I felt when I tell ye about it, Mr. Dale. I owe it to ye to explain. Jest a minute—"

He stepped into the cabin and brought out another chair, sat down heavily and crossed his legs. Dale, too, sat down.

"The mountain you had to come over to come here, Mr. Dale," Moreland began, his big voice filled with an old, old sorrow, "is knowed as David Moreland's mountain mostly because David Moreland is buried in the very highest place on top of it, him and his wife. He was my brother, and was the best brother a man ever had. It was allus the talk o' the neighborhood how much we liked each other. Up ontel the time he was married I went with him whar he went, and he went with me whar I went. I'd fight fo' him, and he'd fight fo' me. It's hard to tell, even atter this long time. . . .

"David, he was a strappin' big man, like all o' the Morelands. He was about yore size, and grey-eyed like you, and he had brown hair like you. When you walked up to the gate, it made me think o' him the day he was married; he was all dressed up in dark blue like you. . . . Then David he went up here one summer and found this vein o' coal. He got lawful p'session o' the mountain, and moved his wife up here. The rest of us lived over in the Laurel Fork country then.

"One day I got a letter from David, which said that a man named John K. Carlyle was a-goin' to buy his mountain and the coal, and said that his wife was pow'ful sick. A week later she died, and left a baby which died, too, accordin' to a old Injun by the name o' Cherokee Joe, who knowed my pap and knowed David. And a month later we was all dragged from our beds by this same Cherokee Joe, tellin' us that Carlyle had shot David. Carlyle, Cherokee Joe said, was a-drinkin' hard. The Injun seed the shootin' through a window.

"It was might' nigh to three days later when we got here and found pore David a-layin' whar he'd fell. We scoured the mountains fo' miles and miles around in a s'arch fo' the dawg who killed him, but we never found him. . . . The land up here looked purty, and it belonged to us by David's death; so we all moved up here to live, and built us cabins.

"Major Bradley found out about the end o' my brother, and he wanted us to put the case in the hands o' the law. But we wouldn't do it. A Moreland never goes to law about anything. He pays his own debts, and he collects what is his due—"

John Moreland arose and paced the porch floor, which creaked under his weight. He stopped before Dale, and went on sadly:

"Now ye'll know why I was so much tore up when I heered yore name, the Carlyle part. John K. Carlyle killed the best man 'at ever lived. And mebbe ye'll onderstand why we ain't never had the conscience to sell the coal, which cost Brother David his life."

Moreland's guest sat staring absently toward a brown-winged butterfly that was industriously sipping honey from the heart of a honeysuckle bloom. He gave no sign that he had heard anything out of the ordinary, but in an odd, persistent way his mind seemed to connect his father, John K. Dale, with the story he had just heard.

John K. Dale had come originally from West Virginia, and he had flatly refused, time upon time, to make any investigation of the Moreland coal property.

The hillman interrupted young Dale's thinking:

"Addie, she's a-goin' to have dinner ready purty soon. Would ye like to wash, Mr. Dale?"

"Yes," was the answer, and in the tones of Bill Dale's quiet voice there was a shade of meaning that Moreland did not catch. "Yes, I'd like to wash."

CHAPTER II

In the Cup.

Dale found the humble home of his mountaineer host a home in the fullest sense of the word.

At the noonday meal, he met Mrs. Moreland and the sons of the household, and they were exactly as he had pictured them. Mrs. Moreland was quiet, motherly, always smiling, as straight and real as her husband. The sons, Caleb and Luke, were as much alike as the fingers on your hands; they were tall and broad-shouldered, grey-eyed and brown-haired.

Before sundown Dale had become acquainted with the rest of the Morelands, and he liked them, every one. He was at the cabin of his host's gray old father and mother for a long time.

When supper was over John Moreland lighted the big glass lamp in the best room, and the family and their guest gathered there to spend the evening. Then the lanky moonshiner and his mother came in.

Granny Heck had the sharp features and the stooped, thin figure of a witch. She wore a faded blue bandana about her white head, and she carried a long hickory staff; there was a reed-stemmed clay pipe in her mouth, and her dark calico skirt had a tobacco pocket in it.

Her son preceded her into the room. He walked to the center table, faced about, and said with a low and airy sweep of his right hand:

"Bill, old boy, this here's maw. Maw, she tells forchunes."

"So this here," creaked Granny Heck, looking over the brass rims of her spectacles, "is Mr. Bill! Well, well! I jest thought to myself 'at I'd come up and see ye, Mr. Bill, and tell yore forchune."

She dropped into the rocker that Caleb had placed for her.

"Addie," she said to the smiling Mrs. Moreland, "will ye bring me a cup half full o' coffee grounds?"

When the cup came, the fortuneteller took it and shook it and patted it, all the while muttering mysterious words that she had learned from the old Indian, Cherokee Joe—which served her purpose very well.

"I see," she mumbled more or less sepulchrally, "a pow'ful good-lookin' gyurl in a caliker dress, with her hair a-hangin' away down her back. A barefooted gyurl, with big, purty eyes. She's a-standin' on a low clift, a-peepin' at you through the laurels, Mr. Bill. This is in the past. . . .

"In the future," she went on slowly, "I see this here as plain as daylight through a knothole; a awful big man, with curly black hair and curly black beard, and with eyes like a clift-hawk's; and I see you, too, Mr. Bill; and I see a fight, a master fight—Lord ha' mussy, what a fight! But you'll marry the gyurl after all, Mr. Bill."

Dale laughed. The old woman had described Babe Littleford. But who was the "big, dark man"? Some fellow who had lost his heart to the mountain girl, perhaps.

When the Hecks had gone, John Moreland leaned forward and touched his guest on the knee.

"That thar big man mentioned in tellin' yore forchune," he said, "might ha' been Black Adam Ball. Black Adam, he lives with his pap and mother a few mile up the river. As big as a skinned hoss, he is, and plumb ongodly strong. He's been a-beggin' Babe Littleford to marry him fo' a year or two, and she won't listen to him.

"Ef ever ye do haf to fight Black Adam," John Moreland went on, "ye want to fight him with a two-eyed shotgun and buckshot. He's the meanest man on earth; snake-broth and pizen vine is religious aside o' him. But ontel ye begin a-makin' love to Babe Littleford, I reckon the' ain't no danger o' you a-havin' trouble with Black Adam; and you ain't likely, I take it, to make love to Babe."

"But Babe's the best one o' the Littlefords," declared Luke.

John Moreland reached for the leatherbound old family Bible. He opened the Book at random.

"It's about time we was a-goin' to our rest, and we'll go jest as soon as we've had prayers, Mr. Dale."

When half a chapter from St. Matthew had been laboriously but reverently read, the Morelands knelt at their chairs, and so did Bill Dale. John Moreland's bedtime prayer was very simple, and very earnest, and it had in it more of thanksgiving than of supplication. And a part of it certainly was uncommon—

"Bless the stranger with us here tonight, and all o' our kinfolks, and all o' our friends, and our inimies, the Littlefords—'specially the Littlefords. Aymen!"

Dale was deeply impressed. He heard Mrs. Moreland dimly when she told him to let her know—she would hear him if he called—if there wasn't enough cover for his bed. Then he found himself alone with the stalwart chief of the Morelands.

He stepped forward and put his hand on the mountaineer's shoulder.

"How a man can go down on his knees and pray for his enemies," smiled Dale, "is entirely beyond me. Do you really mean it?"

"I try hard to," Moreland said quickly. "In a-doin' that," he went on, "I go Ben Littleford one better. Ben Littleford's the bell sheep o' the people who lives acrost the river from us, people we've hated fo' years and years. Ben, he holds fambly prayers, too, every night. He'd ax the blessin' o' the Lord on the stranger onder his roof, but not on his inimies, the Morelands. Yes, I try hard to mean it, Bill Dale."

"And that other enemy," murmured Dale—and he wondered why that should bother him so much, why he should feel that vague responsibility about it—"the man who killed your brother, David—"

"I don't never pray fo' him," interrupted the mountaineer, going a little pale. "I hain't that nigh juffect. A man don't git so good 'at he axes the Almighty to bless the devil—or the rattler in the laurels, or the copperhead 'at waits onder a bush fo' the passin' o' some bare-legged child."

Dale winced, but Moreland didn't notice it. Dale let his hand fall from the other's shoulder. Moreland began to speak again:

"I didn't tell ye afore, Bill Dale. My brother David, he was the hope o' his people. He was better'n the rest of us. The one big aim o' his life was to educate us all, the benighted. Yes, we're benighted, and we know it. He meant to do it with the coal he'd found. As I've done told ye, we ain't never had the heart to sell the coal. I hope ye'll have a fine rest, Bill Dale. I ain't a-goin' to call ye 'Mister' no more, Bill Dale!"

"Don't!" smilingly said the younger man. "'Bill Dale' is right, y'know. Good-night, John Moreland!"

Dale removed his shoes and outer clothing, blew out the light, and went to bed in the best room's hand-carved black walnut fourposter.

For a long time he lay there awake, and stared through a little window toward a bright star that burned like a beacon fire about the pine-fringed crest of David Moreland's mountain. He believed he understood now why his father had turned a greenish gray when this coal property was mentioned to him. He believed he understood why his father had flatly refused to investigate this vein. But he was wholly at a loss to account for the use of his own given name instead of Dale.

Looking toward the mountain again, he spoke as though he were talking to David Moreland himself:

"I'll see it through for you, old man. This shall be my country."

CHAPTER III

Goliath of the Hills.

Dale awoke a little after daybreak, arose and dressed himself, and went out by way of the door beside the huge stone-and-clay chimney.

The mountain air was bracing. Dale threw out his chest and started eagerly for a walk.

The road led past the cabin of Grandpap Moreland. When Dale was directly in front of the log house, he saw the aged mountaineer standing on a rickety sawhorse beside the stone step at the narrow porch; Grandpap Moreland was helping a gray cat down from the roof.

"Mornin'! I was jest a-takin' that thar cussfired old pest down offen the roof. I've took him down every mornin' as reg'lar as I make fires, fo' three year or more. Ef it wasn't bad luck to kill a cat, I' shoot him, mebbe."

After breakfasting with John Moreland, Bill Dale borrowed fishing-tackle from his host, and set out alone for the little river.

There were many shoals and rapids, and he went almost half a mile before he found a place to his liking. It was a beautiful spot. Above, the water poured between two great boulders with a gentle roar; below, it shallowed out over round stones. Overhead towered tall white sycamores.

Not until he had put a minnow on the hook and cast it out did he see that he was not alone at the pool. On the other side, less than sixty feet away, Babe Littleford sat on a stone the size of a small barrel; she held a cane fishing-rod in her hands, and her bare feet were in the water to her ankles. She was looking squarely toward Dale, and there was something akin to reproachful anger in her long brown eyes.

"Good morning!" called Dale, lifting his hat.

There was no reply. There was not even a change of countenance. Again Dale called his friendly greeting, and again there was no reply. It piqued Dale.

A few yards down the stream the white body of a sycamore lay from one bank to the other; it had been blown there by a recent storm. Dale wound his line, went down and crossed by means of the prostrate tree.

She didn't even look around when he walked up to her and spoke again. It struck him as being decidedly odd.

"I say," he told her, "you're as chatty as a set of stencils. You mustn't talk so much, y'know."

Her eyes smiled at the river, but Dale couldn't see her eyes.

"Do you like violets, Miss Littleford?" he asked next.

In the black, mica-starred soil at his feet grew a carpet of the finest violets he had ever seen. Babe let the tip of her cane rod fall into the water and looked around.

"It sounds funny to hear a man talk o' sech little things as vi'lets," she declared. "Most o' men don't think o' nothin' but workin', huntin', fightin'

(Continued next week.)

DOLLARS FOR YOU

AT THIS

SENSATIONAL PRICE-REDUCING SALE

OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK

THIS is the "day of re-adjustment;" in fact we are right in the midst of a re-organization of the whole industrial and economic system of America and the entire world. It is the process of getting back to normal from a period of inflated prices, bogus values and reckless living. Our purpose in giving the public this "Slashing Price Reducing Sale at this time is to assist in this great **Reorganization** and the restoration of confidence. This is more than a Price Reducing Sale it is our

Grand Opening Sale, Beginning

Saturday, Sept. 10th, to Sept. 20th

Come in and visit our big new store—one of the most modern and well equipped Hardware Stores in Northern Iowa—jam full of **Sensational Bargains** from basement to the roof. Prices in every Department have been dealt a **Smashing blow** for your benefit.

Shelf and Heavy Hardware, 25 per cent off

The most complete stock of shelf and heavy hardware ever carried in Belmond will be sacrificed at this great sale. If you are in need of builder's or heavy hardware of any kind, now is the time to buy. We have anticipated future reductions in this price of hardware and are giving you the benefit **now,** months ahead of actual reductions. Now is the logical time to build—while building material, hardware and labor are cheap.

Paint and Varnish of all kinds

—and for all uses. Inside and outside paints, floor paints, wagon paint, barn paint, auto paint. Inside and outside varnishes, floor and furniture varnishes.

Everybody has neglected painting for the last few years owing to the high price of paint. Do not let your buildings deteriorate when you can buy the best paints at pre-war prices.

Cutlery

EXTRA SPECIAL—1 lot Safety Razors at only 25c each.

Pocket knives, other razors and razor blades at greatly reduced prices.

For the Farmer

Hog Waterers, Tank Heaters, Hog Oilers—all at pre-war prices.

Cash Sale!

This is strictly a cash sale! No articles exchanged

Everything Goes!

Our entire stock of Stoves goes during this sale at unheardof prices—Hard and Soft Coal Heaters, Cook Stoves, Ranges, Oil Stoves.

...Sale Specials...

Steel posts, each 35c
12-ft. farm gate $9.00
14-ft. farm gate $10.00
16-ft. farm gate $11.00

Cream Separators—the newest improved as good as the best
750-lb. U. S. $87.50
1000-lbs. U. S. $102.50

Diamond Red Barn Paint in 5-gal. cans, per gal. $1.29
1-gal cans, each $1.39

If your barn needs paint now you can't say—"Oh, paint is too high."

Thermos bottles, pt-size $1.09

Galvanized water pails .... 20c and 25c
Wash tubs .... 75c and up

We have cut the price in two on Coaster Wagons, Kiddy Carts and Children's Wheel Barrows, etc.

While they last—Oil Cook Stoves
4-burner, worth $31.50 sale price .. $22.50
3-burner, worth $25.00 sale price $17.50
2-burner, worth $18.50, sale price $12.95

Coal Heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges at greatly reduced prices during this sale.

Bicycles, worth $45.00, sale price $33.00

Fairbanks Gas Engines
1½ h. p., worth $70, sale price $62.50
3 h. p., worth $110, sale price .. $99.00

Ladies! Household Utensils

The one big opportunity you have waited for so long, to get those much needed household articles. We have knocked the bottom out of prices on all Aluminum-ware, enameled-ware, glassware—in fact, everything for kitchen use.

Silverware

We offer you at this sale, most attractive prices on our line of Highest Grade Silverware.

Some very select patterns of Community-ware are on display.

Queensware

We are getting a shipment of finest quality Queen's Ware for this sale.

Washing Machines

Hand and Belt driven machines of the very best makes at rock bottom prices. Also Electric Power machines at a special discount.

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LOCAL BOY FATALLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Enrollment In High School Is Record Breaker

School Opened With Largest Number Of High School Students In History

ADD ONE MORE TEACHER

School opened with the largest enrollment in high school in the history of the school. There are enrolled 141 pupils in high school. There are 55 in the Freshman class. Just imagine what a fine graduating class that would be, should they all stay in high school.

Agnes Dillon substituted for Miss Ramsey in first grade Tuesday.

An extra teacher was added to the teaching force Monday, as the enrollment was so large in the grades. Miss Sadie Frohling is the new teacher.

Glee Clubs and orchestra will be organized this week.

Baseball practice has stared with Mr. Gruetzmacher as coach.

We are trying to arrange for games with Corwith and Kanawha this fall.

A number of the former students have visited school the past week.

The lecture course this year will consist of the four numbers listed below, Sason tickets will be sold for $1.50 each. These tickets are transferable.

October: Alton Packard, Cartoonist.
December: Stone Platt, Musical.
January: Fine Arts, Musical.
February: Ratto, Impersonator.

The school has tried this year to bring some worth while entertainment to Belmond, and will need the support of the entire community. The course costs $400 and is guaranteed by the Redpath Vawter Bureau to be refined, and entertaining to all who attend.

Plan now to get season tickets when the high school students call upon you. Boost for clean, high standard entertainments.

Each pupil will be assigned a locker in which to keep his wraps and other belongings. If the pupil wishes to get a key in order to lock his locker, he may do so by depositing 25 cents at the time the key is given him. At the end of the school year when he returns the key, the 25 cents deposited will be returned to him. The securing of a locker key by the pupils is not compulsory, but a matter of choice.

There are a number of eighth grade graduates in Belmond and vicinity that should take advantage of the opportunity to attend high school. Start now and make the most of the opportunity offered.

The Iowa Compulsory Law requires the attendance in school of all children under 16 years of age who have not completed the eighth grade. Children who are 14 years of age may be excused by the Board of Education until the first Monday in December, upon affidavit that child's help is needed to support the family. The Board must decide whether child is to be excused. Penalty is a fine for each half day's absence, and subject to a jail sentence if fine is not paid.

There are a number of grade pupils not in school who come under this law. Parents should see that they are in school next Monday.

Parents are asked to plan their work so they can visit school in session and see what their children are actually doing.

Are you interested in forming a Parent-Teachers Association this year? If you are, let us know and a meeting will be called for organization if sufficient patrons are interested. What is YOUR answer?

If you have a child in high school or in the Eighth grade and have not received a copy of the High School pamphlet of the Course of Study have him call at Mr. Fyler's office and get one. It outlines the High School activities and work.

KANAWHA WINS LAST GAME OF SEASON

The Kanawha ball team made the usual run and took the local aggregation into camp Sunday in the last game of the season by a 5 to 3 score. The local team completely outplayed the Kanawha bunch, but they couldn't do one thing that Kanawha could: make their errors at a time when they wouldn't count for much. Belmond scored in the first inning on an error, a sacrifice and a hit. Kanawha evened it up. Then Belmond scored two more, and errors gave Kanawha a tie. In the seventh, with the bases full, two men were put out, and then errors gave them two runs, and the game. You have to play mighty good ball to beat Kanawha, at any time, and then some luck besides to counter-balance that which they have. It was a good game, however, clean all the way thru, and without any chewing the rag or beefing or fighting. The crowd was about one-third the usual size.

BELMOND LOSES OUT ON GARNER TOURNAMENT

The Garner tournament was won by Lake Mills, which took every game they were scheduled to play, defeating Kanawha the first day, Dows the second and Wesley the third. Belmond, who had expected to get in on the third day, met a sad surprise in their game the second day, when they met the Wesley team, substituted for the Kanawha team after the latter broke up. Wesley's southpaw pitcher was a complete mystery to the local hitters, and not until the 9th inning did they get a score, the final result being 4 to 1 for Wesley. Pillmer was on the mound for Belmond. The crowds at the tournament were just ordinary, and to the ordinary observer it was difficult to see how the tournament could pay out. The rainy weather and the circus at Mason City had a great deal to do with the small number present.

KING'S HERALDS ELECT

The King's Heralds, a children's missionary society of the Methodist church, had their annual meeting last Saturday at the home of Randall Klemme. Their Superintendent, Mrs. A. W. Martin, had previously given each member a dime with which to earn more money during the summer, and the proceeds were returned at the meting on Saturday. The amount earned, including the rontents of the mite boxes, was about $20.

The newly elected officers were:
President—Ruth Ramsay.
Vice Pres.—Darlaine Reike.
Secretary—Helen Luick.
Treasurer—Randall Klemme.
Corres. Sec. —Harriet Martin.

DOWS LEGION TO HAVE BIG DAY THE 15TH

The big day of the year for Dows is scheduled for today, Thursday, when the American Legion of that place stages a festival. Many of the best attractions have been secured to fill the program for the day, among them being a ball game and a big dance. Belmond was scheduled to meet the Dows team, but owing to the inability of some of the local players to get away, Ryder's Independents were secured, and some of the local players will be with that team. Everything at the festival is free except the ball game and the dance. Quite a few local people are planning to go down in cars providing the weather permits.

One of the most remarkable feats of salesmanship that has been completed this year is the record made by the Belmond Auto Co. in the sale of Ford cars. The firm contracted in the spring for 60 cars, and to date they have sold 58 of the 60. L. Tokman of the firm says that practically every one of the sales was made on a cash basis. He has sold the cars as far north as Mason City. (The territory restrictions have been taken off on Ford agencies.) Considering the times, this is certainly a most remarkable feat of salesmanship.

Informal Opening Of Country Club Held Last Friday

Members And Families Enjoy The Day At Grounds By Golf And Supper

ABOUT 100 ARE PRESENT

The informal opening of the Clarmond Country Club was held last week Friday at the club grounds on the shores of Lake Cornelia, with a very successful and pleasant time reprted. There were about 100 present, just the members and their families being in the crowd. Supper was served at six o'clock. The afternoon was spent in playing golf, and in the evening a dance was held, an orchestra from Mason City furnishing the music, and the party was over about 11:00 o'clock in the evening.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN FAIR GROUNDS

News: Sponsors for the Wright County Fair Association beleive that proposed changes in the fair association and in the grounds are worthy the consideration of Wright county people as a whole, and at the Commercial club meeting in Clarion tonight these plans be discussed and outlined for the benfit of the local supporters of the fair.

It is recognized that the center of any activity seeking to promote the welfare of the fair is where the fair is located, but it is also recognized that the growing interest which is being taken in the fair since the past two fairs have been staged the county over is strong enough to warrent enlisting the support of ndividuals from every section section of the county.

What Folks Would Like to See

The proposed changes in the grounds include a regrouping of barns and the rebuilding of the race track on the east side of the fair grounds track. Permanent buildings would be built, a new grandstand would go up and from the main entrance would stretch the midway of attractions. By re-arranging the race track it would be made possible for people on foot to see practically every step of the racing. There would be provided larger grounds for the crowds, adding to the comfort and convenience of our guests. There would be enlarged facilities for the exhibtion of livestock, for machinery, and the like.

The expense of making these changes would not be prohibitative. it is believed, for in any event a new grandstand will have to be built within a year or so. With a permanent set of buildings and grounds the association would be relieved of several hundred dollars of expense annually for tents and labor, which, under present conditions, is money thrown away. With the changes, the Wright county fair would have buildings and grounds which would not be bettered at any county fair in the state. We have an ideal site, and by improving it as proposed, the attractions to the average fair-goer would be added to.

There is no disposition in Clarion to allow the fair to die. The support of the county as a whole, under what might be termed very unfavorable conditions, justifies our people in this decision. And prominent farmers and stockmen from various sections of the county unit in saying that the fair is being conducted in such a way as would merit the whole-hearted support from the county.

It is hoped to have a full ... at the commercial club meeting night, for the subject will be presented more thoroly than it possible in a short newspaper article.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help in the illness and death of our son, Stanford Sarber, and for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Sarber.

ONE MORE BAND CONCERT THIS SEASON

The last band concert of the season will be held on the street on this week Saturday night. The band had contracted for a total of 16 concerts for the season. The concerts have been more than pleasing, and have been worth their cost—$1,600—even in these close times, and it is to be sincerely hoped that they will be a common attraction on our streets next year.

A good band is something that any town can be proud of, and the Belmond band is among the best amateur organizations in the state.

NELSON-TOMSON

Mr. Otis Nelson and Miss Mary Tomson were quietly united in marriage last week Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, at Albert Lea, Minnesota, the Rev. Anderson of the Lutheran church at that place performing the ceremony.

The couple drove up, and after the ceremony went on to attend the state fair of Minnesota, returning on Sunday night.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Tomson, and one of the most charming young ladies of the city Mr. Nelson is employed with the Belmond Telephone Co. and is an industrious, capable young man and will make his bride a happy and prosperous home.

The young couple will reside in the Dybdahl house next to the C. J. Jones residence, and will be at home after Monday, September 19. The Independent takes pleasure in joining with the friends of the happy pair in extending congratulations and best wishes for a happy life together.

MORE SCRAPPERS ARE FINED

Monday night Mayor Barry fined two more men for being mixed in the riot staged at a recent ball game here between Kanawha and Belmond, the two men being Gilligan of the Kanawha team, and Jack Finn of this city. Finn was fined ten dollars and costs, and Gilligan five dollars and costs.

RIKANSRUD—FORRISTALL.

Today, Wednesday, at Belmond accurred the marriage of Hannah Ragnhilda Rikansrud and Ralph William Forristal. The Lutheran minister of Belmond officiated.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole T. Rikansrud who reside south east of town, is of exceptionally fine character, possessed of all the qualities needed to make a happy home. Everyone in this community knows and respects Hannah and extends to her and her husband their very best wishes.

The groom is not known personally to the writer but is held in high esteem by those who know him. His home is at Belmond and there Mr. and Mrs. Forristall will be at home to their many friends after September twentieth.—Reporter.

PURCELL-ESQUE

Wedding bells continue to ring and bridal showers are very popular.

A. L. Purcell, lately a resident of the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown, and Mrs. Esque, of this place, were quietly married in Mason City on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the home of the bride's brother, Charley Burkett.

The affair really savors of an elopement, for as Mr. Purcell stepped off the M. & St. L. train Tuesday evening he was hustled into a car where the bride and her brother were waiting, and whisked off to Mason City before anyone saw them.

Romance is not dead; and we are glad that some people never grow old, and we wish this estimable young (?) couple many happy days together. ***

MEMORIAL TABLET PLACED ON CITY HALL GROUNDS

A tablet containing the names of the soldiers and sailors from Belmond who died in the world war, has been placed on the city hall grounds, the tablet being fastened to a large boulder.

EDDIE RIERSON DIES MONDAY FROM INJURIES

Speeding Car Crashes Into Party Near Humboldt And Results In Death

BOYS WERE FIXING TIRE

Man From Humboldt Driving Ford 40 Miles An Hour After Night Responsible

This community was greatly shocked on Monday morning of this week when word was received here that Eddie Rierson had been fatally injured in an automobile smash-up near Humboldt. The young man died from the injuries at 6:00 o'clock Monday morning.

Eddie, together with four friends, were in a Chevrolet enroute to Ft. Dodge about 9:00 in the evening, and about six miles south of Humboldt they experienced some tire trouble. Eddie was out on the ground placing the jack under the wheel, and another young man in the party, Severson by name, was unscrewing the bolts in the rim of the wheel. According to the story of the boys, a Ford car, driven by a Mr. Casper of Humboldt, was coming from the north at a rate of speed which the boys estimated at 35 to 40 miles an hour. A large Buick, driven by a Mr. Grady, of the same place, was coming from the south, at a speed of 15 to 20 miles. The Ford coming at a terrific gait struck the Buick, which had practically stopped, and glanced off to the side and into the Chevrolet.

Eddie was struck by one of the springs on the Ford and jammed into the Chevrolet, his chest being crushed, internal organs injured and his face badly cut and mashed.

Casper, the driver who ran into the car, never stopped, according to reports, and his name and car license number was accertained by the gentleman in the Buick.

Eddie was immediately rushed to town and given every possible aid, but he had been too badly injured, and passed away at six o'clock the next morning.

The remains were brought to Belmond, where funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, at the Norwegian church, the Rev. Jensen in charge, and interment made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

Eddie was 24 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rierson of Belmond, and a young man of many friends and capabilities. Since last March he had been in charge of the creamery at Thor, Iowa, where he had been making good in his business. His death makes the second that has occured in the Rierson family within a year, and they have the symathy of the entire community in their hour of grief and sadness.

It is not known at this writing just what steps are to be taken toward prosecuting Casper for the accident, but some steps will doubtless be taken, and this is his second offense of a like character it is apt to be a hard matter for him to settle.

RUNS NEEDLE THRU FINGER

Mrs. Geo. Norris, Jr., had the misfortune this week of running a needle entirely thru her finger, causing an exceedingly painful wound. She was sewing with the machine, and in some manner her finger got in the way of the needle, the steel entering her finger on the under side and going thru the entire finger, nail and all. She was alone at the time, and immediately went across the road to the Harbison residence, where Mrs. Harbison with the aid of a pair of pliers, endeavored to pull the needle out, to no avail, the point breaking off in the finger. Dr. Steele was called and extracted the needle. Mrs. Norris has an extremely painful but not dangerous wound.

FREE AIR!

Nobody seems to want to tackle the job of blowing up the Air, so it looks like it was up to us to get the pumps working again. We were hoping that the gentle public would take over the job; a change of pastures, sorta like.

Anyway, we've been in poor shape lately to take care of the Air.

We've been learning chess.

Oi, what a head ache! Attorney Jensen gave us a lesson the other day, and so help us, when he got thru with the first lesson we felt like a dish of spaghetti that had gone thru a train wreck.

Chess is something like checkers, only different. That explains it thoroly. Only different. In fact, chess is different than anything we ever run up against.

It takes brains to play the game, and lots of them. We've learned that much about it anyway. Which is a lot, all things considered.

The Undertakers are going to have a big time at the county seat town this month. You can make your own on that. The question arises, when Undertakers get together do they have a good time or is it a dead affair?

And speaking of mournful affairs, we saw a fellow on the streets of Belmond the other day with a face on him that was enough to give Fatty Arbuckle the blues—if he didn't already have them.

This fellow's map didn't grow that way; it wasn't natural; it was just a part of his own work. You'd think to glimpse his visage that he had one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. He might have had the tooth ache, but he had the appearance of having just lost his fortune or his mother-in-law had come to stay.

You couldn't help feel sorry for him in a way, but nobody's any business parading their gloom around in public that way; the world's got too many skeltons in their own closets to want to poke around in somebody else's.

You've probably seen some queer mistakes in the Independent, for it happens in the best regulated families, but there was one in the Globe Gazette the other day that was a good one. It was about a young lady swimmer who had just broken a record or a rib or something. Her name was supposed to be Gade. The Globe said that "Miss Gad, the 2 year old swimming instructor —" Now no 2 year old girl ought to be left Gadding around the ocean that way. It ain't right. Somebody ought to be reprted to the society for prevention of cruelty to children, letting a 2 year old run around like that.

We present for your kind consideration in another column the latest fit suffered by Dorg of the angelic Reporter. There is no need of any comment, the actions of the police court and the testimony offered will be all the comment that is needed. Besides, we don't care to growl all summer long with Dorg, and we don't belive anybody wants us to. We offer his offering without comment. He who runs may read.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH CEREMONIES AT GOODELL

The ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the new Catholic church at Goodell, which occured on Sunday afternoon of this week, were carried thru according to the plans as made and were attended by a large audience. The Very Rev. Dean Nolan was in charge of the ceremony, the main address of the occasion being by Rev. E. J. Dougherty of Oelwein. The ceremonies were participated in by the following priests, very Rev. Dean O'Conner, Rev. Father Creagan of Forest City, Rev. Father Behan of Hampton, Rev. Father Barry of Webster City, Rev. Father Flynn of Mason City, Rev. Father Torpy of Clarion, and Rev. Father Martin of Osage.

The building of this church, so soon after the old one was destroyed by fire, and under the present financial conditions, is one of the finest exhibitions of community co-operation to be found anywhere, and the members of the Goodell parish are to be congratulated upon the successful conclusion of their efforts.

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NINE REASONS GIVEN BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT FOR GOING TO CHURCH

1. In this actual world, a churchless community, where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.

2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.

3. There are enough holidays for most of us. Sundays differ from other holidays in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year—Therefore on Sundays go to church.

4. Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, in a man's own house just as well as in church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship.

5. He may not hear a good sermon at church. He will hear a serman by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in making hard lives a little easier.

6. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffer er a loss.

7. He will take part in singing some good hymns.

8. He will meet and nod or speak to good quiet neighbors. He will come away feeling a little more charitably toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men church-going as a soft performance.

9. I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his work.

—Congregational Church

CANNING FACTORY FINISHES WORK

The Hampton-Kelley Canning Company closed its 1921 season's pack Saturday afternoon following a fifteen days run which is the shortest in the history of the plant. However, during that time the company made a pretty good record for the total pack is over 53,000 cases, or approximately a million and a quater cans of sweet corn.

The company here was among the few in Iowa to operate at all this year and contracted for less than 700 acres as against 1,200 last year. Farmers who were fortunate enough to be numbered among the patrons of the factory are feeling jubilant for it gives them ready cash at a time when that article is rather scarce.

The quality of the sweet corn this year was prime, both in size and fullness of the ear, free from worms and untouched by frost, and the yeild was sufficient to give the grower a reasonable profit.

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WHY EDITORS GO BUGS

It takes a person with a cast-iron constitution, a cold-blooded nerve, and an ability to forget to run a news paper.

We never realized how much so until the other day we were figuring. Figuring how many chances there are each week to make a mistake, and how easy. It requires no figuring to know what the results of a mistake will be; sad experience has taught any editor after he has been in business one week, or put out his first paper. If you get one letter in a name that is eight ax-handles long, sounds like a disease is spelled like some sort of foreign cheese and pronounced with a sneeze, a hiccough and a swallow, you hear about it.

The chances for making them are enough to stagger any but the hardest hearted. Take the Independent, for instance (let's do some figuring togther now). There are eight pages with six columns to the page. That makes

Columns	48

There are approximately 140 lines of type to the column. In one column that makes

1 column's lines	140

There are an average of six words to the line, let us say (there really are more) and in one column of type that makes

1 column's words	840

Then figure an average of five letters to each word:

1 column's letters	4,200

Figure this by 48 columns, and you have 201,600

Two hundred and one thousand, six hundred chances for making a mistake in every issue of an eight-page, six-column paper.

Do you get that, folks? Figure it out; then figure what the poor printer has to look out for every blomin' week. The chances are, as you can see, 200,000 to one against him! For one mistake, no matter if he found the other two hundred thousand, five hundred and ninety-nine will stick him.

The remarkable thing is not that there are so many mistakes, but that there are so few.

HOME TOWN PAPER WEEK

It is very rare that the average newspaper boosts its own business, but gives quantities of space in boosting the affairs of others.

Somebody suggested that it was time for the newspapers of the country to adopt a week in which their own business should be given precedent, and the Independent thoroly endorses the idea.

The date set is the second week in November, from the seventh to the 12th, including that great world event Armistic Day.

The official title for the week will be "Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week."

Thousands of papers will join in this event, and our readers will hear more about it as time goes on.

Every ready to help in any cause that is in the interests of a better communit, better living conditions, and better government, we now ask the readers and advertisers of the Independent to turn in and lend a hand during "Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week" and boost for us.

A mother is apt to think her boy would be perfect if it were not for the bad boys he has to associate with.

A lot of Germans now have iron crosses they have no use for, while over here most of us get doublecrossed frequently.

Notice this delicious flavor when you smoke Lucky Strike —it's sealed in by the toasting process

Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co.

CLIPPINGS

Nothing can come of it—not being straight,
The blossoms and beauty and goodness of fate
Are born for the lowly, the humble and wise
Who keep the clean faith of the infinite skies.
And manly and upright in honor of deed
Making living life straight the real core of their creed.

Nothing can come of it—not being right,
The joy and the laughter and music and light
Are made for the fellows who stand in the sun
And are never ashamed of the things they have done
And are proud to have battled with self and come thru
As clean and as sweet and as fresh as the dew.

Nothing can come of it—not being square,
The birds and the blossoms, the trees and the air
Are meant for the strugglers who who stand forth and cry
They've right to look up with their face to the sky
For with them the old justice and kindness and truth
Have kept them clean-hearted in old age and youth.

—Baltimore Sun.

Last Friday was Mrs. C. E. Barnes' birthday and in honor of the occasion a number of relatives planned a surprise dinner on her. Those who surrounded the festive board were Mr. and Mrs. W. S Pritchard and family, Mr and Mrs. W. I Rosecrans and Mrs. Gittie Finch.—Garner Signal

R. M. Smallpage and Mrs. Jennie Weeks attended the meeting of the Nursing Activities at Belmond Wednesday. The report was that Eagle Grove will in the very near future have a nurse who will be located here Aside from her work she will be subject to emergency calls.—Eagle.

Many will recall that while S. A. Keeler was editor and proprietor of the Belmond Herald, that paper was issued from the Elijah P. Lovejoy press, which press was thrown into the Mississippi river following the death of Mr. Lovejoy at the hands of a pro-slavery mob at Alton, Ill., in 1837. Mr. Keeler subsequently sold this press to Gunther, the candy and museum man of Chicago, and with proceeds received from such sale installed a new printing press. This is mentioned at this time from the fact that the writer recently saw in the paper that this Lovejoy press is now on exhibition as the property of the Chicago Historical Society.—Belmond Correspondence in the Clarion Monitor.

Better have a care about hanging out garments on the clothes line. One day last week five suits of wool underwear and a dress skirt were stolen from the line at the E. R. Martin home in broad daylight. It is supposed a tramp from a passing freight train made the haul.—Monitor.

Five merchants here, dealers in groceries, held a meeting last week and agreed to go on a strictly cash basis beginning at once. The old method of charge accounts which ran into many thousands of dollars for each of the merchants has been abandoned. The delivery system will be continued the same as usual for the present, but those telephoning for goods to be delivered will have to pay the deliveryman when he leaves the goods, and in case the cash is not paid the goods will not be left. —Hampton Chronicle, Sheffield Item.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at seven p. m.

The attendance at the services last Sunday indicates that vacation days are over. The increased attendance was especially noticeable at Sunday school. A justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania recently said that "the fullest citizenship is incomplete without an early church touch." In line with this thought is the declaration of a former governor of New Jersey, "that if the choice had to be made it would be better by far that our colleges be destroyed, and that our Sunday schools be saved." He was not thinking disparagingly of our colleges, but he was emphasizing the value of the Sunday school.

A welcome awaits you and your children in the Sunday school and the other services of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

You are invited to worship with us next Sunday.

Sabbath School 10:00 a. m.

Morning worship 11:00.

Evening services conducted by the young people at 8:00. Miss Marvy! Robinson will be the leader.

The W. M. S. were much pleased with the results from their food sale Saturday afternoon.

HUBBY TANKS UP; WIFE HIDES IN CORN FIELD

Chronicle: Carl Waddin, who resides near Faulkner, and is said to have been engaged at tiling work, celebrated labor day in a hilarious manner. He went to Ackley, where he said he tanked up on some of the real stuff, then came back home and mixed drinks with some choise corn wine he had on hand.

The stuff in his "inside" soon began to "heat" and he made things boil around his home with threats until things became so warm that his wife was forced to flee for her life and ran out into the nearby corn field, where she hid all the afternoon. Waldin later sobered up enough to imagine that his wife had left, been stolen or estrayed, and he went to Geneva and called Sheriff Atkinson to come down and help locate the missing spouse. The sheriff was soon on the job at Faulkner, and when he arrived he took a survey of the situation and discovered the real trouble.

In a short time the wife made her appearance, after discovering that the officers were present, but she refused to remain there alone with her husband, so the sheriff loaded the whole family into his automobile and brought them to Hampton, and lodged the man in jail. Tuesday morning Waldin was taken before Judge Parks, who, after hearing the evidence gave Mr. Waldin thirty days in jail, but suspended the sentence during good behavior. The court gave Waldin a severe reprimand, and it is beleived that it will do some good—especially with the thirty day sentence hanging over him.

The officers made another trip to the Waldin home and located ten gallons of fine wine, which they brought to Hampton. It is said that Waldin manufactured the wine himself. They also found several parts of the cook stove scattered around the door yard, which Waldin had thrown out during his spree on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Waldin, who has several children by a former husband, says that she married Waldin about a year ago, and for several months, before he began to drink corn whiskey they had a happy married life. They have a baby about three weeks old.

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg.	Address	Twps.
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99-2	J. K. Baker,	Eagle Grove—	Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff,	Woolstock—	Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick,	Dows—	Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers,	Belmond—	Pleasant, Belmond Norway Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin,	Clarion—	Dayton, Lake Grant Lincoln Wall Lake Clarion

A bum digestive appartus causes more sleeplessness than a rebellious conscience.

KANAWHA REPORTER GROWING WINGS

The Reporter did not intend to give space to a write-up of the "riot" or "war" which took place at the baseball game at Belmond, Sunday August 28th, but in justice to the Kanawha baseball boys and fans we are forced to on account of the unjust malicious and dirty report of the affair published in Belmond's papers. Not being satisfied with the misleading publicity they could give Kanawha thru their local press Belmond also saw fit to hearld it thru the columns of the Mason City Globe-Gazette

Kanawha was given entire blame for the whole affair, when the plain truth of the matter was the whole affair should be placed on the umpire. Decision after decision was so rotten that it was truly ridiculous. Our battery had about as much a chance as the proverbial snowball in hades. Yepsen was pitching in good form but if he could not coax a batter to swing at the ball there was no such word as "strike" in that ump's vocabulary, while Kanawha batters were forced to strike at anything or be mowed down by the ump's decision. Just once did he call a third strike on a Belmond batter who did not swing on the ball and then he did it apologetically. Just because why he should apologize we will leave to the reader to ferret out. Certain it is he did not apologize to Kanawha batters. Decisions at bases were also in keeping and when a Kanawha runner reached third base on Locke's two-base hit in the eighth inning and the ump declared him out it was too much for the fans. The base man did not come within three feet of the runner, yet the Belmond Independent said it was a "limsy" excuse to start trouble. Just what meaning the Independent intended to convey we do not know but we can truthfully say that it was the coarsest piece of work we ever saw attemped. A few Kanawha fans became so indignant at the continuation of this kind of work that they could no longer keep themselves in check and they made the error of going onto the field. A Belmond fan rushed up and struck a Kanawha fan who was being held by an officer and a free-for-all fight ensued. Of course Kanawha was all to blame. Had it not been for the decision which was such a plain, open steal that even Belmond fans hung their heads, and the hasty action of Belmond's fan who struck that cowardly first blow there would have been no fight. It simply was too much and Kanawha fans fought for their rights. After the demonstration which was due to much haste by both Belmond and Kanawha fans, Kanawha ball boys conceded to the steal and manfully continued the game, winning in the ninth inning that which was robbed of them in the eighth. Had such a decision been pulled on Belmond they no doubt would have left the field as they did at Clarion—and their man at Clarion admitted he was out, yet, rather than be defeated they walked off the field and thus disaipointed a large crowd of fans who had paid their money to see a ball game.

There is another point that no doubt had something to do with the ill feeling created between the fans of the two towns, and that was the matter of gate receipts. When Belmond played here they were invited and permitted to have a representative at the gate demonstrating Kanawha's fairness in the matter of giving Belmond their percentage. At the last game at Lake View, Belmonds share was 40 percent as they lost the game, yet they received $145.00 in real money. Now let us quote from the Herald-Press of last week: An enormous crowd witnessed the game."

It was an enormous crowd, yet no Kanawha representive was premitted to take part in the collection of the receipts and while Kanawha won the game, entitling them to 60 per cent of the money, they were only permitted to bring home $87.00. The truth is a hard pill to swallow but as it is one of Belmond's own making, it is up to them to gulp.

Premit us to quote from the Independent, the little joke sheet alibi that is about as soothing to a real baseball fan as the Twin City Reporter is to a bigamist:

"Belmond does not have trouble with other teams only with Kanawha and the best thing to do is to ostracise them."

Isn't that the lie for you though? Actually it's so rich that we begrudge the space to contradict it. If Belmond hadn't had trouble with every team they played it wouldn't seem so ridiculous. Hampton had trouble with them; West Bend had trouble with them; Clarion had trouble with them, and Belmond went home witout finishing the game; Algona had trouble with them; Luverne had trouble with them and Kanawha had trouble with them. These were practically all the teams in this secion playing ball this season. Whenever the game was won regardless of the tactics used to gain a victory the little alibi came out bowing, wreathed in smiles and told how lovely it all happened.

Belmond certainly has some license to talk of ostracizing any ball team. To begin with, they were not in a class with Kanawha and should have been ignored by our management. They were outclassed even after refusing to play unless they could name their own umpire. Kanawha hired a real umpire for most of her games but Belmond refused to play if he was used when they met us. The said umpire also refused to come when we met Belmond as one experience with them was sufficient for him. Practically every other team Kanawha has played this season was well pleased with this man, yet Belmond maintains that he was crooked.

We could mention several other things that are repulsive to the mind of good, clean sportsmen; especially the attitude of the Independent, which has contributed as much if not more than any other thing to create trouble between the two towns, but we are loathe to do so. In conclusion let us ask: Is the world wrong and Belmond right or is there a possibility that they too, have erred? "The truth Will Out."—Reporter.

GAME IN CORNFIELD

Hampton Chronicle: Sheriff Atkinson and Deputy Millett made a raid on a cronfield one mile west and a half mile north of the fair grounds corner last Sunday afternoon and rounded up seven of the local poker fans, who were indulging in a quiet little game.

The men appeared Monday morning before Judge D. W. Parks and had their trial. L. B. Walker, who was an onlooker during the game testified that he was there for an hour and a half, but had not seen any money in the game during all that time. He stated also that he had to look over some tile ditch in that vicinity and that he was thinking a good deal about that, which may have been the reason he did not see any money. R. S. Jamison also testified for the fellows, who were charged with putting their money on the card game, and in his testimony admitted that there was money in the game, but that the game was smear and the money was used solely for counting purposes.

Sheriff Atkinson and Deputy Sheriff Millett gave their version of the meeting and said that when they first came upon the crowd there was a fair sized pile of money in the middle of the automobile curtain, around which the gamblers were seated, and two large piles in front of two of the men.

Judge Parks considered the evidence and fined all the members of the party, E. P. Cronin, W. H. Minier, F. C. Holmes, E. H. Quin, P. P. Hamlett, R. S. Jamison, and Roy Sawyer, $10.00 each and costs.

NEWLYWEDS, IN BATHING, ARE HELD IN SOAK

Two newlyweds from St. Louis visiting Creston friends drove to the country yesterday. They knew of an inviting lake bordered with trees and just the place for a swim on that hot August afternoon.

Disrobing under a big elm tree they plunged in. After a frolic in the water that filled them with Iowa vigor and ozone they thought it time to hasten back for the evening meal.

But—horrors! Approaching the spot where they had carefully laid out their clothing they discovered about a hundred angry bumblebees buzzing about. With trousers and shoes and stockings, and lingerie, etc., closing the entrance to their nest the bumblebees were red with anger.

The newly weds beat a none too hasty retreat to the water, where safety for the time at least was offered. And there they remained. The afternoon sun was slowly sinking and so were the hearts of the visitors. The groom felt he was just as much of a hero as they make 'em, but he had never counted on a fight with a lot of crazy bumblebees. The bride agreed it was too risky for "him" to advance on the enemy, but what were they to do? They didn't know.

Minutes—it seemed like hours—passed and the problem seemed no nearer solution, until finally a friend who was out searching for them arrived in sight and with the aid of a long pole the garments of the newlyweds was rescued and a drive home in the evening shadows brought peace and an end to the not altogether perfect day.

The Ideal Purgative

As a purgative, Chamberlain's Tablets are the exact thing required. Strong enough for the most robust, mild enough for children. They cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any of that terrible griping. They are easy and pleasant to take and agreeable in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Mrs. J. S. Farren and son Bobby returned Monday of last week from a few days visit with relatives at Pringhar and Matlock.

J. P. Welsh was a Fort Dodge caller Tuesday.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum returned Tuesday from Dubuque where she had been called by the sickness and death of her mother, Mrs. Baltes.

Mrs. Joe Tourzek was a Belmond caller Tuesday.

Duncan Farren left Wednesday for Algona to attend the fair. He spent a couple days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peddle have rented the Henry Burt farm which is now rented by Carley Snyder, for the coming year and will move next March.

Ben Arends of Alexander went to Omaha last Sunday to purchase a car load of cattle.

Earl Bailey was a Dows caller on Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard Woodin of Harvey called at the home of Frank Kercheval Thursday morning.

Paul Gocumsen of Baker, Idaho, spent a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Kjar. He was enroute for Kansas City where he will attend school.

Nels Hansen left Tuesday to attend the Minnesota state fair.

Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion spent Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher.

Mrs. Fred Jensen was a Belmond caller Thursday.

S. A. Ferguson of Sheffield, Ill., came Saturday to visit at the home of his sons George and E. J. He was taken very ill Wednesday but is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings of Clarion visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCallum, Thursday.

The M. E Aid society met at the home of Mrs. F. H. Fowler Thursday for a business meeting. They made arrangements for a bazaar for this fall.

Donald Farren was a Belmond visitor Friday.

Quite a number of Rowan people attended the circus at Mason City last Thursday and report a fine time.

Charley Rowen was a county seat visitor Friday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Cady Templeton.

Guy Sheldon was a Clarion caller Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen and son Raymond motored to Des Moines Thursday, returning Friday.

Mrs. Hathaway of Mioler, S. D., came Wednesday to spend the winter with her granddaughters, Lillian and Amy Azeltine, who keeps house for their uncle Ray, and attend school at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb and children of Iowa Falls came Tuesday to visit at the home of her brother, Clarence Lindsey, and wife, returning home Thursday.

Mrs. Andy Sorenson who is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitten, went to Ft. Dodge Saturday to spend the week end with her husband, who is employed at that place.

The Misses Wilda Whitten, Celia Azeltine, Dollie Riley, Edith Williams and Anita Nicholson attended the study center at Clarion Saturday.

Little Maynard Azeltine, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Azeltine, has been very ill.

Frances Farren and Laura McCallum were Hampton visitors Saturday where they had dental work done.

The Becker Cattle Co. of Denver Grove Dairy Farm in Minnesota shipped a car load of cattle the latter part of the week and sold them at public auction from the sales pavilion Saturday. They averaged around $50 a head.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson and Guy Stumph and wife attended the dance at Cornelia Friday night

Miss Lieley of Ames held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Ed. Millrer Wednesday when she demonstrated the making of dress forms to the ladies of Grant and Iowa townships. There were about 25 present, a picnic dinner being served at noon.

Mrs. Roscoe Robinson and Mrs. Guy Stumph were Dows callers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller returned from Marshalltown Tuesday where they have been visiting relatives. Miss Katie Beck returned with them to visit for a short time. She returned home Monday.

Mrs. Will Rietz was a Dows shopper Saturday.

Mrs. Rush Gabrielson and children of Crystal Lake came Saturday to to spend the week end at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham, of Iowa Falls, visited relatives in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Butler and daughter, of Vinio Okla. came Wednesday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Peddle and with her brothers, Jack and Will Peddle and her sister Mrs. Ed. Niggs.

The Misses Izetta Fletcher and May Virden were Belmond shoppers Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferguson spent Wednesday evening at the home of the latters sister, Mrs. Merle Bangs at Dows.

The Farmer's Union held a picnic at the Frank Drury picnic grounds last Thursday. A large crowd attended considering the rainy weather. Rev. Pettit, of Ft. Dodge was speaker and he gave a very fine address. There was a ball game in the afternoon between Belmond and Galt. Galt winning with a score of 9 to 4. There was a horse shoe game also. The pie eating contest afforded amusement for a great many. Jay Stuck winning the prize for being able to eat a piece of choclate pie with his hands tied behind him the fastest.

Several children of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mathiason have been sick the latter part of the week. They are reported better at the present writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harsen and family visited relatives at Dyke, Waterloo and Grundy Center the past week, returning home Sunday.

Miss May Virden left Monday noon for Mt. Vernon where she will enter her sophomore year at Cornell College

The Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Tresidder Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Tomkinson as leader. About 14 were present and refreshments of watermelon were served.

Friday afternoon eight ladies met at the home of Mrs. Herb Hadley and completed three dress forms. They had a picnic dinner and a pleasant day is reported. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. L. W. McCallum Friday of this week.

Little Avron, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Peyton, was on the sick list the latter part of the week.

Miss Wilda Whitten spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten.

Wes Azeltine went to Chicago Sunday with a car of stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutton visited at the R. Virden home Thursday

Enid, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson, is very ill. A consultation of Dr. Schnug of Dows and Doctors Johnson and Osbourne of Hampton was called Saturday.

Mrs. Roscoe Robinson visited at Clear Lake several days last week. Her husband joined her on Saturday and spent the week end visiting there also.

E. A. Virden and daughter Doris came Tuesday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Virden, returning home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbel and daughter Grace and Florence Lent went to Iowa Falls the first of the week to make arrangements for the girls to enter a 12 weeks' course in sewing.

Mrs. Gay Fletcher spent Thursday in Clairion at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz.

Harry Harris spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris, returning to his work at Goldfield Monday.

George Ballou was a county seat visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow of Pomeroy spent Sunday at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Will Whitten and family.

Fred Hackley and Frank Snyder motored to Des Moines Sunday, returning next day.

Rev. Tomkinson and Donald Farren went to Clarion Monday for a friendly game of tennis with the Clarion players. They won two sets out of three.

J. L. Sinclair and son of Clarion were Rowan callers Friday.

Mabel Azeltine returned to her home Saturday from the hospital at Des Moines where she had an operation for appendicitis. Last week the two items got mixed concerning Mable and Mrs. Peter Schreck. Mrs. Schreck returned from the hospital at Iowa City and is doing well since her recent operation.

The W. H. M. S. sent a large barrel of canned fruit to the new M. E. hospital at Sioux City, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klemersen and baby of Latimer visited Sunday at the H. Whitten home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitten of Thornton spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents.

Mrs. Etta Carr was called to Chanin Monday to help care for her daughter who is ill.

Mrs. A. J. Cupp is on the sick list.

Miss Susan Duffy returned Saturday from her school duties at Hansel to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten, Dan Fletcher and J. F. Howell motored to Reinbeck Sunday to attend the military funeral for Lester Fletcher, whose body had just returned from France. He was killed in the Argonne Sept. 16, 1918. He was a cousin of Mrs. Will Whitten. His mother, Mrs. Jennette Fletcher, returned to Rowan with them to visit the Will Whitten and Dan Fletcher homes.

Mrs. Chas. Poolie and daughter of Ft. Dodge visited at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. John Smith, last week.

Mrs. Geo. Jenison of Belmond was in town Friday.

The Cong. Ladies Aid society met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. B. Heath. The quilt on which they have been working was completed.

Mndoay afternoon the relatives of Mrs. A. H. Emerson met at her home in honor of her birthday for a social time. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was spent together. Those present were: Mrs. Georgia Rowen, Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Mrs. Lee Aldrich, Mrs. Will Bingham, Mrs. Joe Rowen, Mrs. Lem Rowen, Mrs. Roy Hyde and Mrs. Chas. Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jensen and children have moved to Clarion

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McKinstrey of Waterloo visited several days at the Ben Hadley home last week. Bert is recovering nicely from his accident which he had early in the spring.

Mrs. Mary Braden visited Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Amos Cowley, at Dows. Mrs. Cowley left Monday for Rochester where she expects to have an operation.

Mrs. Peter Hansen and son Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hansen and family returned Friday from the Illinois trip. They report the trip a fine one with no trouble with the weather until nearly home when they ran into rain.

Mrs. Henry Azeltine's mother, who has been visiting her for some time, returned to her home last Thursday.

Ralph Whitten left Sunday for Grinnell where he will enter his Junior year at the college.

Mrs. H. J. C. Box had the misfortune to smash her thumb between the cogs of the washing machine the first of the week.

Monday night after school Mrs. E. Bingham entertained several of the little playmates of her granddaughter, Clara Jane Howell, in honor of Clara Jane's fifth birthday. The little folks enjoyed games on the lawn. Refreshments were served.

The Andrew Whitten Post of the American Legion met in regular session Monday night.

Fred Williams was a passenger thru Rowan Saturday enroute to Missouri where he expects to work the coming year.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The primary room is well filled this year, there being 24 beginners and 18 in the second grade. This is a larger enrollment than was expected. Three pupils discontinued school after the first week in the primary room, caused from their moving away.

Mrs. J. F. Howell visited the primary room, Friday afternoon.

Miss Maude Cowley spent the week end at her home near Dows.

Miss Leonara Osterhaus left Friday evening to spend the week end at her home at Ruthvan.

Sept. 23 there will be a community meeting at the schoolhouse to which all the patrons of the school are invited. These meetings will be held thruout the year, the object of which will be to get the co-operation of the teachers and patrons. A special program is being prepared after which light refreshments will be served.

Seventh and Eighth grades are doing nicely in their school work. There are forty-seven enrolled. All the teachers are busy this year as the work is very interesting.

The Juniors and Seniors accompanied by Miss Cowley and Miss Osterhus enjoyed a get-together picnic at the old mill site last Thursday after school. Altho the Belmond weiners failed to arrive, the picnicers agreed that bacon made a satisfactory substitute. Marshmallows were in evidence and the watermelons supplied by the boys were much enjoyed.

Miss Osterhus has been busy the past week testing the student for glee club work. It is hoped that in the future R. H. S. will have two glee clubs. Practice will begin as soon as sufficient music is secured.

Basket ball practice for the girls will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The boys' practice will be at the same time on Mondays and Wednesdays.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Next Sunday, Sept. 18, will be regarded in the Methodist church as Rally Day for Sunday school scholars and parents. Some statistician has stated that 50 percent of the children of our communities are out of the Sunday school. While that statement doesn't hold good so far as Rowan is concerned, yet there is quite a number of children who do not attend either of the two Sunday schools. To those who do not have any denominational connection the Methodist Sunday school board extends a special invitation for next Sunday. The attendance objective for the school will be 110—will you be one?

The pastor of the M. E. church, Rev. Harold Tomkinson, will take as his topics for next Sunday "All In the Same Boat," and "The Man Who Asked for a Big Job."

The Epworth League will hold a social and reception in the basement of the church next Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock. The public are invited.

Mrs. A. O. Pelley, Mrs. Willard McCallum, Miss Esther Fowler and Rev. and Mrs. H. Tomkinson attended the sub-district Sunday school rally at Belmond last Friday.

One of the special features of the W. F. M. S. monthly meeting this week was a play called "In An Indian Jungle," given by Mesdames W. McCallum, A. O. Pelley, G. Ryder, G. Sheldon and E. Fowler. Mrs. D. E. Harris entertained the society. The W F. M. S. is one of the most thriving societies of the town.

Rev. H. Tomkinson expects to attend the Northwest Iowa Conference at Storm Lake in two weeks The pastor of the Storm Lake church is Herbert Clegg, former Algona District superintendent and well known among the Rowan people. Bishop Edwin Hughes of the Boston area is to be the presiding Bishop this year, and a great time is looked for by all.

HOW FAR IS IT TO —?

So many people who own a car do not know how far it is to the towns around Belmond, and when they want to make a trip have to chase around asking the distance, that the Independent hopes the milage list printed below will be of service and value to its readers. The milage as given is as near correct as could be secured, and if wrong the Independent would appreciate it if corrections will be pointed out. Distances given are by road from Belmond.

The distance from Belmond to—

Town	Miles
Goodell	06
Klemme	12
Garner	19
Forest City	33
Lake Mills	49
Galt	12
Rowan	10
Dows	20
Clarion	14
Goldfield	24
Eagle Grove	28
Fort Dodge	53
Kanawha	14
Algona	47
West Bend	52
Meservey	12
Clear Lake	33
Sheffield	22
Mason City	43
Iowa Falls	40
Ackley	50
Des Moines	90
Alexander	10
Hampton	28
Thornton	18
Britt	29

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Last week a lady asked us to reline a suit she bought of us two years ago. Our records showed that she paid $70.00 for it. While it was in our workroom we compared it with the present season's suits. We are today selling similar quality suits at $35 to $38.75. Our suits priced at $58.75 to $88.75 we believe to be the best values in Northern Iowa, and they too show the same decline.

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To Introduce Our Fall Shoes

A woman's high grade welt black lace shoe, military heel, at

$4.95

This shoe was formerly wholesaled by its makers at $8.50 the pair. It is made out of the best wearing material known to the trade. It has solid leather insoles--counters and the outsoles are oak leather which means that the soles were steeped in oak bark liquid for several months until they were thoroughly toughened and tanned---making the best sole to be had. We have all sizes and widths and can properly fit all feet. We honestly believe the 100 pair we are offering at this price to be the greatest shoe value to be offered in Mason City this year.

KANAWHA ITEMS

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was a business caller here the latter part of this week.

Miss Esther Africa was an over Sunday visitor with relatives at Algona.

Mrs. Oliver Fosen and children returned home Thursday from Hayfield, Minn., where they spent a couple of weeks at the Abe Shaw home.

Miss Pearl Harding, who has been assisting with the work at the Judd hospital, left Saturday evening for an over Sunday visit with relatives and friends at Corwith.

Miss Cecil Benzler was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends at Britt.

James Shaw returned home Wednesday from a pleasant visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clifford Severson, and family at Pequot, Minn.

Joseph Erickson and son Earnest returned home the latter part of the week from a visit with relatives and friends at Pequot, Minn.

Miss Viva Rourk came up from Belmond Friday for a short visit with home folks.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawton and baby left Tuesday for a couple weeks' visit with relatives at Princeton, Minn.

Mr. ad Mrs. Gerhard Olson and family of Britt were Sunday guests at the Oliver Fosen home.

The following young people of our little city left the first of the week to attend Waldorf College at Forest City: Edger and Floyd Berhow, Rasmbus Osby, Bertram Trelstad, Melvin Johnson and Hjolmer Rikansrud.

Miss Ruth Olson of Fort Dodge is a visitor with relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Severt Sjovangen and family of Lougmont, Colo., who have been visiting relatives and friends here several days, left the first of th week for Eagle Grove for a few days' visit before returning home.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and Jesse Sylvia and Robert were Belmond callers Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Hansen and little son of Thornton was a guest of her friend Miss Nellie Bell last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Reed and daughters Iona and Charlotte were visiting with relatives at Latimer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and daughters, were Dows vistors Sunday.

A piano recital was given by the pupils of Miss Nellie Bell, at the school auditorium last Friday afternoon. The program was very interesting and each pupil presented her past well.

Herbert Mallory autoed to Thompson Sunday and spent the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernold Kinseth and children of Belmond, visited at the C'arence Bohlen home last Sunday.

Arthur Peters and Theodore Beenen were visitors at Dows Sunday evening

The Helping Hand Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Edd. Richards next Wednesday afternoon September 14th.

Fred Greenfield was a business caller at Hampton last Thursday and Friday.

Fred Kausian of Dumont ,was a caller in town several days last week.

Mrs. Braden of Dows was a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Peters, the past week.

John F. Bell was a business caller at Belmond, last Saturday.

Albert Larsen left last Saturday for Glenwood, Minn. where he will spent several days looking after some farm interest.

Several people of Alexander attended the Farm Bureau picnic at Hampton Thursday.

Fred Greenfield and son Fredrick were visitors at Belmond last Sat.

The summer vacation has passed and once more the children are getting their books, paper and pencls together in preparation for another school year.

A good force of teachers has been secured. Much improvement has been made about the building and grounds during the summer and everything is in readiness for the opening day. On Wednesday morning, Sept. 7th all indications point to a large enrollment and we hope to make this school year te best and biggest in the history of the Alexander Consolidated schools.

Following is the list of faculties for the coming year;

F. D. Murphy—Superintent, Miss Eva Whetstone, Rock Island, Ill., Principal Miss Ruth Johnson, Latimner, Iowa, Domestic Science, Miss Gertrude Berninghausen, Eldora, Iowa, 7th and 8th grades, Miss Lillie Cornwell, Hazleton, Iowa, 5th and 6th grades. Miss Emma Eickmeyer, Sheffield, Ia., 4th and 5th grades. Miss Jessie Benard, Eagle Grove, Iowa, 2nd and 3rd Miss Alma Johnson, Latimer, Iowa, Primary

Herman Pals has been elected to do the janitor work again for another year. The bus divers have been elected as follows:

No. 1. A.L. Nelson.
No. 2. Hans Barkema.
No. 3. Jake Dorenkamp.
No. 4. Fred Geitz.
No. 5. Otto Kieslich.
No. 6. Henry Schulte.
No. 7. Chris Yakel.
No. 8. Paul Bobst.
No. 9. Lee Reed.
No. 10. Lyle Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yaw of Iowa Falls visited relatives at this place several days the past week.

John F. Bell was a business caller at Latimer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Symens were shoppers at Belmond Tuesday.

Louie Peters and Charley Winwood were business visitors at Eagle Grove last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son visited with relatives at Belmond Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Adam Messelheiser of Hampton was a guest at the George Dunn home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tucker of Hampton visited at the John Bell home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Symens autoed to Britt last Friday to attend the funeral services of a cousin at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy and two children of Hampton visited at the Nels Larsen home last Friday.

Mrs. Frank Brownn of Roundup, Montana, visited at the John Bell home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich Beenen and children autoed to LuVerne Sunday and spent the day at the Geo. Latch home.

Leonard Arends left Monday for Chicago, where he will enter college for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bell of Waterloo are visiting at the John Bell home this week.

Will Aldinger and family spent Sunday with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen were visitors at Hampton last Sunday.

Miss Emma Echmeyer spent the week end with her people at Sheffield.

Fred Brooks of Rowan was a caller in this place on Thursday of last week, where he was looking after some business matters connected with the sale of high grade Holstein cattle held at the Rowan sale pavilion on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernold Kinseth and children were guests at the Clarence Bohlen home in Alexander on Sunday of last week.

Fred Aldrich of Rowan was in the city last week, having his arm treated by local medical authorities. He is suffering from a severe attack o blood poisoning.

Mr. White, whose home is in Montana, returned home yesterday after spending the past three weeks here visiting with his brother, Charlie White.

The farm sale of Cline, west of Goodell, held on this week Tuesday, was quite a decided success, and as the first sale of the season in this vicinity is a fair indication of the way prices are going. Everything sold at good prices, better than it would be natural to expect, and the buyers seemed plentiful.

REPAIRING DONE

I will do all kinds of carpenter Repairing, fix your screen doors, put on the new storm doors, fix that tight window, repair your broken furniture, and do any kind of repairing you may have in the carpenter line. Call the Belmond Lumber Co. for service and satisfaction in this line, or see me at my shop on the Lumber Co. grounds.

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Wishes A Home for His
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For Your action, Mr Renter.
For your deep thinking, Mr. Speculator.

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Farms that are farms, every inch. Nothing too good for you. We aim to please you or no sale. Look at the picture below. Doesn't it look good?

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We can produce some City or Country Improved or Raw Lands or Lots. The more you scratch the more you find. The sooner you buy the sooner you will have a home of your own. Get on easy street. Do not cut the

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Belmond Local News

The Mason City Globe Gazette is North Iowa's leading daily paper. At the price $4.00 per year it is the best obtainable. 43-3tc

The local ball team met a rather uneepectd surprise at the Garner tournament last week Thursday, when the team from Wesley, which had been substituted for the Kanawha team, which flunked out, put it all over the local aggregation, winning by an easy score of 4 to 1. Inability to hit the southpaw of Wesley was the big reason for the bitter medicine, combined, perhaps, with an underestimation of the enemy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and children from Alexander were visitors here with friends on Saturday of last week.

The Kanawha ball team has gone to the bad, and has disbanded for the season. The reasons reported seem be mostly the fact that there was more or less disagreement amonng the team. Some wanted to play at the Garner tournament, as they had agreed, while others wanted to go to Algona to play at the fair. As a result, and some of the hired men leaving to attend college anyway, the managers of the team disbanded it on Thursday morning. The officials of the Garner tournament, where the Kanawha team was scheduled to play Belmond that day, are reported as being pretty peeved over the dea handed them. The Kanawha team immediately reorganized, under th name of the Lake View Independents, and played Belmond in the last game of the season Sunday.

The Clarion Commercial Club at their meeting last Thursday took up the proposition of securing a tourists park there, for the use of camping parties going thru. The idea is a good one, and Belmond ought to do something along the same line. The latter part of last week the editor of the Independent had a tourist ask if the town had such a park, and when told that there was no such place, the inquiry was made as to where his party could camp for the night. The Independent sent him to the city park, and the party pitched their small tent there for the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Veeder are the parents of a baby girl, born last week.

Quite a few of the local people were at Garner last Thursday to see the game between Belmond and Kanawha, but were disappointed as the Wesley team was substituted following the disbanding of the Kanawha outfit.

Mrs. Wm. Harbison has returned from her visit witr various relatives in the southen part of the state. She has been gone for several weeks.

The authorities over at Hampton held a surprise party on some of the citizens of that town one day last week, and raided them at a poker game being held in a corn field. The party was brought before the mayor and given more or less of a talkin to and assessed a fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernold Kinseth and family have moved into the house on Fourth Avenue S. E., formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinlicht, who recently moved to a farm west of Kanawha.

Miss Viva Rourk went home to Kanawha the latter part of the week for a short stay at the home of her relatives there.

A few local folks attended the big circus held at Mason City on last week Thursday. The number, however, was not as large as had been expected. Some of the old timers of the city ought to remember when the now world-famous Ringling Bros. got their start in Belmond. According to legend, they arrived here dead broke, up against it, but they had such a crowd that they were able to continue, and had better luck from that time on. If some of the old-timers who remember the episode will write it, the Independent will be glad to publish the manuscript.

The big sale of Johnson & Wright has been going very good, and the proprietors report the sale progressing nicely.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Mrs. E. W. Kurtz and two daughters, Cecilia Marie and Marcella Katherine, of Iowa City, have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosecrans visited at Garner last week with relatives and friends.

An item unintentionally left out last week was that of a shower given Mrs. Earl Haupt, nee Miss May Schanck, at the home of Mrs. Harold Nielson. Some twenty-five or more guests were present, and the bride-to-be was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. Refreshments were served and the evening spent in a social time.

Carpenter Shop, repairing —— R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

Harry Sorenson, who lives at Owatonna, Minnesota, has some of the best potatoes that have been raised around this part of the country for many years, the crop being raised on peat ground, generally supposed to be poor soil for that kind of vegetables. Harry has a very large crop of spuds this year, and is selling off what he cannot use himself

The Chapman bunch and the ball team from around Morse Lake met in deadly combat, the latter team taking home the bacon by a 11 to 10 score.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson and son Chester, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Homdinger drove to Buffalo Center last week for a visit at the home of Bert Sorenson.

J. M. Jensen started teaching ye ed the ancient and honorable game of chess last week. We have hit some pretty difficult propositions in our few years, but we're here to say that chess has anything we ever tackled backed off the map. J. M. is one of the best chess players in the state, and has a record of a five-hour draw with the state champion. If there's any see-it in our head he ought to bring it out. But just at present we sorta feel that it's going to be many moons before we break any records in the game.

$100.00 REWARD

The above reward will be paid in cash, to the first party or person bringing the evidence that will locate or find the person or persons responsible for the scandal against my good name, as now in circulation

Dated at Meservey, Iowa, this 12th day of September, 19

HENRY H. PALS.

Howard Wolle returned last week Friday night from Central America. where he has been working the past three months with the Dyer company on a cane sugar factory being erected in Honduras. Howard says that he likes the climate down there fine that it never gets more than 94. The living conditions, however, are intolerable, the natives having but two ideas; to eat and get drunk, which they do with regularity. He lived with the company, at a cost of $30 a month. He states that Mr. and Mrs. Berry will remain about a month to six weeks longer before returning home. Howard will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle, a few days before going to Sioux City to resume his old position with the Sioux City Telephone company.

Wallace Ramsay was a business visitor at Garner Tuesday afternoon.

ROBINSON'S

TEA AND COFFEE SPECIALS

Chocolate Cream Sunbeam Butternut Barrington Hall

45c lb.

Extra Peaberry	25c
Special Santos	35c
Plantation Bloom	30c
Pixie	35c

TEA

Sunbeam Lipton's Green Mill, green and black Rosebud Japan

Ceylon, in bulk - 40c lb.

Miss May Virden and Miss Izetta Fletcher of Rowan were among the out of town shoppers here last week Friday.

E. A. Ely, who had the misfortune to fall and break his leg recently, is reported as getting along nicely at this writing. His limb was placed in a plaster cast this week, and it will be several weeks before he can be out and on the job again.

The Clarion school is commencing to talk about its foot ball team for this year. Foot ball is something that has never been tried in the local school to any extent, and judging from the popular sentiment it is not apt to be, most people considering the game of too rough and hard a character for a high school student.

The local school base ball team is being whipped into shape by the instructors and coaches, and plan on a few games this fall. A good stiff line-up of material is on hand and the school team should do something the spring season.

The statements of the two bank are printed in this issue of the Independent, and show a good condition cosidering the present times and the scarceness of money.

The Kanawha Reporter had much to say last week regarding the riot staged by the fans from that place The full spasm may be found in another column.

Dan Hunt and two daughters from Sparks, Missouri, have been visiting at the home of L. H. Wilson and with other friends and relatives in this vicinity the past week or so. Hunt is a former resident of this vicinity, having lived here some thirteen years ago, on the Pleasant Grove Stock Farm.

A bunch of local men went to Clear Lake Sunday where they tried out their luck fishing for pickeral. We haven't learned the result, only heard the stories. Fishing for bullheads at Morse Lake lately has been reported as good, the catches being easy and the fish in fine condition, of a good size.

E. M. Lathrop had a carload of potatoes for sale last week.

French Fruit CANDY

Special for—

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

35c per lb.

Regular Price Is 60c per lb.

WATCH FOR OUR NEXT SPECIAL

Belmond Candy Kitchen

Mrs. C. R. Bras and Miss Minnie Luick returned the latter part of last week from their trip thru the northwest. Mrs. Bras, whose home is at Winnepeg, Canada, was visiting here this summer, and from here she and Miss Luick went to Winnepeg, going from that place on a trip thru the Northwest, visiting Vancouver, Seattle, and other points, returning by the way of the Black Hills in South Dawota. They stopped at Ft. Dodge for a few days' visit with Friend Bras, and he came on to Belmond with them, his father accompanying the party, for a visit of a few days here at the home of relatives.

Mrs. Geo. Jenison was a caller at Rowan one day last week visiting friends.

A few local people attended the ball game at Lake View Park Sunday, the total crowd at the game being about one-third the usual size at the summer games.

Donald Farren of Rowan was in the city on business matters on last Friday.

The Undertakes of the county will hold a convention at the county seat town on the 27th and 28th of this month.

T. D. Rankins was a visitor on business matters at Klemme and Garner on Tuesday afternoon.

A heavy rain, and it sure was a heavy one, happened along here Tuesday afternoon and turned the roads into seas of mud.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hartwig of Thornton were guests Sunday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brewer.

The enrollment in the high school this year is the largest on record of the local school, 141, which certainly speaks well of the teaching force and school.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Loomis are on an auto trip thru various points in the West where they will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Have you paid up your subscription to the Independent yet? Don't put it off, we need the money at once and will appreciate it if those who know themselves behind will remit two dollars. Every little helps.

Mr. and Mrs. James Finn are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, who arrived at their home on Saturday of last week.

The Tale Of An Old Overcoat—sometimes need repairing as other parts do. We do all kinds of altering or remodling on old or new clothing, cleaning and pressing. Please get your work in early.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel, Phone 28.

Miss Clara Johnson has received a scholarship from Morningside College at which place she will attend school this year. She departed on Monday night for Sioux City.

Mrs. C. E. Barnes received the appointment the first of the week of county chairman of Hospitilization Work of the Womens Auxilliary of the American Legion. The appointment was made by Mrs. J. V. Barborka of Dennison, chairman of the 10th District. A township chairman will be named by Mrs. Barnes, and work of organization in this branch will begin soon. Because of the special training in nursing which Mrs. Barnes has had, she is especially qualified to fill this office and we look for much good to result from the undertaking. We hope to be able to give our readers a more detailed account of the things which are hoped to be accomplished by the Auxilliary, in a future issue. --Garner Leader.

Don't be a moocher all the time; subscribe for the Independent and get the news, don't borrow your neighbor's copy, he may be more tired of your borrowing than you realize.

Mrs. Joe Tourzek of Rowan was a shopper in town on Tuesday of last week.

BELMOND BANKS, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER BANKS IN THE COUNTY WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY AFTER 11 O'CLOCK TO ATTEND THE COUNTY BANKERS CONVENTION AT EAGLE GROVE.

$20 buys a 1-4 horse power electric motor for washing machine. Good as new, used but a few months. $4 takes an electric iron, good as new. Inquire at Louis Steinlicht, Belmond. 2tp

Mr. and Mrs. Neils Jensen are the parents of a baby boy born on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Jensen was formerly Miss Vivian Pierce of this place. She and her husband now make their home at Britt.

For Sale—Raincoat; also wool sweater and two suits of clothes. Good as new.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel. Phone 28.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Specials

5 Cans of Tomato Soup	50c
5 Cans of Oil Sardines	25c
3 Packages of Macaroni or Spaghetti	25c
Van Camps Pork and Beans	15c & 25c
2-pound Package Blue Ribbon Peaches	45c
Betsy Ross Bread	10c
Crystal or Blair's Certified flour	$2.25
Crockers Best Flour	$2.50
Men's Pants	$2.50 to $3.25
Men's Dress Shirts	$1.15
Ladies Fancy Waists	$2.00 to $3.00

Ladies and Children's White Hose 20 per cent discount.

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Homemade Bread, per loaf	15c
Nut Bread, per loaf	35c
Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
Spice Cake	40c
Nut Cake	50c
Sunshine Cake	50c
Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
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'FARM BUREAU NEWS

Farm bureau day at the state fair was a regulation corn maker, which means that it was sizzling hot. Old Sol centered his rays upon the big tent where the federation meeting was held as if it had been a million-acre corn field only one jump ahead of Jack Frost that had to be ripened before night. Farm bureau members packed the tent to capacity and stood around the outside packed it as street car-less Des Moines packs the busses, which is the limit of things comparable. Collars wilted, the grease fried out of the fat folks and the sweat trickled over the bones of the skinny ones. But it takes more than extreme temperatures to get an Iowa farmer's goat, and they stayed on, hungry for federation gospel, stayed from ten o'clock in the morning until six in the evening, with only a short intermission at noon.

From nine to ten in the morning the crowd was delightfully entertained by the American Legion band. For this the federation is indebted to the state fair management. Another enjoyable feature was the singing by the male quartette. Their selections touched the popular chord and they were encored over and over again at every appearance thruout the day.

Prsident C. W. Hunt made the principle address of the forenoon session. His talk dealt principally with what has been accomplished by the federation in its short existance. He told of legislative achievement, and made it plain that in this one field the organization has more than paid for all the time and labor and money put into it. He told of work under way in the line of marketing; of the action of the federation in appearing before the executive council with the result that the valuation of the lands for taxation has not been advanced while everything else has been boosted; he talked of transportation troubles, cost-of-production work, blue sky stuff, etc., and in the end, he made a strong plea for members to be loyal to the organization and to turn a deaf ear to outside interests striving to hamper the work and influence of the farm bureau movement.

Mrs. Richardson of Mahaska county talked on "Women's Part In the Farm Bureau." It was a practical address from the standpoint of the farm woman, telling of the work of the women's branch of the farm bureau, home demonstration activities and other lines of effort. She took a crack at the cigarette "industry" and was enthusiastically applauded by the bid audience. She insists that the farm bureau federation machine, great and glorious tho it is, will never be able to function 100 per cent efficiently until the farm women are enlisted and doing their bit.

A number of speakers appeared during the afternoon. President Howard of the American Farm Bureau federation devoted his time to a discussion of national legislative problems, transportation entanglements and export trade. In connection with the first topic he declared that "Leadership of the U. S. senate has been moved from Massachusetts to Iowa," and in discussing the work of the agricultural block insists, that "The farming interests of the country owe much to the aggressive stand made by these men." In regard to the Esch-Cummins law he said:

"There is much in it that is good and much that is objectionable. We knew that at the time the bill was under discussion a few months ago, But the important thing at the time, the essential thing, it seemed to us, was to accomplish the return of the railroads to their owners. That outweighed all other considerations. And the only way to do that was thru this bill. Any other course meant an indifinite postponement of the return of the roads. As to the guarantee clause the federation was opposed to it at the time and is still opposed to it."

The president is enthusiastic in support of the Great Lakes-to-the-Ocean waterway. "The price of our wheat," he pointed out, "is made in Liverpool. We get what it is worth there, minus the cost of getting it there. Water transportation is notably cheaper than transportation by rail. The proposed waterway will bring the Atlantic ocean 1,200 miles closer to the fields of the middle west and the saving in freight for that distance, which would be 10 cents or more a bushel, would be added to the price received by the grower."

Secretary Coverdale's address had to do largely with the organization work under way by the American Farm Bureau federation. Forty-seven states now have farm bureau organizations, and 45 of them are affiliated with the American Federation.

Mr. Coverdale declared that the cost of production work carried on by the Iowa federation at considerable expense to be one of the best thing done by any state orgagnization. He said they had found it extremely valuable in dealing with business interests, legislative bodies and congressional hearings, where men are required to strip themselves clean of guess work and conjecture and get down to facts. And these cost of production figures and tables are facts that no man can flout.

Probably no man in the country today has a bigger, broader vision of farm bureau work than John Coverdale. It is as limitless as space. And temporary concessions, no matter how attractive, get scant consideration from him unless they can fit into his scheme for the future. Here there are certain things he insist must be kept in mind. One is that the federation must maintain what he calls "a constructive attitude" toward all other farm organizations. It must not undertake to climb by trampling somebody else under foot. He insists that it is not necessary to tear down existing institutions. If they are wrong, or if they in any way fail to serve the purpose for which they were intended, then build something better, if you want the publi to climb into your bandwagogn.

Other speakers during the afternoon were Congressmen Dowell of the Seventh district and Dickinsen of the tenth. Both men delivered corking good talks that were liberally applauded. They are in full sympathy with the federation work as indeed are all the members of the Iowa delegation in congress, and it is the staunch stand of the agriculture block, under the leadership of Dickinson, in the house and Kenyon in the senate that is largely responsible for helping the legislative program of the American federation to get over the top with several important bills.

Concerning the guarantee clause of the Esch-Cummins law, which just now is a paramount topic of discussion, Mr. Dickinson stated that all the members of the agricultural block are in favor of its early repeal, that a bill looking to that consumation has already been prepared and will be introduced immediately after congress gets back toward the latter part of the month.

FARMERS AT PEACE MEETING

The American Farm Bureau federation has asked President Warren G. Harding to provide proper representation for agriculuture in the disarmament conference of the nations to be held in Washington beginning Nov 11th. Farm bureau leaders declare it is essential that the farmer viewpoint receive due consideration in this conference.

Commenting on the significance of organized agriculture's request, President J. R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau Federation said:

"Our failure to ratify the Versailles peace treaty in some manner in 1919 is largely responsible for the slough of despond thru which agriculture is struggling today. The blame for agricultural stagnation must be placed squarely at the door of those who blocked peace ratifications two years ago. If America had in some way or other ended the state of war in 1919, we farmers would be fifty per cent better off than we are today.

"In the disarmament conference President Harding has the greatest opportunity ever presented to any man since Lincoln's day to benefit the entire world. He can undo some of the economic harm caused by the ratification delays and the blocking of world markets for the American farmer. The work of our boys in Chatteau Thierry and the Argonne was lost when the Senate failed to ratify the peace treaty.

"We view with the most hopeful interest the coming conference called by our president to bring about a world disarmament. The need was never greater and no cause more worthy of the most ardent endeavor of the world's greatest statesmen. The United States thru the sacrifices of the civil war struck the shackle from a million slaves. Lincoln became the great emancipator. Despite the great war, the world still remains downcast and distressed, in irons of militarism. Now, we need a world emancipator to strike from the hundreds of millions the galling shackles of militarism. May our president in this coming conference have our most earnest and heartfelt prayers of success, that the burdens of humanity may be lightened and the brotherhood of man thruout the whole world become established.

DRESS FORM DEMONSTRATIONS

A series of dress form demonstrations conducted by Miss Cora Leiby clothing specialist, from the Extension Department, was completed last Friday when a goodly number of farm ladies from Lincoln and Dayton townships met at the Harry Sumner home three miles south of Clarion.

Miss Leiby spent five days in the county demonstrating to the farm ladies the method of making dress forms which are to be used later in making their own clothes. Keen interest seems to have been taken by all ladies who attended and the good which will come from these demonstrations will be measured by the saving which will be made by various women of the county in making their own clothes.

President Harding for Co-operative Marketing

In a book just off the press, entitled "Our Common Country," of which Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, is the author, the attitude of the president toward the farmers' marketing movement is clearly expressed in the following paragrahp taken from the book:

"The right of farmers to form co-operative associations for the marketing of their products must be granted The concert of agriculture is as essential to farms as a similar cnncert of action is to factories. A prosperous agriculture demands not only efficiency in production, but efficiency in marketing. Through co-operative associations the route between the producer and the consumer can and must be shortened. Wasteful effort can and must be advoided. Unecessary expense can and must be eliminated. It is to the advantage of all our people that every possible improvement be made in our methods of getting the products of our farms into the hands of the people who consume them. The legitimate functions of the middleman may continue to be peformed by the private enterprise under conditions where the middleman is necessary and gives his skill to our joint welfare. The parasite in distribution who preys on both producer and consumer must no longer sap the vitality of this fundamental life."

Plan Marketing Help

Plan for goverment assistance in marketing farm products over a longer period than normal, in recognition of the new conditions existing in the international and domestic trade of the United States, are being worked out by the war finance corporation under the agricultural releif act passed two weeks ago, according to Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the corpoation.

The Key that Unlocks the Door to Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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The Ford Sedan owned by Earl Anderson, which was stolen the same night, was found the next day a short distance from Goldfield. It is believed the car was taken as a blind.

Goldfield has been getting a reputation for amateur holdups and petty pilfering the past few months. It has been reported that several wayfarers in the Goldfield vicinity have been held up when out driving at night. A couple of months ago the workmen employed on building the Goldfield bridge had their tent looted and two or three hundred dollars worth of clothing were taken. Also some watches, rings, and a little spare cash.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

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and eatin'. I'm a little mad at you! I went home yeste'day—and I think I run might' nigh the whole six mile—and fixed up dinner fo' you, 'cause I onderstood you was a-comin' to our house—and you went to them low-down Morelands!"

"I beg pardon," he said contritely; didn't know you were especially ex-

There Was No Reply. There Was Not Even a Change of Countenance.

pecting me. I had business," he added, "with John Moreland."

There came to his ears from somewhere down the river the chorus of a rakish old hill song, and the voice was that of the lanky moonshiner, By Heck—

"Oh, when I die, don't-a bury me deep,
Put no tombstone at my head and feet,
Put a bear's jawbone in my right hand
On my way to the Prom-ised La-a-and,
Oh! On my way to the Promised Land!"

A few minutes later there appeared on the Moreland side of the river the singer of the rakish old song; he had a minnow pail in one hand and a white hickory rod in the other.

"Hi, thar, Bill, old boy!" he yelled. "Hi, thar, Babe! Either of ye'uns ketched anything?"

Ben Littleford's daughter held up a fish proudly. Heck slapped his thigh with his slouch hat.

"Good fo' you!" he exclaimed. "But they ain't a-bitin' jest right. The moon's wrong, and the signs is wrong, fo' fishin'."

At that instant John Moreland appeared at Heck's side. He seemed very serious about something.

"Bill Dale," he called, "come over here."

Wondering, Dale put down his rod and turned to obey. Two minutes later he stood before John Moreland.

"I jest wanted to tell ye," and the mountaineer almost closed one alert grey eye, "'at ye're purty shore to git into trouble over thar."

"I'm an able-bodied man," Dale returned smilingly.

"You shore are," frowned Moreland, "but mebbe you ain't used to durned hard fightin'."

Not used to hard fighting! Dale's smile broadened. Once he had whipped a heavyweight pugilist; and he had fought as a matter of principle, and not for money or prestige.

Moreland suddenly jerked one thumb toward the other side of the stream. Dale looked and saw, standing beside Babe Littleford, a quite formidable man. He had the height and breadth, almost, of a Goliath. He was black-eyed and black-haired, and his thick, short beard was curled like the hair between a bull's horns. In one hand he carried a repeating rifle as lightly as though it were a mere straw.

One of his great arms suddenly straightened toward Dale, and a voice as gruff as the growl of a bear said hotly:

"What was you a-doin' here a-talkin' to my gyurl?"

Babe Littleford looked angry. Dale flushed, then went pale.

"I have a habit of talking with whom I please," he said evenly.

"Spoke like a man," drawled the lanky Heck in a very low tone.

Goliath of the hills stared unbelievingly. Dale said in an undertone to John Moreland: "Is it that Ball fellow?"

"Yes," answered the hillman; "it's Black Adam Ball."

Ball dropped his rifle to the violets, slowly clenched his huge and hairy hands, and thrust his bearded jaw out aggressively.

"I dare ye over here, ye pink coward!" he challenged.

"If you have any business with me, come over here and transact it," Dale retorted. "I won't run."

"That's Moreland terrytory," Ball objected. "But I'll meet ye half way, and I dare ye to take me up, ye lace-trimmed pink mollycoddle!"

Half-way would be the middle of the river, and no place for a fight, surely. But Dale was nettled. His temper, the temper that he had never been able to keep wholly under control, was rising fast. He threw off his coat and hat and rolled the sleeves of his soft shirt to his elbows. Then he waded into the pool. The slowly moving water was up to his waist at the half-way point, and the bottom was of hard-packed sand.

The Goliath stared unbelievingly. He was not accustomed to having his challenges thus accepted. He threw off his hat and went to meet the lithe young stranger.

Bill Dale squared himself and put up his guard. Adam Ball came on, and he was scowling wickedly.

Ball rushed, the clear water swirling in his wake, and let out with a powerful right. It was a blow to crush an ordinary man's chest in; but, to Ball's surprise, it failed to land. Dale evaded it cleverly, and at the same time sent a swift left uppercut to the other's bull-like jaw. Adam Ball muttered two wicked words and steadied himself; he had caught a tartar. A moment, and he led out again, and he missed again; but he followed it with a blow that made a red mark on Bill Dale's shoulder.

"How's that, ye pink coward?" he crowed.

"All right—how's this?"

And Dale sent on a mighty blow that rebounded dully from the giant's chest and elicited only a harsh laugh of contempt. There was little to be gained by striking a man like Adam Ball on the chest; Dale knew now that he must reach a more vulnerable spot.

Then he feinted with his left and drove his right to Ball's mouth, bringing blood. Ball roared in his blind rage and dashed toward his antagonist, resolved to get a clinch. But Dale eluded the terrible arms, although in so doing he received a blow on the temple that made him dizzy for a few seconds.

While Ball was again engaged in trying to gain the advantage of a clinch, Granny Heck made her appearance on the Moreland bank. She promptly launched her sympathies in a manner that pleased both her gaping son and the watchful and silent John Moreland.

"Hit him in the stummick, Mr. Bill!" she cried over and over. "Hit him whar he lives at!"

The combat grew hotter and hotter. Both landed frequently now. The faces of both were bleeding, and each spat red now and then. Their clothing had been torn away to the belt, and their magnificent wet bodies glowed in the morning sunlight. Dale had seriously damaged his soft hands; they felt as though they were filled with slivers of steel. But still he fought on doggedly, determinedly, desperately, minute after minute.

Those on the two banks watched it all with suppressed excitement. Babe Littleford stood in the edge of the water, with her hands clasped below her throat, her face was pale. John Moreland, who had witnessed many other great fights, himself a fighting man, had never before beheld such a contest of strength and endurance as this; Bill Dale had won John Moreland's heart for all time to come.

But the blows of the fighters were growing weaker now. The sound of their labored breathing rose distinctly over the gentle roar of the sparkling waters above.

Then the watchers saw Adam Ball lunge at his man, saw Dale stumble out of sheer weakness, saw Ball's mighty blood-streaked arms close about the beautiful white body and hug it close to his great and hairy chest. A moment, and Ball was bending Dale slowly backward and downward more by reason of weight than of strength; another moment, and Ball was about to sink the brown head under the surface!

Babe Littleford gave a smothered cry. John Moreland stepped toward the water and shouted hoarsely:

"Don't ye drowned him Adam! Ef ye do, ye'll answer to me!"

Dale had gathered himself for a last move. He slipped downward suddenly, immersing himself completely, and shot one arm around Ball's thigh; then, by a great effort, he rose with the giant and overthrew him, and staggered free!

Ball's hairy face came to the surface first. Dale fought back the pain of the water in his lungs, and the pain as of sharp and jagged slivers of steel in his hands, and struck madly, half blindly, at the hateful face. He kept it down, but it wouldn't go under the water completely. . . .

Adam Ball began to drift as though lifeless down the stream. Bill Dale followed, still fighting weakly, choking as he breathed. But soon he ceased to strike. He saw, instead of the beast like face, flashes as of distant summer lightning, and red blotches against a thick blackness. The blotches faded, and all became dark to him; he pitched forward, gasping, and began to drift down the stream with the vanquished Ball.

Babe Littleford was standing in the water to her knees. When Dale succumbed to utter exhaustion, she started toward him, to save him from drowning. She felt strangely drawn toward the big, white, clean man who had whipped the Goliath she had always dreaded. But she had gone only a few yards toward the center of the river when John Moreland and Sam Heck reached the unconscious figures.

Heck dragged Ball to the Littleford bank and left him lying there, face downward, on the sand. Moreland half carried, half dragged Bill Dale to the other bank. Babe Littleford waded out. She paid absolutely no attention to the worsted bully. She stood intently watching the limp form of Dale.

"Is he dead, John Moreland?" she called tremulously.

"No, Babe," Moreland answered, his voice not unkind; "he ain't anyways nigh dead."

He and Sam Heck took up Dale's dripping figure and bore it away. Babe Littleford ran to higher ground, hid herself behind a clump of sassafras and watched them.

Granny Heck followed with Dale's coat and hat. She chattered all the way across the meadow—

"Now what did I tell ye, John and Sam? What did I tell ye? La, la! Wasn't it a master fight, like I said—now wasn't it?"

"Sometimes ye make me a little tired, granny-woman," Moreland remonstrated gently. "The' ain't nothin' in forchune-tellin'. You've jest been here fo' so long 'at you know how to jedge the future by the past. And you're a tol'able good guesser, too, I reckon."

Granny Heck flared up quickly: "Ain't nothin' in forchune-tellin'! Now don't go and fool yeself, John Moreland. You listen to me about a half minute, John. I seed more in the cup 'an I told Mr. Bill. I seed blood and death. I seed a big fight atwixt the Morelands and the Littlefords!"

"That's easy to guess at," John Moreland replied. "You know, o' course, 'at Black Adam will do all he can to bring trouble to us on account o' Bill Dale a-stayin' with us. And you know it ain't never onpossible to hatch up war atween us and the Littlefords. Jest run on ahead, Granny Heck, and tell my wife to hunt up some kind o' good liniment fo' Bill's bruises. Tell her she needn't to waste time a-lookin' up any bandages. This man here is like me: he wouldn't wear bandages, 'cause they look bad."

When Dale came back to a state of consciousness, he was lying under covers in the carved black walnut bed. Beside him stood John Moreland, who held in one hand a bowl containing a hot herb brew that his wife had prepared. Granny Heck, her son By, and Mrs. Moreland stood not far away.

"This here'll be good fo' ye, I think," said Moreland, nodding toward the bowl in his hand. He went over and put an arm around Dale's shoulders and helped him to sit up.

Dale drank the stuff with difficulty.

"Much obliged," he muttered thickly. "I—let's see, did I whip—how did it end? He didn't lick me, did he—that fellow Ball?"

"He shore didn't," smiled Moreland. "Not by a big sight. He fell out fust. His own pap won't hardly know him, Bill!"

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News travels rapidly in the big hills. The Morelands began to gather at the home of their chief to see the man who had whipped Black Adam Ball; every Moreland able to walk came to see Bill Dale. For three hours he was lionized, but he didn't enjoy it; the water had left many pains in his chest, and his head ached dully, and his hands still felt as though the bones were shattered in them.

Came a thundershower that afternoon, and the mountain evening fell with a chill. A fire was made in the wide stone fireplace in the guest's room, and when supper was over the family gathered there with Dale, who refused to be kept in bed.

After a few minutes of silently watching grotesque shadows flit across the log walls, Dale said to John Moreland:

"If your brother David could know, don't you think he'd want you to get the value out of the coal?"

John Moreland bent forward to rest his chin in his hands. His sober grey eyes stared thoughtfully toward the fire.

"I ain't never looked at it that-away," he said.

"That's the right way to look at it," declared Dale. "But you shouldn't sell the property as it is."

The mountaineer turned an inquiring face toward his guest.

"How in thunder could I handle it ef I didn't?"

"Why not let me develop it for you?" Dale said earnestly, eagerly. "I won't charge you anything above expenses, and I won't be extravagant."

"It'd take consid'able money to start things a-movin'. Have you got it?" asked Moreland.

"No, but I can get it. Almost anybody would be willing to lend money on so good a thing as this, y'know."

For a little while Moreland sat there and looked squarely at Dale, who returned his gaze without a sign of flinching. The hillman was trying to find a motive.

"How comes it 'at you, who ain't knowed us but two days," he demanded, "can be so much int'rested in us?"

The question demanded a straightforward answer. Dale realized that there was but one way in which he could give a satisfactory explanation, and that that was by telling the truth—but not the whole truth, as he surmised it, for then his efforts would go for naught.

Moreland was speaking again, and his eyes were brighter now.

"I agree 'at David would want us to develop the coal, ef he could know. It's like a light a-breakin' to me. But that coal is sacred to us, Bill Dale, and afore ye go any fu'ther I'll haf to ax ye to tell me all about yeself. A city man up here in the wilderness—it don't look s'picious, Bill, mebbe, but—well, I hopes ye can pardon me fo' axin' it. I shore got to be keerful about Brother David's coal. Addie and the boys'll go out and leave jest us two in here; and when ye're a-talkin' to me it's the same as talkin' to a tombstone so fer as tellin' is consarned. Addie, honey; Luke, you and Cale—"

Mrs. Moreland and her sons arose and left the room, closing the door behind them. Bill Dale paced the floor, arms folded, brows drawn. Finally he halted before the Moreland chief.

"There's nothing I'm ashamed of, I guess," he said. "I don't like to tell it simply because I don't like to tell it. But—I'll do it."

He sat down in his sheepskin-lined rocker, lay back and closed his eyes as though to visualize the story, to live it over.

"Maybe it's not very much in my favor, John Moreland," he began. "I never could get along with my parents, or with the set I was born into. Somehow, I was different. Father and mother wanted me to be a dandy; they even wanted me to let a servant dress me. The climax came when they tried to marry me to a young woman who didn't want me any more than I wanted her."

He opened his eyes, looked straight at Moreland, and went on:

"You see, they wanted to marry us in order to unite old Clavering's for-

"You See, They Wanted to Marry Us in Order to Unite Old Clavering's Fortune and My Dad's."

tune and my dad's; Patricia, like me, was an only child. It had been all cut and dried for us, for years. They put it up to me like this: they said I owed it to them, that it was my duty; that I had always been a severe trial to them; that my savagery had put gray into my mother's hair, and a lot of things of that kind. I fell for it at last; it was sort of a matter of self-defense. With Patricia, it was a case of—well, a case of simple obedience. Pat is a good girl. . . ."

A minute of silence; then:

"I'll hurry along with it, John Moreland. I had one fine friend back there. It was Robert McLaurin, a reporter on the city's leading newspaper. My parents didn't take to him because he was a worker, and not a fop. Mother wanted Pat's cousin, 'poor dear Harry' Clavering, for my best man. 'Poor dear Harry' and I had a fight, once upon a time, and I—I had whipped him; and I didn't like him. I chose Bobby McLaurin for my best man, and I wouldn't give him up.

"It was only when we met before the chancel in a big crowded church that I fully realized the tragedy of it for Pat. I saw that her face was a clean white, and that her eyes held the shadow of something that was very terrible. I turned my head and saw the same shadow in the eyes of my greatest friend, Bobby McLaurin. I knew then. Bobby and Patricia loved each other, John Moreland! Bobby didn't have any money to speak of, and that had held them apart.

"It had been the finest thing in the world, McLaurin's acting as best man for me. There was friendship for you! I couldn't take from them their one chance of happiness. . . .

"I couldn't see anything else to do, so I ran. I went home, pulled off my wedding rig and put on the clothes I'm wearing now, threw some things into a bag and hurried down to the union station. I found that I could have my choice between a flier for Atlanta and the—the train that brought me here. I bought passage to Atlanta, but I never meant to use it; I meant to take the other train and pay a cash fare. In doing that, I hoped to lose myself from them. I wanted to go unhindered to some country where I wouldn't be considered a—a savage, y'know.

"I went out to the train-shed, and I hadn't been there a minute when Bobby McLaurin came. I asked him how he knew where to find me. He said:

"'I thought you wouldn't care to stay here after doing what you did, and I wanted to say good-by, Bill.' He always called me that, and it made me feel like a man. Then I put my bag down and took him by both shoulders and told him this:

"'Look here, Bobby, I'm going to give you some advice, and you take it. You steal Pat and marry her. Steal Pat and marry her if you have to live in a hole in a hillside. You're as good as any of them, and lots better than most of them. You can work your way to a better salary. You see,' I told him, 'we get about what we deserve in this world. Most of us don't deserve much.'

"I asked him if mother was badly cut up. He said she was; that she had fainted. Dad swore aloud, he said, there in church. I told Bobby good-by and got aboard the train without saying anything about where I was going—but I didn't know myself where I was going, at the time.

"Now you've heard it. Every word was truth. If you'll trust me with the coal, I'll make this land my land, your people my people. I'll suffer with you when you suffer, and be happy with you when you're happy; and when you fight, I'll fight with you."

The Moreland chief arose, and Bill Dale arose. The hillman put out his hand, and Dale gripped it.

"I believe in ye, Bill," said John Moreland. "Fo' another thing, I've seed ye fight. You can work the coal."

He looked toward the closed inner door and called, "Oh, Addie; you and the boys can come back now."

Out of the night a face appeared at one of the small windows. It was a feminine face and handsome rather than pretty. Two slender, sunburned hands gripped the window-ledge nervously. The face pressed closer to the glass, then disappeared. Soon afterward the outer door of the guest's room opened, and Ben Littleford's daughter entered. Her skirts were dripping wet.

Mrs. Moreland arose and went toward the young woman. She knew that only something of great importance could bring a Littleford into her home in this fashion.

"What's the matter, Babe?"

Babe Littleford gave no attention to Mrs. Moreland. She went on to Bill Dale, walking softly on bare feet.

"Black Adam is a-goin' to kill you tonight, Bill Dale."

"That so?" Dale's smile was rather grim. "How did you find that out, Miss Littleford?"

"I found it out, all right. As he went off from the river this mornin', I made fun of him; and he patted the stock of his rifle and said he'd git you through a window! He was at our house this evenin' to help fix pap's gun, and when he left he started this way, a-goin' by the blowed-down sycamore. I waded the river at Blue Cat shoals to beat him here. I thought you might want to know about it, so's ye could mebbe save other folks the trouble o' makin' a funeral fo' ye."

She backed toward the door, her eyes never leaving Dale's face. Another second, and she was gone.

They were all on their feet now. John Moreland gripped Dale's arm.

"Over thar aside o' the chimbley, Bill!" he ordered, his native drawl for the moment absent. "Out, Addie, honey! Luke, bring my rifle and hat—jump keen! Cale, bring water and drownd this here fire!"

It was done. Moreland took his hat and the repeater and went alone into the night.

When some fifteen minutes had passed, there came to Dale's ears the sound of shooting. There were ten shots in such rapid succession that they made almost a continuous roar. Then came echoes and reverberations, and then silence. Soon John Moreland let himself into the dark room.

His wife's voice was low and filled with anxiety:

"What happened, John?"

A dull thud came through the darkness as her husband's rifle-butt struck the floor.

"This is what happened, Addie: As I passed the cawner o' the house, I got down that thar old oxwhip to take along. I went acrost the road and into the meadow, and thar I seen Adam Ball a-comin'. I hid, and when Adam was about to pass me, I jumped up and jerked his rifle from him and busted it ag'in a rock. Then I lights in and thrashes him with the oxwhip ontel he broke and run. And on this here happened, Addie:

"I was a-watchin' to see ef Adam had reely went off, when I seed a man a-comin' toward me fast. I thought it was Ball, o' course. So I up and tells him to show me how fast he can run and commences a-shootin' over his head to skeer him. But it didn't happen to be Adam Ball—it was Ben Littleford! He was a-follerin' Babe to see what she was up to, o' course."

"How do ye know it was Ben, pap?" Caleb asked.

"How do I know?" growled John Moreland. "When I got through a-shootin', he hollers at me and says: 'Tomorrow, John Moreland,' he says, 'we'll have a little Gettysburg o' our own!' And I might mind ye, Cale, 'at he keeps his word the same as I do."

"And Littleford meant a—" began Dale.

"That the'll be a big fight tomorrow," said Moreland. "Bill Dale, in a-makin' this land yore land and these people yore people, I'm a-feard ye're a-goin' to git more'n ye expected, mebbe more'n ye can handle. Do ye want to back out of it and let the coal go, or are ye one o' these fellers who chaws what they bites off ef it's a hoss's head?"

"I'll stick." Dale's voice came firmly in the darkness. "I'll stick."

CHAPTER IV

The Mystery of the Rifles.

An hour after John Moreland had sent his ten rifle bullets whining over the head of Ben Littleford, every Moreland and every Littleford in the valley knew of the declaration of war. And each man of them oiled his weapons and put them in better working order.

When Dale went to bed, there was too much on his mind to render sleeping easy for him. Tomorrow he would have to help in the fight against the Littlefords, kinsmen of the young woman who had saved him, without doubt, from death by the murderous rifle of the mountaineer Goliath—or break his word flatly. It was a poor return for such a favor! The longer he thought over the dilemma, the more perplexed he became.

He thought, too, of the everlasting wonder, the tail of John Moreland's bedtime prayer. How a man could go down on his knees and ask the blessings of the Almighty upon men whom he meant to fight the next day was a thing that Bill Dale could not understand.

It was after midnight before he slept. He woke at the break of day, arose and dressed himself, and went out. Going toward the flower-filled front yard, he found himself facing a very angry John Moreland.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

"Matter enough," clipped the mountaineer. "Bill Dale, I'm a-goin' to ax you a question, and I want the truth. Will I git it?"

"You'll get the truth if you get anything. Shoot the question."

"All right. What do you know about my gun?"

"About as much as you know of the left hind wheel of Ben Hur's chariot. What's wrong with it?"

Moreland's eyes were steady and

Moreland's Eyes Were Steady and Cold.

cold. He thrust his hands into the pockets of his corduroy trousers. Then his face softened a trifle.

"I reckon I ought to ax yore pardon," he said in a low voice. "Ye see, my gun's plumb gone!"

"You had it only last night," Dale said. "Did it disappear—"

"Whilst I slept," cut in the hillman. "Both o' my guns is gone. And Luke's repeater is gone, and so is Cale's, and we hain't got nothin' at all to fight them d—d Littlefords with!"

"Gone!" Dale exclaimed wonderingly and—it seemed to him—asininely.

"It must ha' been the Littlefords, I guess," frowned Moreland. "Fo' because who else would ha' done it? But to save the life o' me I cain't see how they got in and took my rifle without wakin' me up, Bill Dale. I slept twicet as light as a sick mouse."

(Continued next week.)

OLAF NEWS NOTES

News is very scarce as everyone seems too busy shelling corn or silo filling to go visiting or to entertain company.

Clara Eliason went to Mason City last Thursday to have her eyes treated.

Melvin Lee attended the Minnesota state fair last week.

Ollie Tomson has rented the J. N. Johnson farm for next year. Mr. Johnson expects to make some extensive improvements.

Clarence Scott and wife accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Snyder of Belmond drove to Huron, S. D., last week to make a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Martin Paulson received a message Monday morning that his cousin, Eddie Rierson, had been killed in an auto accident Sunday night. His car having been struck by another, crushing his chest so that he died the next morning.

Miss Clara Eliason entertained a friend from Hampton over Sunday.

Herman Johnson, wife and little Herschel accompanied by Orrin Hanson and wife spent the past ten days visiting in Minnesota. They made the trip by auto.

GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

A large number of Goodell people attended the circus at Mason City last Thursday.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Framer Cordes and Mr. and Mrs. Miller drove to Britt.

About 80 people enjoyed the social evening at the U. B. church on Sept. 6th. A short program was rendered, games were played and refreshments were served.

Fully a thousand people attended the well arranged military funeral of Kenneth Robbins Sunday. Rev. Earl I. Doty, now a professor in Penn College, at Oskaloosa, preached a very fine sermon. The U. B. choir and the Britt band furnished the music for the occasion.

Miss Dortha Okrueg went to Cedar Rapids on Monday where she will enter Coe College as a freshman. Miss Okrueg graduated with first honors from the Belmond high school last May, thus receiving a scholarship.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne have purchased a home in Klemme to which they will move next March. Matt Smith will farm his place.

James Schneider is improving his farm by putting in a car load of tile.

Joe Heringer has been under the care of Dr. Snearly for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boller have moved into the Goodrich house vacated by Earl Clark and family.

Rev. Father Murphey of Oelwein delivered the address at the laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic church on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes visited Miss Mamie White who is in the hospital at Hampton, on Sunday.

Henning Sandberg and wife drove up from Iowa Falls on Sunday to attend the funeral of Kenneth Robbins. They returned Sunday evening.

The Ladies Aid of the U. B. church will serve a general supper in the basement of the church on Thursday evening, Sept. 15th to which all are invited.

Sept. 18 will be enrollment day in the U. B. Sunday school. Next Sunday will be the last Sunday of this conference year. Rally Day and Promotion Day Sept. 25th. A fine program is being arranged for the day. All are invited to come and enjoy the exercises.

IOWA RAILROADS TO FIGHT EACH COUNTY

Des Moines, Sept. 6.—When seven railroads, having lines in Iowa, questioned the fairness of the state in assessing their property for taxation purposes, they attacked a government dragon with ninety-nine heads.

This is the position of Attorney General Ben J. Gibson and the county attorney of Iowa, who held a three hour conferance at the state house last week Monday to prepare the state's defense against the motion of the roads for a temporary injunction restaining their assessments to the county treasurer. In other words, the state will contend, according to Attorney General Gibson, that the roads must prove their claim against each county separately.

The conference was an executive session, after demolishing the claims of the roads verbally, the county attorneys returns to their homes to collect the evidence necessary to combat said claims, and if the position of the state is upheld at the injunction hearing, the railroads who are seeking to escape the increase in their assessments will have 99 law suits on their hands.

The roads asking injunctions against the county auditors are the Burlington, the Northwestern, the Milwaukee, the Rock Island, the Illinois Central, the Wabash and the Minneapolis & St. Louis. Eighteen other railroads and bridge companies assessed by the executive council have taken no action so far to fight their assessments. The Des Moines Union, which operates in Polk county only, has broght action in district court.

The roads claim that the assessment made by the executive council this year indicates a "systematic discrimination" against railroad property as compared with other property assessed. The state will contend that a discrimination, to be systematic, must be coninuous, and since the increase in the valuation of railroad property this summer is the first in eight or ten years, it cannot be said to indicate any systematic attempt to discriminate against railroad property. The roads admit there has been no faud in the assessment and that the roads have not been assessed at their full value.

Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker are the parents of a fine baby boy, born to them on Monday of this week.

Woman with boy 9 years old wishes place with small family, more for the home than for the wages. Write Box 466, Belmond, Iowa. 1t*

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Luick, accompanied by Mrs Luick's mother, Mrs. Val Griesy, and brother, Cato Griesy, drove to Minnesota last week where they will spend a week or so vacation. They will visit at the Floyd Lewis home while there.

NOTICE—All customers holding ice books, whether entitled to refund or if owing, are requested to turn them in to the office at once, as we are out of ice and further delivery of ice has ceased, as the supply is exhausted.—E. F. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson returned last week from their trip to Illinois. They made the trip there by auto.

David Luick leaves this week for Ames, where he will attend college this coming year

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Maurice Dillon has been suffering this week from a badly sprained ankle received at the ball game at Lake View Park Sunday. He slid into the home plate in the first inning, catching his foot on the plate.

Mrs. Fred Jensen from Rowan was calling on friends here one day last week.

Take home a pound of Webster's Famous Fudge at 67 cents a pound. Schultz Drug Co.

It is reported that chicken thieves have been more or less busy around town the past week. A chicken thief comes in the same class as the bootlegger and the poisoner of dogs. A little birdshot applied in right place is about the best known cure and is usually highly affective the first application.

Have you paid your subscription to the Independent yet? We need the two dollars right now, and will appreciate it if those who know themselves to be in arrears will come in and leave us two dollars. Every little helps these days. Thanks!

Charley Peterson of Hampton was over Sunday visiting at the homes of relatives here and at Kanawha. He reports the picture business as being on the mend and doing much better at Hampton. Charley formerly had charge of the Lyric theatre at this place.

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

House for rent or sale—seven room house in fine condition, with four lots, barn and garage. Phone 247. 2t*

Wanted—4 or 5 school children to room. $1.00 per week. Mary Gealow Phone 316.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

For Rent—The N. M. Wolcott house. Posession October 1st.—A. W. Martin. Phone 2914. 432tc

AT LEEAST TWO CASES OF REAL CHOLERA FOUND

There are at least two herds of hogs in Wright county affected by cholera at this time, according to Dr. J. R. Macdonald, of Clarion, who has vaccinated the herds after the sickness appeaed. Neither of the herds are very large, but a diaginoss reveals that this is the real article. Sanitary measures are being used to check its spread, and farmers the county over should watch carefully as to the condition of their hogs that the least sign of the disease may be noticed and prompt measures taken to combat it.

The Iowa State College veterinary authorities report cholera prevalent in a number of counties, where the loss has already ranged upward to $10,000. Northwestern Iowa has been battling the epidemic for several months and it seems to be growing. Dr. V. K. Stouder of the state college says the necessity for conserving the hog supply of Iowa this year is more urgent than in years, for there is a shortage already, and other states, from which Iowa feeders in the past have purchased stocker hogs, will be in the market this year for hogs in order to feed out the large supply of low priced corn.

Strict sanitation is the best thing to practice after vaccination, he says. —News.

The remains of Kenneth Robbins of Goodell were brought back from overseas and given a military funeral on Sunday. The young man was killed in action in the world war. The band from Britt furnished the music for the funeral, the Rev. Doty delivering a very fine address.

Special Sale On FLOUR!

We are making special offerings of flour at this time. We are closing out on some brands.

Clear Quill, per sack	$2.50
Daniel Webster, per sack	2.50
Crystal, per sack	2.35
Big Diamond, per sack	2.75

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We are also making special prices on our varied line of Aluminum Ware. Look it over.

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Washing Machines, Silverware, Queensware, Cutlery, Hog Waterers, Hog Oilers, Tankheaters, Paint. Everything at special low prices.

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Steel Posts, each 35c
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14-ft. farm gate $10.00
16-ft. farm gate $11.00
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1,000 lb. U. S. $102.50
Diamond Red Barn Paint in 5-gal. cans, per gal. $1.29
1-gal. cans, each $1.39
Thermos bottles, pt.-size $1.09
Galvanized water pails..20c and 25c
Wash tubs .... 75c and up

We have cut the price in two on Coaster Wagons, Kiddy Carts and Children's Wheel Barrows, etc.
While they last—Oil Cook Stoves
4-burner, $31.50, sale price $22.50
3-burner, $25.00, sale price $17.50
2-burner, $18.50, sale price $12.95
Coal Heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges at greatly reduced prices during this sale.
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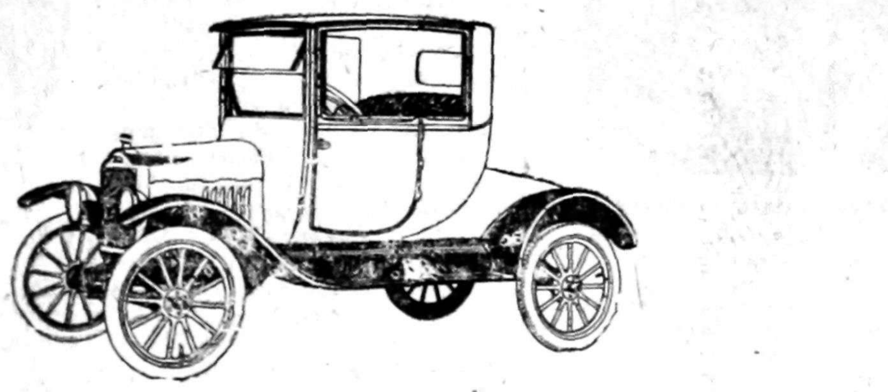

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INDEPENDENT CIRCULATION PAST 1,000 MARK

State Dairy Tester To Be Here Oct. 1st.

State Tester Will Examine The Dairy Cows In Belmond About That Date

MANY FOUND TUBERULAR

The state tester of cows will be in this city about the first of next month when he will examine all dairy herds for tuberculosis.

It has been requested that those who have not yet made their application for the testing of the:r herds or animal, make the same at once to Mayor Barry, so that the complete schedule may be ready when the state tester arrives.

The testing of herds over the state has caused some very surprising results. At Mason City, one herd there being found 50 per cent tubercular. The Globe Gazette of Tuesday carried the following item regarding the test:

Mason City consumers of m'lk have been drinking milk that is tubercular. This is the information received today from the office of the county agent, and was given out by Dr. Finchman, federal tester, with supervision over a district comprising four counties. Out of one herd of cows supplying milk to residents of Mason City a test applied last week by Dr. Fincham revealed that 50 per cent of them were tubercular.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL

The Athlet'c teams of the Belmond high school have taken the agency for the Curtis Publishing company magazines. Special attention is given to the securing of subscriptions for the Country Gentleman. This paper is published weekly and sells at the newstand for five cents per copy or $2.60 per year. The yearly subscription price is $1.00, from which the school may keep 50 per cent for the athletic fund. Now is the time to subscribe for an excellent magazine and at the same time help us.

Aside from the Country Gentleman subscriptions, the athletic teams will appreciate your order for the Saturday Evening Post and the L[illegible] Home Journal. If you are already taking these magazines let us renew your subscript'ons. Now, to take effect at the expiration of your present subscription. Instead of getting the magazines at the newsstand, subscribe from us and save half the cost to yourself and boost for athletics in B. H. S.

Weather and roads perm'tting the ball team will cross bats with Corwith at Corwith, Friday afternoon. The return game to be played at Belmond Friday; Sept. 30.

An endeavor to orgagnize a high school orchestra met with favor this week, but we need more instruments. Parents who are interested in music should prov'de their children with instruments. No charge is made for instruction at these rehearsals. Violins and clarinets are especially needed.

The gym floor is sadly in need these rainy days. The cement work of the new floor has been completed and it is hoped that the wood floors w'll be laid in the near future. The high school Physical Training classes cannot be organized until the floor in the gym can be used.

Parents will please take notice of the hours of dismissal in the lower grades and thus avo'd delay in meeting your children on stormy days:

Room	Time
Kindergarten	11:30-3:30
First grade	11:35-3:35
Second grade	11:40-3:40
Third grade	11:40-3:40
Fourth grade	11:45-3:45
Fifth grade	11:45-3:45

If weather permits the Vocational Agriculture class will apply their book knowledge this week and select seed corn a few afternoons.

MARTIN R. CASE

Martin R. Case was born at Spafford, Onondaga Co., N. Y. Jan. 21 1836 and died at his home in Belmond, Iowa Sept. 16, 1921.

When a child Mr. Case's parents moved to Clinton, Rock Co., Wis. and five years later to Janesville Wis. In 1857 he was married to Miss Mary E. Fellows of Center Wis. To th's union five children were born, only one son, Frank, survives his father. In 1865 Mr. Case moved with his family to Evansville Wis. and was engaged in the hotel and livery business for a number of years. In the spring of 1881 he moved to a farm near Goodell where they lived for about s'x years. From the farm he moved to Belmond and took charge of the Kern House also starting a livery business. He built the livery barn and later the Case Hotel which he operated for about two years.

For several years Mr. Case has been in poor health but had been able to be at the livery barn almost every day until last Oct. since which time he has been confined to his home. Mr. Case was a good business man and was upright and honest 'n all his dealings with his fellow men.

Funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. S. U. Leinbach

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE GIVES AUGUST REPORT

Nursing activit'es committee of Wright county Red Cross makes report of work done by Wright county public health nurse during August, 1921.

Home visits made 86. Of these nine were visits to give bedside care to the sick, 11 to g've instruction, fifty-seven were for follow-up work among school children who had some physical defects. Miscellaneous visits nine.

Two children were sent to Iowa City under the Perkins' law, for eye, nose and throat treatment. One child was sent to the Psychopathic department at Iowa City, under the state law providing for mentally dec'ent persons. Number of schools visited two.

Children inspected	32
Children with defective teeth	22
Children with enlarged tonsils	10
Children with nasal obstruction	6
Children with defective hear'ng	1
Children with defective vision	6
Children 7 percent under weight	20
Children with corrections of:	
Teeth	1
Eyes	1
Throat and nose	3

There were no pumps on the grounds of either of these two schools.

Had charge of rest room in the community tent at the Wr'ght county fair. Weighed measured and tagged over three hundred children between the ages of three weeks and twelve years besides weighing many older children and adults. A number of babies were taken care of while the mothers visited the fair. Four little girls who had prev'ously been trained gave a demonstration of bathing and dressing a baby. Health literature was distributed.

Met with the Troy Culture club, August 18. Read a paper on "The Care of the teeth." weighed babies and children of pre-school age, and after that had a discussion on the care and feeding of these children.

August 25 met with the Tri-R Girls' club, giving a demonstration on "Bathing the Baby," after which one of the little girls of the club bathed the baby.—Monitor.

RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS

The Community Club will hold a reception for the teachers on Friday evening of this week, at 8:00 o'clock, in the basement of the library.

It is hoped that a large number of the members will be present to receive the teachers. All patrons of the school, whether members of the Community Club or not, are invited to come and meet the teachers.

MESERVEY RIGISTER PURCHASED BY INDEPENDENT; CIRCULATION TO BE COMBINED OCT. 1ST.

Beginning the first of October, the circulation of the Belmond Independent will go to about eleven hundred.

Tuesday of this week the publisher of the Independent closed a deal whereby the Meservey Register is combined with the Belmond Independent, the Register being issued after that date—October 1st—as a part of the Belmond Independent.

The Register has been purchased in 'ts entireity; the plant at Meservey will be dismantled and disposed of, and the Register will be a part of the Independent.

From and after October 1st, each week there will be run in the Independent a two-page insert of the Meservey section, composed of news and advertising, along the same lines as the Register has been issued. The insert wi'l be separate from, but inserted in, the Independent, and will in reality make the Independent a ten-page paper.

The entire circulation of the Register will be added to that of the Independent, giving the Independent a bona fide circulation of very nearly 1,100, all w'thin a trading radius of fifteen miles of Belmond. This circulation will give the local advertiser an increased range to draw trade from, and will mean from 250 to 300 more families whom he can reach each week thru the columns of the Independent.

Miss D. Grace Wilson, the present editor of the Register, desired to dispose of the plant and office, and talked business to the Independent, with the result that the deal was finally closed. The Independent has a contract with the business men of Meervey for a year's advertising, to be run in the Meservey insert to the Independent, the subcribers to receive the combined papers, meaning, that all subscribers to the Register are added to the Independent circulation list and receive the Independent along with the Meservey section.

The publisher hopes that the combining of the two papers will be of benefit to both the towns, and that the heartiest co-operation will be received from both places, thus enabling the Independent to give more and better service both to readers and advertisers.

The Independent expects to publish the first combination of the two papers on the 6th of October. It will be some time before things can be squared around, the plant at Meservey disposed of, and other arrangements completed.

The Independent offers its readers after the first of October, the most news, from the nearest to home, and its advertisers the largest circulation, from the nearest to home, and intends to improve in all ways the columns of the paper so that the Independent will become what the publisher has always hoped to make it: A Real Home Newspaper for Real Home Folks.

BIG TIME AHEAD AT DISTRICT COURT

Harry Taylor was arrested the first of the week and placed in jail, charged with drawing a check on which he secured $50 from the Farmers' Sav'ngs bank at Goldfield, He had no funds on deposit. This is not his first offense.

The State Bank of Stratford state for cause of action against J. E. Beck of Clarion that they loaned defendent the sum of $120 on his two promissory notes in March, 1917; that thirty days later they took his note for an additional $[illegible] all of which has not been paid.

M. J. Th[illegible] alleges he rented the basement of a brick garage located in Belmond to Ray Morris and Alfred Swenson for the sum of $2800 for the term of three years at the monthly rental of $80. That defendants failed to make payments as agreed and the sum of $470 is now due, for whch plaintiff asks judgement.

Nearly Eighty Wright County teachers were in attendance at the first study center of the year held Saturday at the court house. Miss Bock secured Prof. Abbott and Miss Clara Bradley of the State Teachers' college to conduct the program, which proved both helpful and interesting. It was a successful and enthusiastic meeting.

Judge Wright and his court reporter E. P. Tinkham, spent a few hours in Clarion Friday, being enroute to their homes in Fort Dodge from Eldora, where the former is holding court. Judge Wright was shown the new furn'ture for the Wright county court house by Clerk Goslin and expressed himself as well pleased with the same.

Miss Blanche Ella Eddy is the new assistant to County nurse Liddle and has taken up her new duties. Miss Eddy has lived and taught school in the country and understands rural conditions. She received her nurse's tra'ning in the Wesley hospital of Chicago from which she was graduated. Miss Eddy comes well recommended.

Orton & Steinbrenner Co., a corporation organized under the laws of Indiana, will ask judgement against the Iowa Valley Sugar Co. of Belmond in the sum of $332.53 on the promissory note of its president and secretary. The same defendants are named 'n a suit brought by the Worthington Pump and Machinery corporation of Virginia to collect on a note for $241.59.

Oscar Svendson, who was sent to Cherokee from this county in 1904, escaped from the state institution several weeks ago. Failing to obtain work he went to Illinois for a visit with relatives and on Tuesday of last week came to Galt where he formerly worked for Peter Monk. The sheriff's office was notified and the man brought to Clarion. An attendant came up from Cherokee Wednesday and took the escaped inmate back. He appeared quite rational for the most part but confided in the officers that he had a pretty nice girl at Cherokee.

Court house officials, their employees and families, to the number of 60, enjoyed an 'ndoor picnic in the court room last Wednesday afternoon. An outdoor affair had been planned but this was vetoed by the weathher. Be'ng all good sports they simply changed their base of operations and proceeded as before.

The lunch and hot coffee were served cafeteria style, and following this the folks entertained themselves with music, games and dancing.

All of which indicates that harmony and good fellowsh'p prevail at the county seat of government, which is as it should be.

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THE CONTRAST BETWEEN EDITORS AND DOCTORS

A little boy was given the stunt by his teacher to write an essay on editors and here is his result:

"If an editor makes a mistake folks say that he ought to be hung; but if a doctor makes a mistake he bur'es it and people dassent say nothing because doctors can read and write Latin. When the editor makes a mistake there is a lawsuit and a big fuss; but if the doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without anybody knowing what it means, but if the ed'tor uses one he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for the visit, but if the editor goes he gets a load of buckshot. When the doctor gets drunk it's a case of being overcome by the heat and if he dies it's from heart trouble; when an editor gets drunk it's a case of too much booze and if he dies it's the jim-jams. Any college can make a doctor; an ed'tor has to be born.

CHAPMAN BUNCH GETS EVEN

Sunday the Morse Lake aggregation lost to the Chapman bunch strengthened by Belmond regulars thru a combination of costly errors and Kanawha tricks, the score being 8 to 6.The feature of the game was the short pop-flies by "Lefty" Ray.

JOHNNY GET YOUR GUN THE DUCKS ARE FLYIN'

You can tote your double-barrel or repeater anywhere you want to now, providing you have a license, and provided you only shoot the right kind of birds.

You have to know just what to shoot. A glimpse at the Iowa Fish and Game law book for 1921-22 issued by the state fish and game warden, W. E. Albert, will enlighten a cons'derable number of Belmond folks who do not know that they cannot shoot anything they want to.

You cannot shoot turtle doves, prair-
The Wood duck is a trifle larger than the Bluebill, is quite tame and easily approached, and there is no open season on this bird.

The Eider duck is another bird which it is against the law to shoot and upon which there is no open season. Shooting this bird is penalized by a fine.

You canot shoot turtle doves, prarie chickens or qua'l without getting yourself into hot water. The latter bird may not be shot until the first of November, 1927. Gray or fox squirrels may be shot after September 1st this year. The law prohibits the shooting of wild fowl between sunset and sunrise.

And, knowing, th's, if the hunter sees a duck, whether old Sol is out of bed or just gone, he's going to shoot away just the same most of the time, and trust to luck that if he gets the bird that it will be one of the right kind.

NEW STYLES IN PAPER MONEY

It is said the government will soon radically change the form of its paper money, which has remained unaltered almost since the foundation of the republic. Economy is the primary reason for the change. The paper which is now being used, because of a ecret process in the possession of the Crane Paper Mill, is only obtainable at a high cost. The new bills will be about three-fourths the size of those now in use, it is reported.

MAKE PURCHASERS SIGN FOR CIGARETTES

Dealers who handle cigarettes are having considerable trouble the country over in determining whether the purchaser of the pills is a minor or not. Dealers in some localities are getting around this difficulty by having slip printed on which the purchaser, concerning whost age the dealer is in doubt, is required to state that he is 21 years or over, and sign the statement. This relieves the dealer of a considerable part of the responsib'lity.

Farm Bureau Picnic, Pleasant Township Tonight

Fine Program Arranged By The Township Teachers For Evenings Entertainment

COUNTY AGENT TO SPEAK

Farmers of Pleasant township will gather at the home of J. F. Henn, three miles east of Belmond, on this week Thursday (today) in the evening for a community social and business meeting.

Miss Vida Jenison, one of the local teachers, with the assistance of several other teachers in the township, and a number of committee members, is plann'ng the program of the evening, which is given below. To judge from all reports, a lively time is planned and every farmer in the vicinity of Belmond is most cordially invited to attend th's social gathering.

The county agent will be present at this meeting and will make a splendid effort to give out information regarding the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau wh'ch information will be helpful to those who solicit for memberships on the day for the state wide drive, Oct. 12.

Following is the program as arranged for this evening:

Song: Home. School and Native Land—Quartette.

Recitation: Father's Letter—Evelin Harberts.

Song: The Ginger Cat—Henry Halfwassen.

Recitation: The Trial—Loretta Rabey.

Song: Little Crumbs of Happiness—Leola Jenison.

Reading: The Dutchman—Grace Gartz.

Accordian Duet: J. F. and John Henn.

Recitation: When Mother Was a Little Girl—Barbara Gealow.

Song: The Sunshine of Your Smile—Ralph Edwards.

Reading: Wheels of Time—Nellie Murphy.

Song: Goldenrod—Sabina and John Halfwassen.

Song: Lonesome. That's All—Lena Steenblock.

Dialogue: A Troublesome Servant—Harry Mennenga and John Henn.

Piano and Clarinet Duet—Cecelia and James Barry.

Song: The Helpers—Pupils of District No. 5.

Recitation—Lillie Faulhaber.

Community singing.

PEAT BED AT EAGLE GROVE IS BURNING

A peat bed on a farm near Eagle Grove caught fire during July, when the weather was extra hot, and in the dry weather secured a fine start and is reported burning yet. The peat bed covers about ten acres and this year the ground had been in hay when the fire started. Furrows have been plowed around the field in the hope of preventing the fire from spreading. Peat beds are reported as having been common in that vicinity before a system of dra'nage was evolved.

MRS. MAYER TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY CLUB FRIDAY

The next meeting of the Community club will be on September 30th. and will be in charge of Mrs. Mayer of Iowa City, who will address the club on the subject for the meeting Child Welfare. Mrs. Mayer w'll also deliver a lecture on the subject in the evening of the same day, at the library basement, to which all are invited. There will no admission to the lecture.

Mrs. Mayer is very familiar with Child Welfare work having years of experience along this line. Her lecture should be of interest to all parents.

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THROTTLE THE KIDS

Corwith Hustler:You may talk of the nuisance of running autos with the cutouts open but the noise they make is mus'c compared with the ear splitting noise ond racket caused by the iron-wheeled coasting wagons on the sidewalks. There is an ordinance forbidding this nuisance yet these coasters are perm'tted to chase up and down the streets without any regard to the rights of pedestrians or those who desire quiet in front of their homes. It has gotten to be that people have to get off the walks and give these wagons the right of way. Why not stop this nuisance along with some of the others that are even less annoying?

Too many articles like the above get into pr nt. It gives the child the impression that the world is all wrong—that mankind is unjust. He feels like the man without a country and without friends. There is no sphere wherein he is perm'tted to bestow his pent-up energy. We older folks complain, and continue to complain, but suggest not. It is true that a coaster wagon is trying to the upset nerves of a man or woman after the day's toil but it affords untold joy to the kid who is the proud possessor of one and we're for the kids, first, last and all the time. If the kid cannot coast on the s'dewalk where may he coats? Most certainly he would be taking his life in his hands to attempt to use the streets. Instead of making it a punishable crime to use a coaster wagon on the sidewalk why not pass ordinances prohibiting a dealer selling a coaster without it be equipped with rubber tires. The kid could then have his fun and folks with nerves could lean back in the old arm chair clasped in the warm rays of a golden sunset and dream of their yesterdays, and the world would seem brighter and the kid's heart would be lighter as he silently glided along disturbing no one in his pleasantry. If we can make and enforce cutout and headlight laws we can make and enforce rubber-tired coaster laws.—Kanawha Reporter.

WOMAN FIRES AT BULL— HITS HER HUSBAND

Firing a shotgun to frighten away an angry bull which had driven her husband to the top of a corn crib for safety, Mrs. W. B. Johnson of near Cresco, Iowa, inflicted wounds on her husband which, however, were not fatal. The bull had chased Johnson, who climbed on the crib to escape, and then the animal refused to leave that immediate vicinity. The man called his wife, who came with the shotgun. She aimed and fired, and hit what she wasn't aiming at, a goodly portion of the shot lodging in her husband's anatomy.

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OUR INCREASED CIRCULATION

The Independent, beginning the first of October, will offer to its advertisers an increase of over two hundred circulation, or in all, pract cally eleven hundred.

The Independent guarantees that this circulation is ninety per cent local, within a trading radius of 15 miles of Belmond.

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The advertiser in the Independent will be g'ven a larger circulation of a more result-bringing kind than he has heretofore had, and the publisher hopes that the Independent advertisers will take advantage of it. The increased circulation—the largest that has ever been offered by any newspaper in the town of Belmond, is the r direct gain.

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IS GRAVEL THE ROAD ANSWER?

Of late there has been more or less agitation on the subject of graveled roads being the answer to the road question. The plea has been made, and seems to be gaining ground steadily, that gravel is the logical answer, that paving is too expensive and lasts no longer.

It looks as tho the gravel enthusiastists have the better side of the argument. There can be l ttle question but what the gravel is cheaper, the main argument is on the ultimate cost, the lasting, and the upkeep. The gravel men say that any road can be graveled into as good shape as it can be paved, that it is not only cheaper to put on, but that it is cheaper to maintain, that it is cheaper to repair, and will last as long as paving..

It would seem that they have pretty good argument there. That it is easier to gravel, and cheaper, no-one will question. Nine out of every ten motorists will say that they prefer a good graveled road to a long stretch of pavement any time. And any good graveled road is one that will be dry and smooth after the heaviest of rains.

There are so many roads in the country wh ch are not main roads, but which are largely traveled and which should receive practically as much attention, that the problem of paving them all is beyond the question; the American farmer has too many other ways for his money—when he can get any—to force any large paving tax on him. The roads going by his land can be graveled at a great deal smaller cost than they can be paved, will g've as good satisfaction and last as long, with a cheaper upkeep. That is the plea of the gravel advocates. And it would seem that they have a pretty strong argument.

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CLIPPINGS

There was a man who fancied
By driving hard and fast,
He would get his car across the track
Before the train got past.
He would miss the engine by an inch,
He would make the train crew sore.
There was a man who fancied this;
He isn't any more.
—Exchange

Mrs. Eva Champlain, Agnes Dempsey and Mrs. Truer Davenport from Belmond were Klemme visitors last Wednesday.—Times.

Mrs. Kiplinger of Belmond came last Friday for a couple days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Heginger of this city.—Klemme Times.

Relatives from a distance who were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Lyman were *** Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and Miss Jane Ramsay of Belmond.—Garner Leader.

Mr. W. E. Bullard of Belmond was a business caller here Tuesday—Klemme Times.

Mrs. Harvey Boller of Belmond vis'ted a few days last week at the H. F. Reif home.—Meservey Register.

Miss Jane Ramsay came up from Belmonu Tuesday morning to be present at the funeral of Mrs. Lyman which was held that afternoon. Miss Ramsay is a teacher in the schools in Belmond.—Garner Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Johnson and John McCorkle were at Belmond to attend the funeral of Eddie Rierson. —Kanawha Reporter.

Miss Viva Rourk who is teaching in the Belmond public school, was an over Sunday visitor here with the home folks.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mrs. Quire's father, Mr. Shipley of California, who has been a guest at the Quire homt, left last Friday for Denver where he may locate. Mrs. Quire and little Frederick accompanied him as far as Belmond.—Kanawha Reporter.

For the first time in the h'story of Garner, one of the old residents comes back back for a visit and comes in an airplane. Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Lon Schneider, their son Kenneth and daughter Ardith arrived from their home at Lisbon, N. D. Kenneth owns the plane and had been giving exh'bitions in South Dakota. The folks drove from their home to Aberdeen in their car and there met Kenneth. They left Aberdeen about 11 o'clock and arrived here about seven in the evening, a distance of about 400 miles. They stopped at Lenox, S. D., Sheldon and Emmetsburg for gas. —Garner Signal.

Ireland is green, Russia is red, Japan yellow and the U. S. is blue.

Peace up to date has only got about half a league onward.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
J. H. Edge, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

At the morning hour of worship next Sunday the pastor will administer baptism and receive into the membership of the church those who desire. The sacrement of the Lord's Supper w'll also be administered. This is the last Sunday of the conference year and it is hoped that there might be a large attendance at these services.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

We were glad to see so many at the services of the church last Sunday. We hope now since vacation is over that all w ll be in their places with many new ones at every service.

The Ladies' Missionary society will have a dollar meeting in the church parlors on Thursday afternoon. Each member is to bring a dollar which goes to pay the society's apportionment to the Board of Missions. Let every member be present and br'ng a friend with you. Every lady of the church a member of the Missionary society is our motto.

Sabbath school next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services in charge of the young folks at 8:00. Miss Carol Tyrrell is the leader.

The Passion Play October 16th. Keep this date in mind and be there.

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Finer materials, richly fur trimmed up to $88.75.
Tricotine and Poiret Twell Dresses from $18.75 to $38.75.
Coats from $18.75 to the finest at $88.75.

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

The Sunday morning worship 11.

Sermon: "What is Our Strength?"

Sunday school 12. We invite you to our church and we would enjoy your company in the Sunday school, with your children.

Sunday evening services 8.

Topic: "The Ribbon."

The Christ'an Endeavors will meet Sunday evening at 7. All the young people of the community and their friends are invited to attend the young peoples meeting and we would enjoy a visit of the adults at these meetings.

The Junior Endeavors will meet each Wednesday afternoon after school hours, and all the children are inv'ted to be present, as we need you.

The mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs Charlie Boyington Wednesday, Sept 21. Mrs. F. B. Sheldon leader. Topic: "Today's Imperative Task." Secretary Mrs. M. M. Snyder.

The Cong. Ladies Aid will meet at the Manse, Thursday afternoon. Everyone invited to come.

The m'te-box opening of the Cong. Mission club will be held at the home of Ruth Emerson Monday evening. Mrs. Bessie Howell leader. All the members are especially requested to be at this meeting, also the Womens Missionary soc'ety and mothers of the members of the Study Mission club.—Sec. Thelma Brooks.

Be sure and come Sunday, as we have a plan that all will be interested in for the opening months during the winter and we want you to know, so that you will have a chance to enjov the things from the start, and not miss any of the good things that He has in store for one and all.

Let our motto be "Let us go to Church Sunday," and take our friends w'th us. So, we invite you to come to the Rowan Congregational church and Sundav school. This means those who have no church, or Sunday school home, to come with us all.

Mrs. F. H. Fowler and daughter Esther were Clarion shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham of Iowa Falls spent several days the first of the week at the home of Mrs Bingham's brother, Henry Azeltine, and wife. Mr. Bingham was looking after farm interests.

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and son went to Clarion Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Heathershaw, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Fred Welsh visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, in Clarion Wednesday.

Mrs. Casper Reasoner and son of Conger, Minn, came Wednesday for an extended visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and daughter Billie were Clarion callers Monday of last week

Mrs. J. F. Howell was a Dows visitor between trains Wednesday.

Wm. Tresidder went to Clarion Thursday to assist his son Howard the remainder of the week

Gay Fletcher was a Dows caller on Wednesday.

Mrs. Langdon was a Clarion shopper Thursday.

Marshall Myers, who has been working for the Central National Fire Insurance Co., in Des Moines, came home Monday of last week to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers, for a few days. He returned ta Des Moines Saturday where he will enter the University taking a business course this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Mrs. D. E. Harris motored to Mason City Thursday to meet Mrs. Walter Allen and baby of Sioux Falls, S. D. who will visit at the home of her father, D. E. Harris and w'th other relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Miss Viola Charter of Hampton was in town last Tuesday to organize her winter class in music. She will come to town once a week and expects to give a special price on a term of 14 lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson returned Thursday from their trip to Illino's. They were gone several weeks and report a very nice time.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion visited at the home of her mother Mrs. M. Snyder Thursday.

The M. E. Aid society met at the basement of the church last Friday afternoon for a work meeting. A good crowd attended and the work was accomplished which they set out to do.

Mrs. Esther Andrews was a Clarion shopper Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum went to Clarion Saturday to visit her daughter Mrs Glen Jennings

Miss Edna McCutcheon went to Goldfield Saturday to spend the week end at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Eson and son Martin and little Elsie Kjar went to Humboldt Saturday to visit friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kleinschroedt were in charge of the hotel during their absence.

Mrs. Gay Fletcher visited her parents in Clarion Saturday.

Mrs. Gus Anderson went to Clarion Saturday to visit her brother, Hilder Isaacson. She expected to go to Ft. Dodge Sunday to visit another brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Buchanan of Mason City came Saturday to spend Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Aldrich and family.

Mrs. Sim Stout's sect'on of the M. E. Aid society will serve a supper at the church basement next Thursday night. Every one is invited to come as these suppers are well worth the money.

Mr. and Mrs. Shurson of Kanawha came Saturday to spend a few days at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Burt.

Herb Hadley had the misfortune to hurt his first finger on his right hand Friday when he was helping to unload calves at the Chas. Moon place. He had to go to Dows to have it dressed.

Mrs. E. J. L'neweaver and three children accompanied Mr. Lineweaver father of to his home in Sheffield, Ill. He has been ill while visiting his sons here and was unable to make the trip alone.

Miss Evelyn Heathershaw went to Clarion Sunday to spend a few days at the home of her mother.

Lyceum Program Planned for Winter

The people of Rowan during the coming winter season are to be favored with a lyceum program. The contract was signed when conditions were slightly better than they are now and nothing but a hearty co-operation on the part of the public will prevent the guarantors from becoming involved in a financial sacrifict. We need a "long pull" and a "pull together" to put this thing across w'thout a financial deficit. The saving factor will be the fine program which will be as follows:

Dr. D. E. Parry, Saturday, November 19.

Copley Quintette, Thursday, December 1.

Robert C. Bowman, Thursday, February 23.

Caveny Co., Friday, March 3.

Miss Alice Kent of Dows visited several days at the home of her cousin, Miss LaVonne Ballou and also at the A. E. Emerson and S. B. Heath homes.

Mrs Sarah Moon was a Belmond visitor Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers returned last Monday from a visit w'th relatives at Lacona and Indianola

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey were Dows shoppers Saturday.

Donald Farren and Marshall Myers spent Wednesday night with Jesse Steffens at Hampton.

Mr. Moule of Mason City spent Thursday night here. He was enroute to Iowa City where he will enter the State University. He will be remembered as the superintendent of the local school last year.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance at the reception for the teachers in the M. E. church Friday was not very large. There were about 60 present. A fine program of music and speeches was given. Mr. J. E. Miller, F B. Sheldon, A. O. Pelley and the pastor gave words of welcome and assured thhe teaching staff of their support. Superintendent Holiday made a pleasing reply. The reception was given under the auspices of the Epworth League.

Town Laying Drain Tile

The town has been having a lot of tile laid thru it for drainage purpurposes. This is a fine improvement. Quite a number of the streets are torn up at the present as the telephone men are still laying cables. The work on the new switch board is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Andersen spent Sunday at the Peterson home in Dows.

The Junior department of the Epworth League held a most enjoyable picnic on the church grounds last Saturday. About 30 were present. Mrs. Tomkinson, the superintendent was assisted by Mrs. Edward Azeltine, Mrs. Herb Hadley, Mrs. Lee Sellers and Miss Esther Fowler.

S. A. Ferguson was a Dows caller Monday of this week

Miss Inez Kent of Belmond and M'ss Rena Purdy were calling on relatives and friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and family spent Sunday at Blairsburg at the home of his brother.

Fred Heathershaw of Clarion was a Sunday visitor with his sister, Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver.

Mrs. Dorsey Eckelberry of Clarion visited Sunday at the Geo. Wh'tten home.

Kenneth Ballou, Walt and Wilford Carmon went to Hayeld Thursday to hunt ducks, returning Sunday. They report fair luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Riley and daughter Dollie and Lester Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond spent Sunday at Bayside

Mrs. Alt Hackley was a Dows caller Saturday.

Jim Hethershaw of Clarion visited his friend Russell Bailey one day last week, enroute to Des Moines to visit an uncle.

Kenneth Keith was a Dows caller Saturday.

Margarette Nye has been very ill the past few days.

Mrs. Roy Ryder went to Grundy Center the latter part of the week to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ryder.

Nellie Hackley was at Dows several days the past week visiting at the home of her sister. She returned home Mondav.

A. C. Rietz is on the sick list.

Mrs. Hannah Whitttn and Laural and Miss Angie Baines spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Whitten's brother Ed. Baines at Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children of Coulter spent Sunday at the home of her brothers, Will and Dan Whitten.

Harry Williams was taken very ill Sunday evening. Dr. Potter of Galt was called on the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peddle, of Coulter, visited at the parental Whitten home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son, Leland, of Thornton, visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris Sunday.

Earl Jacobs of Goodell, spent the first of the week with relatives and friends at this place.

George Miller, of Hampton, spent Sunday at the home of h's neice Mrs. Guy Stumph.

Harold Fletcher, wife and baby of Dows were calling on relatives and friends here Sunday.

Friends of little Harry Steffens, who has been very ill with typhoid fever the past seven weeks, will be very glad to learn that he is able to set up at the present writing.

Guy Stumph had the misfortune to cut his thumb very badly Monday of th's week when he was butchering calves at the Frank Drury farm.

Dallas Conn, of Tulsa Oaka. came Saturday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. W. Whitten and his brother Chester Conn. He is empolyed by the oil co. of that place as production man. He went to Allison Monday night to visit relatives at that place for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Conn of Aredale spent Sunday at the home of their neice, Mrs. D. W. Wh'tten. Mrs. Kate Conn accompanied them and spent the day with her children, returning to Aredale with them.

There were over sixty members and friends of the M. E. Foreign Missionary Society present at the annual meeting last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. E. Harris. Ice cream and cake were served at the close. The W. F. M. S. have just closed the most successful year of work in the history of the society. Rowan is one of the two societies in the conference that have doubled their membership and met all the requirements of the standard of efficiency set up by the conference board.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box were Dows callers Saturday where Mrs. Box had the stitches removed from the finger which she got in the electric wringer Monday of last week.

Mrs. V'ola Tibbets, of Dows, is visiting at the home of her brother, O. E. Ballou and family.

Margeret Keith has been suffering from a felon on her hand. She had to have it lanced and made several trips to Dows the past week having it dressed.

TheYoung Ladies Missionary Study club met Mondav night at the home of Misses Ruth and Esther Emerson. This was the mite box open'ng meeting and they received $14.53 from the boxes. The book which they had been studying thruout the year was reviewed. Thev had as guests the Sr. Missionary Society and the teachers of the school Dainty refreshments were served and then the time was spent in games. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hansen, Tom Hansen and Agnes Hansen, of Coulter visited at the home of their brother Theo Hansen, Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hansen's father, John Hansen.

Little Loran Hadley has been s'ck the past week.

George Bovington is on the sick list

M. E. Church Notes.

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday in the M. E. Conference year the pastor leaving leaving next day for conference. The year has been a very successful year in every respect All departments having been splendidly maintained. The pastor, Rev. Harold Thomkinson gives unst'ned praise to the friends and officials of the church for their unfailing devotion. No finer people can be found any where.

The Junior Department of the M. E. W. H. M. S. will hold their annual mite box opening and picn'c Saturday at the home of Mrs. Hannah Whitten The children's mothers are invited. All children are invited whether they are members or not.

The M. E. W. H. M. S plans to tie comfortors Friday afternoon at Mrs. William Tresidder's. These comfortors will be sent to the homes kept by the soc'ety.

School Notes

Remember the community meeting next Friday night. Everyone is invited to come. This is to be a meeting in which the parents may get acquainted with the teachers. There will be a fine program given and light refreshments will be :erved.

The new fire escape which was being put up on the north side of the school building is completed. This is a decided improvement and one that was much needed.

Several pupils have been absent from school the past week on account of sickness.

Mr. Moule called at the school last Fr'day.

The school is progressing nicely. Let each one co-operate with the teachers to make this the best year in the history of the school. Teachers cannot make a good school if the parents are not back of them.

Wilbur J. Payne, field manager for The Country Gentleman called at the school Monday of this week.

Miss Nellie Hackley is learning the work at the switch board in the telephone office.

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

People think they are pretty smart, but the clairvoyants continue to find rlenty of raw material to work on. Raw is right.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Joint Drainage District No. 73, Hancock County, Iowa.
No. 139, Wright County, Iowa.

To the following owners of the following described lands and to every person in actual occupancy, or claiming any right, title or interest in any of said lands ın Wright County, Iowa.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the Board of Supervisors of Hancock and Wright counties, Iowa, acting jointly as provided by Section 33, Chapter 68, acts of the Thirtieth General Asembly of Iowa, and all acts of said State additional or amendatory thereto, appointed T. H. Fox of Hancock county, and E. Ves of Wright county, disinterested resident freeholders of their respective counties, and Geo.. L. Mechem, a disinterested and competent civil engineer, as commiss'oners to personally inspect and classify all lands benefited by the location and construction of the above named drain. That said commissioners have filed their report in writing with the auditors of sa d counties apportioning the expenses, fees, costs, damages and estimated cost of construction as shown below:

Township 93, Range 24, Wright County, Iowa.

Name	Description	Sec.	Acres	Assessment
William Busick	NW NW	4	20	$ 580.00
Ole Thompson	NE NE	5	52	1400.00
Ole Thompson	NW NE	5	64	2240.00
Ole Thompson	SW NE	5	22	1000.00
Ole Thompson	SE NE	5	4	40.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	NE NW	5	64	1540.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	NW NW	5	64	2740.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	SW NW	5	40	3790.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	SE NW	5	40	3280.00
Garfield T. Halverson	NE SW	5	15	150.00
Garfield T. Halverson	NW SW	5	25	730.00
Ole Thompson	NW SE	5	2	20.00
C. C. Riley and M. F. Coons	NE NE	6	64	4720.00
C. C. Riley and M. F. Coons	NW NE	6	64	1040.00
H. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	SW NE	6	40	1180.00
H. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	SE NE	6	40	3580.00
C. C. Riley and M. F. Coons	NE NW	6	14	140.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	SE NW	6	19	190.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	NE SW	6	10	190.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	NE SE	6	30	1440.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	NW SE	6	30	1200.00
Township roads in district Belmond township, J. R. Christie, township Clerk				500.00
Total for Wright county, Iowa				$31690.00

You and each of you are hereby further notified that October 20, 1921, at one p. m. is the day set for hearing before a joint session of the Boards of Supervisors of Hancock and Wright counties, Iowa, to be held at the court house in Garner, Iowa, and all objections to the above assessments must be made in writing and filed with the Auditor of Hancock county on or before noon of the day set for hearing of said report or assessments will be acted upon without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of September, 1921.

(Seal) F. W. WALKER, County Auditor Wright County, Iowa.

(Seal) CHRIS JACOBS, County Auditor, Hancock County, Iowa.

It never rains but it pours!

IT WAS "company night."
BUT WHEN I got home.
I FOUND the Browns.
HAD A sick baby.
AND COULDN'T come.
SO I chortled "Oh, joy.
WON'T SUE and I have.
SWELL EATS for two!"
BUT NO, Sue said.
"YOU DON'T suppose.
I'D WASTE all this food.
JUST ON you!"
AND SO I said.
"LET'S PHONE the Smiths."
BUT THEY had headaches.
THEN WE tried the Joneses.
AND THEY fell for it.
AND WHEN grub for four.
WAS JUST about ready.
THE PHONE bell tinkled.
AND THE Brown baby was better.
AND A minute later.
THE SMITHS changed their mind.
AND THE Missus fainted.
"OH, WELL," I said.
"THE MORE the merrier.
WHAT'S THE difference?
IF THERE isn't enough food.
I'LL FEED the males.
ON THE cigarettes that satisfy.
AND YOU women can talk.
AND BETWEEN the two.
WE'LL ALL be Satisfied."

Air-Tight Tins of 50

Ask your dealer to show you the new vacuum-sealed tins of 50 Chesterfields. A compact, convenient and absolutely AIR-TIGHT packing—the cigarettes keep fresh indefinitely.

WONDERFUL company, Chesterfields — any time, anywhere. Just seem to "hit the spot." Good tobaccos, good blending, (by a private formula that can't be copied), good-looking package with an air-tight wrapper. On every count, an all-around downright good smoke. "Satisfy"? All over the place.

They Satisfy

Chesterfield CIGARETTES

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KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Prussia of Mason City was a business caller here this week.

Miss Esther Afr'ca left Friday for Cedar Falls where she will attend school.

Misses Hilda and Martha Shaw returned home Friday from Pequot, Minn. where they spent several weeks at the home of their sister, Mrs. Clifford Severson and family.

Miss Naomi Magor returned home the latter part of this week from a very pleasant visit with friends at Minneapolis.

Tim Espe left Monday for Iowa Falls where he will attend Ellsworth College.

Frank Huxtable of Mason City and Harold Hall of this place left by auto Tuesday for a visit with friends at Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Mrs. Will Will'ams and son, Floyd from Manson, Iowa were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Cora Hall.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

This week ends the first month of for most of the schools of this township. Parents see that your children are doing all they are capable of doing, while the chance is theirs.

Elzo Buschman and Bruno Bruns left last week for Meekin, Ill., where they will attend school.

The next Pleasant township Farm Bureau social will be held at the J. F. Henn home, tonight. A program for the evening has been arranged by the committee. Everybody come and boost for the Farm Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. James Finn are the proud parent of a son, born Saturday September 10.

The Frank Barry family autoed to West Bend Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barkema and family were afternoon visitors at the J. F. Halfpop home, last Sunday.

ALEXANDER NEWS

John Murphy was a business caller at Hampton last Wednesday.

Mr. Evans of Swea City was transacting business atAlexander the past week.

Misses Alma and Ruth Johnson spent the week end with relatives at Latimer.

Fred L. Greenfield was a business caller at the county seat last Wednesday.

Archie McCallum of Thornton visited at the home of his brother Bernard McCallum several days the past week.

Several of our people attended the festival at Dows Thursday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and son of Hampton are visiting with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beenen and baby and Miss Loraine Heisig of Renwick spent Sunday with Alexander relatives and friends.

Herbert Mallory, who has been station agent at the M. and St. L. depot for the past two years left last Friday for Wayland, where he accepted a position at that place. Merle Penelerick is the new agent here for the present time.

The Dorcas Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Larsen, next Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21st. All ladies are invited to be present.

Mr and Mrs. John Peters visited with relatives at Meservey Sunday.

Chris Stadtlander was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell of Waterloo vis'ted with relatives at Alexander the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and baby were callers at Goldfield last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel are the parents of a fine baby boy born Thursday Sept. 15th.

Will Foughty and daughter Wilma and Mrs. Pekerik and daughter Josephine, Were visitors at Hampton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son visited relatives at Belmond Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte and Mr. and Mrs. Jelto Brinken and son were visitors at Hampton last Sunday.

Rev. Edd Arends and family of Le Seam, Minn. are visiting with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton visited at the Nels Larsen home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn and children, Miss Lillie Cornwell and Miss Gertrude Bern'nghausen were callers at Latimer last Saturday evening.

SOMEBODY'S BEEN SMOKIN' HOP

An exchange tells of an artist who painted a dog so natural that the animal had hydrophobia during the hot weather. He's the same man who painted a copy of a beer bottle with such skill that the cork flew out just as he was finishing it. After he was married he painted a picture of a child so lifelike that it cried, and his wife spanked it before she discovered her mistake.—Exchange.

The same fellow probably painted a beefsteak that looked so natural his wife cooked it by mistake—and he never knew the difference.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

MRS. MARY GOODRIDGE

Mary Wilson was born April 9, 1879 and departed this life Sept. 18, 1921, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mark Wilson at the age of 42 years 5 months and 9 days. She had been sick about nine months. She was born at Albany, Missouri, and 9 years later she moved with her parents to Iowa, near Belmond, where she spent a part of her childhood days. Later she moved to Twin Lake, Iowa. She was united in marriage at Hayfield, Iowa, Dec. 12, 1900 to Charley J. Goodr'dge, and they resided there until the death of her husband Feb. 18 1914. She had since made her home with her mother. To this marriage was born four children, three of whom survive, Julia Ann, Mary Elizabeth, and John Mark, and Chas. Jeffry who died at the age of 5 months. Love and care of a good mother should add a star to the crown of every true son and daughter. She was a kind sister and a faithful daughter. The pa'n she suffered the last nine months was often acute and seemed unbearable. She gradually grew worse until released from her suffering by death. Her life was spent in doing good for others. Besides her three children she leaves to mourn her loss a loving mother, four brothers and five sisters, Mrs. Sarah Yost of Miller, S. D., Mrs. Julia Chapman of Belmond, Ben Wilson of Lansford, N. D., Tim Wilson of Kanawha, John Wilson of Kanawha, Mrs. Daisy Morehouse of Melrose Minn., Mrs. Ellen Swenson of Kanawha, Mrs. Lillie Brack of Ware, Iowa, and Wm. Wilson of Kanawha, besides many more relatives and a host of friends. She will be sadly missed in the home. All that medical a'd and loving hands could do was of no avail.

Funeral services were conductd by Rev. H. T. Miller at the U. B church in Goodell Tuesday at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

John Hughes and family visited relatives in Goodell on Sunday.

Mrs. D. Christensen was at Garner Saturday.

Miss Maude Griggs is spending a few days with her fathher at Clear Lake Mr. Griggs is busy these days erecting a new cottage at Elm Bend.

Miss Beulah Harberts has very ill for the past few days but is reported some better now.

Rev. H. T. Miller is attending the United Brethren Annual Conference this week

Bishop B. J. Kephert will preside at the conference. Drs. S. S. Hough, C. W. Brewbaker and A. T. Howard, general church officers, will address the conference on the different departments of church activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Greaber entertained John Rusts and family and John McCorkle and family on Sunday.

Miss Dows, the high school principle, spent Sunday at her home at Armstrong.

Miss Jenkins and Miss Dows are working up a high school chorus, which will be very helpful to the students.

The school board has purchased some much needed equipment for for the school in science, manual training, and a fine set of new United States and European maps.

The United Brethern promotion day will be observed by the Sunday school Sept. 25. The program will be given at 11:00 a. m. in place of the general worship. All are invited to these exercises.

Sept. 25th being conference Sunday there will be no preaching services either morning or evening.

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Belmond Local News

Of course, anyone who resides in Belmond or the immediate vicinity, is fully aware that we have been enjoying (?) a damp spell the past week. But to those readers outside let us say that there has been some rain recently. For two months in the summer it was a safe bet at five to one that it wouldn't rain; the past week it has been equally safe to bet that it would. It doesn't even have to try, it rains without trying, often and frequent. Thursday night of last week it rained the hardest that this vicinity has seen for many a day, with the gutters running over with water. It ought to be fine weather for ducks, altho the hunters say the ducks are few and far between.

Howard Wolle left last week Wednesday night for Sioux City, where he has resumed his old job with the telephone company of that place. Howard recently returned from Honduras, Central America, where he was employed for three months this summer with the Dyer company, who were constructing a cane sugar factory at that place.

In this issue will be found the bank statements. We said that last week, but we sort of went absent minded and left them out, which was a very bright idea, to say the least.

In another column will be found a county drainage notice, which will be of interest to those farmers who reside west of town.

The Mason City Globe Gazette is North Iowa's leading daily paper. At the price $4.00 per year it is the best obtainable. 43-3tc

Mr. E. F. Wege, wife and family have moved back to Belmond from Dubuque, where they have been living the past few months, and expect to make their home here for an indefinite period Mr. Wege is in hopes of making arrangements to get the United Manufacturing Co. factory into operation in the near future, and has some plans to place before the Receiver of the company, H. F. Luick, regarding the matter.

Harold Wallace returned Saturday afternoon from Clarion, where he has been doing some carpenter work the past month or two.

According to reports, a local young man was the victim of a forger on the Fourth of July, and he has just discovered the fact. He celebrated the day at the county seat, and while there someone wrote a check for a trifle over twenty-one dollars, signed his name to it, and cashed the same. Recently the young man got his cancelled checks from the bank here, and his wife, going over them, noticed the forgery and asked him what he had given a check fo that amount for. He said he hadn't, and then he found that somebody had stung him.

Chas. Peterson of Hampton drew a very large crowd to a musical comedy he staged at the Winsdor theatre at that place last Friday. The show was extensively advertised, and the house was reported filled. A few of the Belmond folks went over to see the play and to visit with Charley, who is an old Belmond citizen.

Carpenter Shop, repairing [illegible], R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

Miss Inez Cochran, one of the teachers in the local school, spent the week end with her sister at Clarion, her sister being on the teaching force at the county seat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leonard came down from Swaledale Sunday to spend the day at the home of Mrs Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Rankins, making the trip by auto.

As a result of the heavy and constant rains lately, the country roads hereabouts are pretty muddy and sticky, except where they have been graveled.

Ray Klemme was a visitor at the county seat on Saturday of last week, where he was looking after business interests. He drove over.

The writer went to the grove Sunday looking for nuts, but failed to locate nary a nut, unless it was us. Either too many squirrels in this part of the country or there wasn't any crop this year of nuts.

A letter from Bert Trumbell, who recently left for Des Moines to attend the Four C's, states that he is settled in nice shape and employed in the Congregational hospital office in his spare time.

Adam Hollman was a caller the first of the week at Fort Dodge looking after some business interests.

The Des Moines Register carried a picture in its Sunday edition which it said was Belmond. However, the microscope failed to detect the slightest point that looked like Belmond. It was a nice looking little town, but it wasn't Belmond, nor anything like Belmond. The question is, what town was it?

The hunting season has opened, and many are the Nimrods faring forth to Morse Lake and the Twins. Reports of their luck seem to indicate that the ducks are few and far between this year, or else that they have not started migrating from the north as yet. Very few birds are being shot around here. One local hunter was out all night, in one of the worst of the recent rains, and got five ducks for his trouble.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Coming to the opera house Saturday night, Sept. 24th, a high class vaudeville show will play at our local opera house on that date. The three acts they will present are not only of the finest type but are very clean and full of fun. Mr. Snyder being the second Canadian ace of the World War, has been requested to tell some of his thrilling experiences in shooting down the 21 aeroplanes to his credit. Mr. Chalk is full of blackface jokes in the real colored brogue. Mr. Johns with his violin has been making a big hit in all the nearby towns where they have played. This looks like a real treat for they have been booked here because they have a few days off the big time where they have made a great success in the large cities. Don't fail to see this fine bill. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balridge returned last week from Minnesota, where they were speding a few days' vacation enjoying the fishing facilities of the numerous lakes in that state.

$100.00 REWARD

The above reward will be paid in cash, to the first party or [pe]rson bringing the evidence that will locate or find the person or persons responsible for the scandal against my good name, **as now in circulati[on]**.

Dated at Meservey, Iowa, this 12th day of **September**, [illegible]

HENRY H. PALS.

Guy Byers was on the job Saturday flushing the water mains of the city. They certainly needed it, for the water that came out was red with rust. In about fifteen minutes, however, it was running as clear as a brook.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey returned Saturday from Clarion where she had been at the home of her son, Floyd

Public sales in this vicinity appear to be going pretty good with the prices higher than expected. Stock especially is reported as going good.

Don't be a moocher all the time; subscribe for the Independent and get the news, don't borrow your neighbor's copy, he may be more tired of your borrowing than you realize.

The Tale Of An Old Overcoat—sometimes need repairing as other parts do. We do all kinds of altering or remodling on old or new clothing, cleaning and pressing. Please get your work in early.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel, Phone 28.

Mrs. C. C. Christie substituted the past week in the overflow grade at school for Miss Sadie Frohling, who has resigned. Miss Frohling was unable to continue her school duties on account of her health. At this writing the board has not employed another permanent teacher to fill the vacancy.

Have you paid your subscription to the Independent yet? We need the two dollars right now, and will appreciate it if those who know themselves to be in arrears will come in and leave us two dollars. Every little helps these days. Thanks!

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Christie are moving this week into the suite of rooms over the Electric Store where they will make their home this winter

Miss Viva Rourk left Friday of last week to spend the week end in Kanawha, her home town, with her parents.

Mrs. C. O. Fitts and Miss Maud Newgard were visitors on Saturday of last week at Fort Dodge.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

Take home a pound of Webster's Famous Fudge at 67 cents a pound. Schultz Drug Co.

Fred Felton has been reported as being on the sick list this past few days

Harold Neilson and family were the guests of relatives at Cedar Rapids the fi[r]st of th[e] week.

C. I. Williams has a brother at Clear Lake, who recently shipped to Seattle, Washington, from that city, a cargo of stuffed birds which weighed some 900 pounds and upon which he placed a valuation of $5,000.00. The shipment was made by express.

B. Mennenga of Mason City was a business caller in town on Wednesday afternoon of this week. He is a former resident of this place.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.20 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Bert Whited, one of this town's old-time citizens, was here recently greeting old friends and boyhood schoolmates He left here about 40 years ago, and is now living in Central Oregon.

An unusual happening occured at Garner last week, when one of the old-time residents of that town came back to visit, and came in an airplane piloted by their son, from So. Dakota. Who's going to be the first one to visit Belmond that way?

Mrs. Moon of Rowan was a visitor here with friends and on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barry were visitors at West Bend recently where they went to see the grotto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P Luick, Mrs Val Griesy and son Cato, returned last week from their trip to points in Minnesota

The break in the lights last week was due to a break in the power line near Rowan. The lightning struck a switch near that place, and it was some time before the linemen got it fixed. Talking of this with Lineman Luick of the company, he told of a case near Rowan last spring when the power line broke, the wire falling to the ground. He stated that where the wire hit the ground, there was a round hole burned into the ground for a distance of three to four feet, and from that down another hole went down to a depth which he could not blumb. The dirt about the hole was turned into a sort of glass from the extremely intense heat from the high voltage of the line, and was as smooth and hard and glazed as a piece of glass. It may be alright for those who want to, to monkey around with a high-voltage line, but it doesn't appeal to us. not when it turns dirt into glass, at any rate.

Henry Steinlicht, who recently moved to a farm near Kanawha, writes that he is nicely settled and beginning to like farm life again. He also states that he had an argument with a Kanawha fan over the respective merits of the ball teams of the two towns. Season's over Henry; let 'em alone

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Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
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FARM BUREAU NEWS

American Farm Bureau Federation Backs Legistlation to Aid Agriculture

When congress recessed on August 24, after an almost continuous session since April 11, it had to it credits more agricultural legislation than has been passed in a like period by any congress since the gravel first fell in the Old State House in Philadelphia. The members of the Agricultural blocks in senate and house, headed by Senator W. S. Kenyons and Representative L. J. Dickinson, have returned to their states feeling that they have been the authors of constructive legislation which will afford agriqulture real relief.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, working very closely with both the senate and house agricultural blocks, has been back of each bill passed. The bills as finally signed by the president do not in each instance represent the federation's ideal, but they represent constructive achievement on behalf of the farmer.

No less than seven bills, all of outstanding interest to agriculture have been signed resently by President Harding. They are listed as follows: 1. The packer and stockyards control measure. 2. Regulation of grain charges and future trading of grain. 3. .Extenison of War Finance Corporation's powers to lend money to facilitates exportation of agricultural products. 4. Increasing the rate of interest on federal farm loan bonds from 5 to 5 and one half per cent 5. Increasing by $25,000,000 the working captal of the farm l oan system. 6 Limiting immigration to 2 per cent of the forgein born residents in this country as recorded in the 1910 census. 7. The emergency tariff bill.

The president recently signed the deficiency appropriation bill providing $200,000 for administration of the new packer control bill which was made a law on August 19. The American Farm Bureau Federation actively suported this packer legislation, which provides for the regulation of both the packers and stockyards by the secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Wallace believes that an organization 116 people will be required to administer the law. The salary of the chief packer control official is limited to$5,000.

The Capper-Tincher grain marketing control bill, which also received the support of the farm bureau, is another regulatory measure which will be under administration in wheat and other grains by placing the grain excanges under his direction. The secretary will license these exchanges and the licenses will be revoked if the exchanges violate the regulation for trading in grain promulgated by him. The bill places a prohibitive tax on all future sales unless they are made on a market designated by the secretary as a "contract market." It also seeks to curb speculative operation on any market but will premit an individual or firm to "hedge" to the extent of 1,000,000 bushels. A board of appeals is provided in the bill, to consist of the secretary of agriculture, secretary of commerce and the attorney general.

In floating its next issue of federal farm loan bonds, which are exempt from taxes, the federal farm loan board should be materially assisted by the two bills which have recently become laws. One bill provides for a revolving fund of $25,000,000 in the treasury department which will be used by the federal farm loan board as an additional working capital and the other makes it possible to pay 5 and one half per cent on bonds—one half more than they have borne heretofore. This increased interest rate, however, does not increase the rate charged to the borrower of the money under the federal farm loan system, which remains at 6 per cent.

Farm Bureau Picnic at Wall Lake

Lincoln and Wall Lake townships will picnic Friday, September 23rd. A meeting of representatives from Lincoln and Wall Lake townships met at the Wall Lake community church last Tuesday night, Sept. 13, to plan and organize a joint picnic which is to be staged Friday Sept. 23rd, beginning at 10 a. m.

Joint committees consisting of members from both townships were appointed to make plans for the top. No program has been announced as yet but the program committee promises a good lively program with something doing every minute.

The following committee members were appointed:

Program committee: Miss Nesse Howieson, Wall Lake; Glen State, Lincoln.

Athletic committee: Ed Smith, Wall Lake; Will Tillman, Lincoln; Ralph Kenyon, Wall Lake; Herb. Morrow, Wall Lake.

Finance committee: Fred Soults, Lincoln; Duane Richardson, Wall Lake; P. J. McHale, Wall Lake; Will Meyers, Wall Lake.

Arrangements are being made to secure an outside speaker from the state farm bureau federation office. An effort is being made to secure Mr. A. J.Shinn, of Woodbine, Iowa, who gave the principle address at the Dows community picnic a few weeks ago. Mr. Shinn is a progressive farmer who owns and is actually operating half a section of land in Harrison county. He is a very fluent speaker and a man who has made a special study of the farm bureau and its relation to the Iowa farmer and he will, no doubt, have a messege for every farmer who has the opportunity to hear him.

Farm Bureau Business Meetings

A meeting is being held in each township in Wright county for the purpose of presenting real facts regarding the farm bureau as a county, state, and national organization.

Every farmer in Wright county, regardless of whether or not he is a member of the farm bureau is earnestly urged to attend one of these meetings to hear about what is being done by the farm bureau for each farmer and for agriculture in general. Township meetings will be held according to the following schedule. All meetings will be held at 8 o'clock p. m.

Township	Place	Date
Boone	Center school	Sept. 19
Norway,	Center school	Sept. 20
Belmond,	Center school	Sept. 21
Pleasant,	Center school	Sept. 22
Iowa,	Center school	Sept. 23
Blaine,	Center school	Sept. 26
Vernon	Center school	Sept. 27
Wall Lake,	Center school	Sept. 28
Woolstock	Center school	Sept.29
Troy,	Center school	Sept. 30
Eagle Grove,	Center school	Oct. 3
Liberty,	Center school	Oct. 4
Lake,	Center school	Oct. 5
Grant,	Center school	Oct. 6
Dayton,	Center school	Oct. 7
Lincoln,	Center school	Oct. 10

The county agent will be present at these meetings, rain or shine, regardless of the roads or weather conditions so if you want to know about the farm bureau come out and hear what is said at these meetings.

Girl's Club Active

The girls of Lincoln township met at the home of Mrs. Anna Overbaugh Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3d, and organized what is to be known as the "Lincoln Learning Lassies" club. The following officers were elected: president, Edith Waddell; vice-president, Edna Pohlman; secretary-treasurer, Marjorie Soults; club reporter, Madelyn Russel.

Mrs. Isel Matson has been kind enough to offer her services as township club leader and the girls are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the splendid times they are going to have and the things which they are going to learn under her leadership.

Madelyn Russell, Club Reporter.

The Wall Lake Willing Workers had a most enjoyable meeting at the home of Myrl Mosher Monday, Sept. 5th.

The afternoon was spent in sewing and carrying on a regular business of the club, after which delightful refreshments were served. One visitor was present at this meeting. The next meeting of the Willing Workers will be held at the home of Marguerite McHale.

Leone Mosher, Club Reporter.

Right Payment

Nine-year-old Charles carried letters from the lawyer next door to his best girl. Every time he took one the lawyer gave him a dime.

But one day he decided to reward him a little better. He started to fish two dimes out of his pocket. "I guess these two letters are worth 20 cents," he remarked facetiously.

"Yes, sir," Charles agreed, soberly, "thats what I get—a dime from you and one from her."

But he didn't know what there was about his speech to make the fellow grin so happily.

A soft answer won't turn away the wrath of a bulldog.

A reasonable price doesn't seem to help much when one is broke.

FARMERS DEMAND CUT IN FREIGHT RATES

A proposal that the railroads reduce freight rates on grain and hay 25 per cent and that railroad labor agree to accept a cut of 5 per cent in wages to make the rate reduction possible was submitted by Clifford Thorne, of Chicago, general councel for the American Farm Bureau federation, in argument before the interstate commerce commission today in the grain and hay rate investigation.

After declaring that after every great war a period of decline in prices has inevitably developed and that in the struggle to prevent the lowering of charges the agricultural industry must reduce costs to the pre-war level.

Thorne's Proposition

"I beleive that railroad labor might probably oppose any further decrease in wages that would go to the railroad corporations," he said, "but on the other hand, I should like to submit the following proposition:

"If labor is assured that the entire wage decrease would accrue to the farmer, what would be its attitude?

"During these proceedings we have heard railroad officials continually stating that rates cannot come down unless wages are reduced. I desire to ask this question: If railroad labor shall consent to a reduction in wages for the specific purpose named, will you consent to the reduction in the rates on grain?"

Mr. Thorne submitted estimates to show that a five percent decrease in wages would premit a twenty-five per cent reduction in freight rates on grain and hay.

Counsel for the roads present said obviously they could not reply to the question. Thorne asserted that the vice president of one important western railroad approved the proposition.

Freight Burden Heavy

"The conditions in the agricultural industry are intolerable," asserted Thorne, "and oneof the principal factors helping to produce this situation is the excessive transportation burden resting upon agriculture. And yet the railroads claim they are not making what the law allows, and they say they cannot consent to any reduction in rates without a reduction in wages. On the other hand, railroad labor is thoroughly opposed to any reduction in wages. There is a controversy as to which tribunal has jurisdiction over the combined issues—how far the authority of the interstate commerce commision goes and how far the jursdiction of the labor board goes. With these conflicting factors it is difficult to find a common ground upon which we can all agree."

To reduce freight rates on grain, grain products and hay without a reducting in operating expenses would be "disastrous" to the rail roads in view of their present financial condition and would throw "many if not a majority, of the western carriers into bankruptcy," while no substantial relief would be afforded the farmers, J. N. Davis, of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, declared in his argument.

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Ah, the skirts are all right—as far as they go.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

STATE BANK OF BELMOND

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Belmond, Iowa, in the County of Wright, at the close of busines on the 3rd day of September, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, bonds and securities		$717,205.05
Overdrafts		2,181.80
Banking House	50,056.98	
Furniture and Fixtures	5,995.47	56,052.45
Other real estate owned		11,500.00
Due from banks and bankers		21,372.71
Other assets		3,008.51
TOTAL RESOURCES		$811,320.52

LIABILITIES

Caiptal stock	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus fund	15,000.00	$ 65,000.00
Undivided profits (after deducting expenses)		420.96
Deposits due to banks and bankers on demand	13,595.95	
Individual deposits subject to check	273,181.98	
Demand deposits (certificates, certified checks and unpaid dividends)	5,205.25	
Time certificates of deposit	199,786.07	
Savings deposits	16,856.89	508,626.14
Bank overdrafts	1,209.22	
Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank	197,137.23	
Rediscounts	17,845.97	216,273.42
United States bonds borrowed		21,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$811,320.52

State of Iowa, Wright County—ss.

We, A. L. Luick, President, and W. T. Gfeller, Cashier of the bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing staement is full, true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the statements therein set forth are bona fide property of said bank in its corporate capacity, and that no part of the samehas been loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a porton of its assets.

(BANK SEAL) A.. L. LUICK, President.
W. T. GFELLER, Cashier.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by A. L. Luick and W. T. Gfeller, this 10th day of September, 1921.

(SEAL) C. O. FITTS
Notary Public in and for Wright County.

Attested by Simon Simerson, R. H. Klemme and G. F. Elder, directors.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

Belmond Savings Bank

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Belmond, Iowa, in the County of Wright, at the close of business on the 3rd day of September, 1921

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, bonds and securities	$415,873.30		
Bonds and securities (exelusive of United States issues)		none	415,783.30
Overdrafts			730.78
Banking House		6,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures		3,000.00	9,000.00
Due from banks and bankers			15,196.32
Other Assets			1,848.77
Total Resources			$442,559.17

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	$ 25,000.00	
Surplus fund	12,000.00	37,000.00
Undivided profits (after deducting expenses		1,143.64
Deposits due to banks and bankers on demand	4,030.12	
Individual deposits subject to check	126,981.35	
Demand deposits (certificates, certified checks and unpaid dividends	634.80	
Time certificates of deposit	126,419.26	
Savings deposits	48,350.00	306,415.53
Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank		98,000.00
Total Liabilities		$442,559.17

State of Iowa, Wright County—ss.

We, C. P. Luick, president; D. E. Packard, vice president; and C. O. Fitts, cashier, of the bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the assets therein set forth are bona fide property of said bank in its corporate capacity, and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets

C. P. Luick, President.
D. E. Packard, Vice President.
C. O. Fitts, Cashier.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by C. P. Luick, D. E. Packard and C. O. Fitts this 10th day of September, 1921.

W. T. GFELLER,
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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

Within ten more minutes, every man of the Morelands was gathered there at the house of their chief—and every man of them had lost their weapons during the night!

John Moreland called Dale aside and said to him:

"You're high on the good side o' them thar triflin' Hecks, and, so fer as they know, you ain't int'rested in the feud. I wisht you'd go down thar and see By and his mother, and see ef ye can find out whar our rifles went."

When Dale had gone off down the dusty oxwagon road, Caleb Moreland climbed a tall ash that grew behind his father's cabin and kept a watch toward the Littleford side of the river. He saw a group of men standing in Ben Littleford's cabin yard, and nothing else.

A little more than a quarter of an hour after Dale left John Moreland he entered by the gateless gateway at the cabin of the Hecks. It was a dilapidated place, and it stood not far from the river. By sat in the front doorway; he was lazily cutting a new midday sun mark in the place of the worn old one. Behind him sat his mother, who was busily knitting a gray yarn stocking.

The moonshiner looked up and started quickly to his feet.

"Hi, thar, Bill, old boy!" he greeted cordially. "My gosh, but ye've come at the right time, shore. We're a-goin' to have young squirrels fo' dinner, and a b'iled hamshank with string beans, and cawnbread made with the yeller o' hen aigs. Live whilst ye do live, says I. Come right in, Bill, old boy."

"La, la, la!" cried Granny Heck, looking over the brass rims of her spectacles. "How glad I am to see ye, Mr. Bill! Come right in and tell us the news."

Bill Dale crossed the threshold and accepted a creaking chair. His eyes took in at a sweeping glance the home-made dining table with its cover of red oilcloth, the broken cast-iron stove, the strings of dried peppers hanging on the log walls, the broken stillworm lying in the corner.

"The Littlefords," said Dale, "have declared war."

"Sakes!" laughed the old woman. "We knowed that last night when we heered them ten shots."

"And all the Moreland rifles are missing." Dale watched the effect of his words.

"What!" the Hecks cried in one voice.

Their surprise seemed genuine. Dale pressed the subject further and learned only that if they knew anything concerning the disappearance of the rifles they were not going to tell. Then he started homeward by way of the pool above the blown-down sycamore.

There was a chance that Ben Littleford's daughter would be there fishing, Dale told himself, and it was barely possible that she could throw some light on the mystery of the rifles.

He crossed the river by means of the prostrate tree. Babe was there; she sat on the stone on which she had been sitting the morning before; her back was to him, and her bare feet were in the water to her ankles. Dale went up close, stopped and gathered a handful of violets and dropped them over her shoulder and into her lap.

Babe looked around and smiled.

"What luck, Miss Littleford?"

"Nothin'. I don't much want to ketch anything," she said slowly, a spirit of sadness in her musical voice. "I—I jest come off down here to be whar it's quiet. You ought to hear the noise 'at pap and the rest of 'em is a-makin!"

Dale narrowed his eyes. "Are they—er, making a noise? And what about?"

"My goodness gracious alive! You'd think so ef ye could hear 'em! Y'ought to hear pap cuss John Moreland!" She shrugged her pretty shoulders, lifted the small end of her rod to its proper place, and went on. "I never did see pap half as mad as he was when he got home last night from a-follerin' me."

"Mad at you?" asked Dale.

"Mad at You?" Asked Dale.

"No; but he would ha' been ef he hadn't ha' had all his madness turned ag'in them Morelands. You knowed about pap's trouble on yan side o' the river last night?"

"Yes, I knew about that," Dale answered slowly. "But John Moreland thought your father was my antagonist of yesteray."

"An—antagonist?" Babe muttered inquiringly. "What's that?"

"I mean Adam Ball, y'know."

"Oh. That's what I told pap. But pap he wouldn't believe it, and he won't never believe it—'cause he don't want to believe it. I told him 'at John Moreland wasn't a-shootin' to hit, and he wouldn't believe that, neither. Pap's as hard-headed as a brindle cow, when he gits a fool notion on him. What—what did them Morelands say about their guns a-bein' gone?"

Dale straightened.

"How did you find that out?"

"Don't matter how!" She smiled almost saucily. "I knowed about it afore you did, Mr. Bill Dale. Don't you think whoever done it done a kind thing?"

"To disarm the Morelands so that when the enemy comes they will have nothing with which to defend themselves?" Dale didn't know much about these hill feuds. "No, Miss Littleford, I can't say that I think it was a kind thing to do."

Miss Littleford arose and faced Dale. Her cheeks were flushed.

"Has the inemy come?" she demanded icily.

"No, but—"

"All right," the young woman broke in sharply. "If the inemy hain't come, what're you a-kickin' about?"

Her brown eyes were full of fire. They defied, and they withered, and Bill Dale suddenly felt that he was smaller and of less account in the scheme of things than that uneducated, wildly superb creature that stood before him.

"I beg pardon," Dale said evenly. "I didn't mean to offend, y'know."

His quick contrition struck the girl. Her mouth quivered. She dropped her fishing-rod, and began to toy absently with the end of her long, thick plait of brown hair.

"I've seed so much o' this fightin'," she murmured tremulously, "that it makes me go to pieces. I ought to beg yore pardon, mebbe, and I d-do. . . . I've seed a good many fine, strong men brought home dead or a-dyin' from the Moreland bullets. And the Littlefords has killed Morelands, too. One side about as many as t'other, I reckon. I'd be glad to give my life to stop it!"

"I'll help you, if I can," Dale told her. "Perhaps we can make friends of the Morelands and your people."

"You don't know what a hard thing it'd be," she replied tearfully. "The two sets has hated each other ever sence I can rickollect. And you won't be here very long, I reckon."

"I may be here for the rest of my life," said Dale.

"Is it the coal?" inquired Babe.

"Partly—yes, it's the coal. I'm going to develop it for the Morelands."

Babe looked at him with a tiny herald of hope in her eyes. Before she could speak again there came from somewhere back in the meadow the sound of her father's voice—

"Babe! O-oh, Babe!"

"Comin'!" cried the girl, half turning. "We'll try to make 'em friends; we'll try. Old Major Bradley, he'll be up here afore long to spend the summer, and he'll help us. He's a mighty good man; you're shore to like him. He gen'ally stays with us when he's here. You go easy with John Moreland! But when ye git him, ye'll have 'em all. I'll work on pap. The' ain't no danger o' trouble right now, anyways. Goodby, Bill Dale!"

"One moment, Miss Littleford," and he took a step after her. "Are you sure there's no danger right now?"

Babe halted, faced about nervously, and smiled a little.

"Don't call me 'Miss' no more," said she. "It makes me feel old. Call me what everybody else calls me, ef ye don't mind. Why, every one o' the Littlefords lost their rifles last night the same as the Morelands did! Meet me here at sundown, and I'll tell ye about it. Goodby, Bill Dale!"

"Goodby, Babe!" he smiled.

CHAPTER V.

At the River Again.

John Moreland met Dale at the gate.

"What did ye find out?"

"I learned," was the answer, "that the Littlefords all lost their guns just as the Morelands did."

"The devil!"

The mountaineers began to crowd about Dale.

"And who," asked their leader, "do ye think done it?"

Bill Dale shook his head slowly and threw out his hands.

"How should I know?" He went on: "Babe told me about the Littleford guns disappearing. I saw her down at the river; she was fishing."

"Did she say anything," pursued John Moreland, "'at sounded like she knowed whar them guns went to?"

"She told me," said Dale, "she would give her life to stop the fighting. She seemed rather badly worked up over it."

From the cabin's front doorway came a woman's sorrowful voice:

"And me, too; I'd give my life to stop this here fightin'. I had a boy, a big, strappin' boy—"

John Moreland frowned toward his wife and interrupted, "Now, Addie, honey, don't do that."

It ended the talk.

Mrs. Moreland dried her eyes on a corner of her freshly ironed gingham apron, and announced the noonday meal. The mountaineers dispersed. Grandpap Moreland went away clawing at his long white beard and grumbling over the loss of his beloved old Lancaster.

An hour later Dale cornered the Moreland leader on the vine-hung front porch and suggested that they look over the coal property that afternoon. He was eager to go to work, eager to be doing something worth while, he told Moreland. The hillman stood very still for what seemed to the other a very long time, and had no word to say. Evidently the feud had all his mind now.

When he did speak, he said simply: "All right, Bill."

After half an hour of fighting their way through thickets of blooming laurel and ivy, they drew up before an old and mildewed cabin at the north end of David Moreland's mountain. Moreland led the way in and pointed to a spot under a small, paneless window.

"Thar," said he, "is whar we found my brother David."

The two men turned for the point at which the coal vein ran out to the light of day.

Dale picked up a piece of the shining black stuff. Judging by the little he knew and the great amount of description he had heard, the vein was very large and the coal itself of the finest grade.

"It was a big find," he told his companion, "a big find. It was a pity to let it lie here untouched for so long; and yet it's worth more today than it was ever worth before."

His enthusiasm ran warm, and Moreland caught it quickly. Together they hastily planned out the little railroad that was to wind its way through the wilds and connect with the big railroad at the Halfway switch.

"I know I'm a-doin' right about it," the mountaineer said twice for the benefit of his conscience. "I know pore David he would want me to do this ef he could know."

"I'm sure of it," agreed Dale. "I'll start for Cincinnati tomorrow. I've got enough money to take me there and back. I have a very wealthy friend there—his name is Harris; I think I can borrow enough from him to finance the beginning of this thing. And I'll buy a locomotive and cars, and all the other necessary machinery, while I'm in Cincinnati—unless I fail to get the money from Harris. When I get back, which should be within eight days, we'll start the work. At a guess, I'd say we'll need twenty men. Can we get them?"

"Shore," nodded the mountaineer. "And all Morelands at that."

They turned homeward. At last Bill Dale was happy. He had something to do now—an aim in life. He had difficulties to overcome, obstacles to remove, barriers to surmount—it was his big chance!

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It was almost sundown when Dale returned from his visit to the coal vein—Big Pine mountain hid the sun at a little after three in the afternoon. He borrowed a fishing rod and a minnow pail, which made his going to the river seem proper enough to John Moreland, and set out to meet Babe Littleford. He was glad that nobody expressed a desire to accompany him.

He found Ben Littleford's daughter where he had found her twice before—sitting on a stone the size of a small barrel. She was fishing with an unbaited hook, which was equal to fishing not at all, and she seemed pleased when she saw him coming. He sat down on the stone at her side. She moved over a little shyly, and tried to cover her feet with her calico skirts.

"Needn't bother to hide them," laughed Bill Dale. "They're pretty enough. Most feet, y'know, are necessary evils, like chimneys and rainspouts!"

Babe Littleford blushed. He went on, to hide her confusion, "Tell me about the rifles."

"You must shore keep it a secret," she told him.

"I promise."

"Better put yore hook in, so's ef anybody comes along—"

Dale threw out an empty hook.

"I want to tell ye some other things fust, so's ye'll onderstand better when I come to the part about the rifles," Babe began, looking thoughtfully across the water to where a kingfisher sat in watchful waiting. She continued slowly, choosing her words carefully. "I was brought up to hate them Morelands, but—I don't think I do. My people is jest like the Morelands. The biggest difference ye can find is that one side mostly has grey eyes like you and t'other side mostly has brown eyes like me. All but their everlastin' fightin', they're good people, Bill Dale.

"Each side, ye see, is brought up to hate t'other side. I'm ashamed to tell it, but—I onderstand the fust plain words my Uncle Saul Littleford's last baby said was these here: 'D—n John Moreland!' It started a long time ago, and it started over nothin'. Grandpap Littleford and John Moreland's pap got in a dispute over whether Kaintucky was in Virginny or Nawth Ca'liner, and went to fightin' about it. Purty soon my Uncle Saul and Abner Moreland happened along, and they went to fightin', too. Thank goodness, it was on Sunday, and none of 'em didn't have their rifles with 'em. Whatever else we are or ain't up here, Bill Dale, we gen'ally respects the Sabbath day to keep it holy. . . ."

"I see," Dale muttered sympathetically.

"I've seen my own mother set down in the floor and take her boy's head in her lap—oh, such a big, fine boy he was!—while the blood run through her dress from a Moreland's bullet. He died with mother's arms and mine around him. It was all we could do fo' him, was to love him. I've seen sisters watch their brothers die from Moreland bullets, and young wimmen watch their sweethearts die, and wives watch their husbands die. . . . .

"I tell you, Bill Dale, them Morelands never misses when they have even half a fair shot. You'd be pufectly safe in a-lettin' any of 'em shoot dimes from atween yore finger and thumb all day. And it's the same way with the Littlefords. They're fighters, too, every one, and they don't give in any more than the Morelands does.

"Addie Moreland knows what it is to take her dyin' boy's head in her lap, whilst blood run through her dress to her knees. His name was Charley, and he was bad; he'd drink, and oncet he shot up Cartersville. But Addie, she allus loved him better'n Cale or Luke. Wimmen like her allus loves the worst boys the best; 'cause they need it the most, the worst boys does.

"It's the wimmen that pays, Bill Dale, when the's fightin'. The wimmen o' this valley is right now on needles; they're afeard the men'll find their rifles. You can guess whar the guns went to now, cain't ye? The wimmen hid 'em last night atter the men had gone to sleep! By good luck, they had almost a whole night fo' it. You must be shore to keep it to yourself—but I know ye will. Addie Moreland, she started the idee. She got Granny Moreland to spread the word amongst the wimmen o' my people. When the fightin' fever sort o' dies down the guns'll all be brought back and put whar they belong."

She arose and stood there smiling down upon him. He was staring at the swirling water without seeing it at all.

Her voice brought him to himself.

"What're you a-thinkin' about, Bill Dale?"

Dale went to his feet. He saw that she was smiling, and he smiled, too.

"I was thinking," he said, "of the difference between you and some other women I know."

Her clear brown eyes widened. "And I reckon I seem purty no 'count, don't I?"

"No, not at all. It is—er, quite the opposite, Babe. You make them appear unreal, artificial."

Babe Littleford's countenance brightened. She did not doubt that he meant it. He was not of the sort that flattered. She began to like Bill Dale at that same moment.

And Bill Dale told himself as he went homeward that he was beginning to like Babe Littleford. He did not fight the feeling, because it somehow made the world seem a better place.

Early the following morning Dale made ready for his journey to Cincinnati. Having learned the evening before that he was going, By Heck had come to accompany him to the Halfway switch.

The two set out. They had three hours in which to cross David Moreland's mountain before the arrival of Dale's train, and they walked leisurely.

They had not gone a dozen rods when there came from somewhere down near the river the sound of a rifle shot. Both stopped and faced about quickly.

"I'll be dadgummed ef the Littlefords ain't found their weepons!" exclaimed By Heck. "They have, igod, as shore as dangit!"

"How do you know?" Dale's voice was troubled.

"I shore know," and Heck narrowed his gaze. "'At was Ben Littleford's old .45 Winch. I'd know that gun ef I heered it at the nawth pole. The bar'l it's been cut off, and it don't sound like other Winchesters."

"Caleb Moreland was down near the river cleaning out the springhouse ditch," Dale muttered, facing his companion. "I think we'd better go back."

Together they went back to the cabin. John Moreland and his wife and their son Luke were standing at the weatherbeaten front gate, with their eyes turned anxiously toward the river. Caleb was coming up through the meadow, and he carried his hat in his hand.

"Who fired that shot?" asked Dale.

"Ben Littleford," John Moreland answered readily.

Two minutes later Caleb leaped the old rail fence on the other side of the road and approached them hastily. He was breathing rapidly and his strong young face was drawn and pale—with the old hate.

"Well," said his iron father, "what is it?"

Caleb held up his broad-rimmed black hat and ran a finger through a hole in the upper part of the crown's peak.

"He didn't miss!" snapped John Moreland.

"No," quickly replied Caleb, "he didn't miss. He don't never miss. You know that, pap, as well as ye know God made ye. He done it jest to show me he meant what he said. He told me to go and tell you to gether up yore set o' rabbit-hearted heatherns and come down to the river fo' a lead-and-powder picnic, onless ye was a-skeered to come! He said to tell ye the wimmenfolks had hid our guns, and we'd find 'em onder the house floors."

John Moreland took it with utter calmness, though his face was a little pale behind his thick brown beard. He turned to his wife, who looked at him squarely.

"Addie, honey," said he, "I'm mighty sorry."

"Ef—ef you was much sorry, John," Mrs. Moreland half sobbed, "ye wouldn't go down thar to the river."

"Me a coward?" Moreland appeared to grow an inch in stature. "Me let a Littleford send me news like this here which Cale brings, and not do nothin' at all about it? I thought you knowed me better'n that, Addie."

He faced his two stalwart sons. Always he was the general, the leader of his clan. He sent Caleb in one direction and Luke in another, to arouse his kinsmen.

Then he beckoned to Dale, who had been trying hard but vainly to think of something to do or say that would be of aid to the cause of the women.

"I don't want you in this here mix-up," he said decisively. "You must stay clean out of it. You ain't used to this way o' fightin'. Asides, you're our hope. More'n that, mebbe, you owe yore life to Babe Littleford; you cain't get around that, Bill Dale."

He went on, after a moment, "Ef I git my light put out today, I want ye to do the best ye can with the coal, But o' course ye will. I want ye to do me two favors, Bill Dale, ef I have my light put out today. Will ye do 'em fo' me, my friend?"

"Certainly," Dale promised.

"Much obliged to ye, shore. The fust is this: I want ye to take good pay out o' what the coal brings, pay fo' yore work. The second is this: I want ye to go to Ben Littleford atter I'm done—pervided he is yet alive—and tell him about the end o' my bedtime prayer; I want him to know I went him one better, 'at I was a bigger man inside 'en him. Remember, Bill, you've done promised me. Now you go ahead to Cincinnaty, and do jest like ye didn't know the least thing about this trouble we're a-goin' to have. So long to ye, an' good luck!"

"I don't like the idea"—Dale began, when the big hillman interrupted sharply:

"Go on! You cain't do no good here!"

Heck started. Dale turned and followed the lanky moonshiner; there seemed to be nothing else to do.

When they had reached a point a little way above the foot of David Moreland's mountain, the pair halted and looked back. They saw the Littlefords and the Morelands, every one of them armed, going toward the river. It had a strange and subtle fascination for Bill Dale, a fascination that he did not then try to understand.

As the fighters reached dangerous ground they dropped to their hands and knees and began to crawl through the tall grasses, the ironweed and the meadow clover. They were intent upon reaching the shelter of the trees that lined the banks of the river without being seen. The stream here was more than fifty yards wide; this was Blue Cat shoals. The two lines of trees stood back a rod or so from the water, making the final shooting distance some seventy yards.

Drawled Heck: "Le's set down here and watch it; hey?"

Dale was silent. The very air was filled with the spirit of tragedy. The faroff tinkle of a cowbell seemed tragic; tragic, too, sounded the song of a bird somewhere in the tree branches overhead.

"Did ye hear me, Bill?"

"I think," Dale muttered, "that I'd better not go away until tomorrow. I can't leave matters like this. Do you know of any way to stop that down there?"

By Heck shrugged his shoulders.

"Do you know o' any way to stop the risin' and settin' o' the sun?" he grinned.

They went back to John Moreland's cabin.

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It was altogether by accident that the Littleford chief found his weapons. He had dropped a small coin through a crack in the floor. Babe was quick to say that she would crawl under the house and look for the coin, although she had just put on a freshly laundered blue-and-white calico dress. Her anxiety showed plainly in her face. Her father questioned her sharply, and she stammered in spite of herself. Ben Littleford's suspicions were aroused.

So he came out from under the cabin floor with his hands full of the steel of rifle barrels, and with the money forgotten. He placed the rifles carefully on the floor of the porch, turned and caught his daughter by the arm.

"Who hid 'em?" he demanded gruffly.

"I hid 'em," was the ready answer, defiant and bitter—"I, me! What're you a-goin' to do about it?"

Littleford flung his daughter's arm from him. He was king, even as John Moreland was king. His keen eyes stared at the young woman's face as though they would wither it.

"What made you hide 'em?" he growled. "Say, what made ye do it?"

"To try and save human lives, 'at's why!" Babe answered. "That man from the city—what'll he think o' us a-doin' this-away, a-fightin' like crazy wildcats?"

"Ef he don't like the way we do here, he can go back home," retorted the angry mountaineer. "He ain't tied, is he?"

Babe smiled a smile that was somehow pitiful, and turned off.

"The' ain't no use in a-argyin' with you, pap," she said hopelessly. "I—I might' nigh wisht I was dead."

At that instant the gate creaked open. Babe glanced toward it and saw coming that black beast of a man, Adam Ball the Goliath, and he was armed heavily; in one hand he carried a new high-power repeating rifle, and around his great waist there was a new belt bristling with long, bright smokeless cartridges fitted with steel-jacketed bullets.

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When Dale and his companion reached the cabin, Addie Moreland met them. Anxiety was breaking her heart.

"Mr. Dale," she pleaded, "I want you to go down thar to the river and see ef the's anything ye can do to stop it afore it begins. You jest walk out bold in the open and ye won't be shot at, and I'll be obleeged to ye. Oh, I know the' ain't but one chanst in ten thousand, but I'm a-prayin' ye'll strike that one chanst."

Dale knew that he could do nothing toward bringing peace, and he knew that John Moreland would be angry at his interfering. But he nodded and went toward the river. He didn't have the heart in him to refuse.

Then there came the keen thunder of a rifle shot.

Dale halted for a moment. Between two sycamores on the nearer side of the river he saw a puff of smoke rising lazily from behind a water oak on the farther side; a Littleford had fired first. Dale went on, moving rapidly and trying to keep himself always in plain view.

Then came a puff of white smoke and a report from one of the Moreland rifles, then shots from both sides — and the battle was on. Dale heard the nasty whine of a bullet in full flight; he heard the coarse "zzz" of a half-spent ricochet. He knew that he was in some danger now, and he was surprised to find that he was not frightened.

When he halted again it was on his knees behind the big white sycamore that sheltered John Moreland.

"Back, are ye?" frowned the mountaineer. And with the grimmest humor, "I reckon ye had a fine, large time in Cincinnaty. Yore friend Harris was well, I hope. Git that money from him?"

"Cut that out," said Bill Dale. "It doesn't get us anywhere—"

A bullet threw particles of sycamore bark to his face, interrupting. John Moreland pointed to a green furrow in the side of the tree.

"Ben Littleford hisself," said Moreland. "He's ahind o' that water oak acrost thar. Don't stick yore head out!"

The mountaineer turned his gaze over Dale's shoulder, and his countenance seemed to freeze. Dale looked around quickly and saw Babe Littleford, less than ten feet behind him! She had crept up through the tall grasses and weeds. In one hand she carried a white flag made of a man's handkerchief and a willow switch. She halted and sat up.

"Babe!" Dale cried out. "What are you doing here?"

Babe gave him a pale smile. "Ef pap'd shoot me, a-thinkin' I was a Moreland, mebbe it'd stop the everlastin' fightin'," she said.

John Moreland stared, and Bill Dale stared. They were in a Presence, and they knew it. Babe went on:

"I've come to save all o' yore lives; but ef I do it, ye'll haf to make yore men quit a-fightin' right now—jest order 'em to stop a-shootin', and hold up this here—and I promise ye on a Littleford's word 'at pap'll call ye a better man 'an him 'cause ye done it—"

She tossed the white flag to him. "The' ain't no time to lose, John Moreland; hold up the flag! Ef ye don't, ye'll every one be killed, 'cause ye're every one in a trap!"

"I don't believe ye, Babe!" snapped the Moreland chief. "Yore people can hold up a white rag jest as well as we can!"

Babe went paler. There was a sudden burst of firing from the Moreland rifles, and she crept a little nearer to John Moreland in order that he might hear plainly that which she had to tell him next.

(Continued next week.)

Auxiliary To Legion To Meet Friday Afternoon

Women's Auxiliary To Meet At Legion Room -- Election Of Officers Held

ALL URGED TO ATTEND

The Women's Auxiliary of the local post of the American Legion will meet on this week Friday afternoon at the Legion rooms. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30 and all ladies of the city who are eligible to this organizat on are urgently requested to be present. The rules regard ng those who are eligible are as follows:

Membership in the Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the American Legion, and to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and women who were in the military or naval service of the United States at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, and who died in line of duty or after honorable discharge and prier to November 11, 1920.

The election of officers will be held at this meet ng, and it is urgently requested that those who are eligible come to the meeting.

CHAUFFEUR LICENSE REQUIRED

Secretary of State Walter C. Ramsay has sent out an official notice to owners of motor trucks who carry passengers and freight for hire that a new law makes it incumbent upon each driver to take out a chaffeur's l cense costing $2. The law applies to drivers operating hearses, ambulances, consolidated school busses, passenger cars, trucks, light deliveries and similar conveyances. All of your employees driving for you will be required to take out this chaffeur's license at once, providing they are 18 years of age and over. No chauffeur licenses will be granted to anyone under the age or eighteen nor are you permitted to let any driver operate a motor vehicle for you under the age of 18. License must be procured from the county treasurer and all such will expire December 31, 1921.—Hampton Chronicle.

BUSY TIME AHEAD AT DISTRICT COURT

(Continued from page one.)

John Loux vs. Fred Claude is a suit on a small note—$40.

First National bank of Iowa Falls demands judgement against J. G. Freese of Dows on his $2,000 note wh ch is past due.

Ross & Harris of Rowan will ask the court for judgement against R. G. Shaver in the sum of $1,225 on his promisory note.

Only ten days remain in which to pay your taxes which become delinquent on Oct. 1st. After that date a penalty of one per cent per month attaches.

The Donahue Iron and Hardware Co. of Burlington is su ng C. W. Sutton of Dows for the sum of $259, balance claimed due on merchandise account.

Geo. W. Young, guardian, will ask for an order of court authorizing him to make a five year extension on a $7,350 mortgage on the Serena Peterson farm.

Ray Tillman is made defendant in a suit brought by the F rst National bank of Clarion on his note for the sum of $1,400. Myron Hill is codefendant by reason of his having endorsed the note.

C. E. Jacobs vs. Farmers Elevator of Belmond is a suit to recover $201 alleged to be due on the rental of certain land to Henry Bohnsack, who d sposed of the crop to the above defendant

Pyramid Lumber Co. of Clarion brings action against Geo. O'Dea and H. G. White to collect the sum of $2,601.23 for materials furnished for the construction of the O'Dea garage building in Clar on.

The annual normal institute for the teachers of Wright county will be held at Clarion high school buildi- on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6-7. Miss Bock will announce the schedule and list of teachers later.

Oliver Runyon is asking the sum of $5300 for Lee Martin, K. M. Olson and Carl Olson of Belmond, for their alleged non-compliance with the terms of a contract to purchase a certain tract of land located in Polk county.

For building materials furnished Amos Thompson for a new house, barn hog house and garage, the Chapman Lumber Co. of Eagle Grove cla'm a balance due of $6,302.66 and have petitioned the court for a judgement in that amount.

A $1,000 damage suit from Woolstock is brought by Dell Culmer vs. Elmer Peters. For cause of action plaintiff alleges defendant's auto struck his car with great force while driving at a high rate of speed, 35 or 40 miles an hour.

Supervisor Pinkham of Goldfield will be a candidate for representative from Wright county at the proper time. Few men in the district are better qualified for this office and his many friends will be glad of an opportunity to support his candidacy.

The case of James Russell of Clarion vs. Springfield F re & Marine Co. is a suit brought for $1000 damages growing out of the Roosevelt grocery fire on February 21, 1921, when plaintiff alleges his stock of pianos and victrolas was damaged by smoke.

The Rose Motor Co. of Eagle Grove is named defendant in a suit brought by Geo. Scott, who states that he purchased a secondhand car of them for the sum of $400; that sa d car was represented to be in good serviceable condition but in fact was not, the block or head being cracked, the same being covered with paste or cement. Plaintiff asks judgement for $250.

Geo. Kuehn of Eagle Grove executor of the estate of Sarah Kuehn, has brought suit against W. J. Burbank, state treasurer, to determine whether or not said estate is subject to the collateral inheritance tax. The estate is valued at $48,000.

Teach the Children To Save

Is the Savings Habit included in your boy's education?---and the best way to teach him how is to show him how.

Start a small account for him here, and add a dollar or two each week. This will teach him the habit of regular saving---the habit which is the biggest step towards later success.

This bank likes to have the accounts of young people.
Bring your boy in TODAY.

BELMOND SAVINGS BANK

Belmond Local News

$20 buys a 1-4 horse power electric motor for washing machine. Good as new, used but a few months. $4 takes an electric iron, good as new. Inquire at Louis Steinlicht, Belmond. 2t*

All the ball teams around have disbanded for the season, with the Hampton team appear ng to have the best record of any, having won 25 and lost eight.

Minss Dolly Wilson of Meservey, ed tor and publisher of the Register, was a business caller in Belmond one day last week.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the c rculation.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Mr. and Mrs. James Courtney autoed to Clear Lake on Sunday afternoon of this week.

Babe Ruth hit his 55th home run of the season the other day, breaking all records. The fans became so enthused over the fact that they celebrated by getting rid of their straw hats, and after the ground keeper had shoveled them into one big pile, an estimate was made of the number, which placed it at three thousand.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A Gruetzmacher spent the week end at Iowa Falls, visiting at the home of her parents. Mrs. Gruetzmacher's mother returned with them on Monday morning to spend the week at the Gruetzmacher home here. Mr. Gruetzmacher is one of the local teaching force.

For Sale—Raincoat; also wool sweater and two suits of clothes. Good as new.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel. Phone 28.

Tony Maliares, who has been working at the Candy kitchen, went to Charles City last week where he was married to a young lady at that place. At least, Steve says that he went for that purpose. Belmond friends wish he and his bride the best of happiness and prosperity.

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg.	Address	Twps.
99-1	W. M. Coons,	Goldfield,	Boone Liberty.
99-2	J. K. Baker,	Eagle Grove—	Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff,	Woolstock—	Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick,	Dows—	Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers,	Belmond—	Pleasant, Belmond Norway Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin,	Clarion—	Dayton, Lake Grant Lincoln Wall Lake Clarion

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

House for rent or sale—seven room house in fine condition, with four lots, barn and garage. Phone 247. 2t*

Wanted—4 or 5 school children to room. $1.00 per week. Mary Gealow Phone 316.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

For Rent—The N. M. Wolcott house. Posession October 1st.—A. W. Martin. Phone 2914. 432tc

Lost—Cap on gas tank of car. Finder please return to Geo. Luick or to Standard Oil Service Station, Belmond. 1tc

For Sale—or will trade for any kind of livestock or any k nd of machinery—One eight-year-old horse, black gelding, weight seventeen hundred. Guaranteed sound. Address Mr. Kern, Belmond, Iowa. 442t*

For Sale—Brand new harness, complete. $50 will take it.—Mr. Kern, Belmond, Iowa. 442t*

There is no time like the present, except the last two thousand years, and possibly the next ten.

Two things always come promptly by mail, our bills and the Congressional Record.

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 24

...At Opera House...

8:30 O'clock p. m.

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As a purgative, Chamberlain's Tablets are the exact thing required. Strong enough for the most robust, mild enough for children. They cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any of that terrible griping. They are easy and pleasant to take and agreeable in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

A real effective smile should reach from ear to ear and meet itself at the back of the neck like a clergyman's collar.

WE MOVE

And it will be some job if we don't unload our $28,000.00 stock, but don't worry we sold $31,000.00 last year when we sold the Fair in four weeks and we can do it again but it will take some mighty small prices to accomplish the feat. Our new home will be the double room now occupied by the American Cafe, half way between the Interurban depot and the Wahkonsa hotel. Grocery stock must go first so that we have more room for the sale of dry goods. Of course you know where the C. and C. is, right across from the Kresge's 10c store and just a stone's throw from the post office. A few of the items checked from the circular we have just mailed. The sale will be in full swing by Saturday, September 24th and everything will have to be sold in about three weeks.

SHIRTS—Men's $8 silks $3.98; 80 squares $1.50 Percales 90c; $3.98 silks $2.25.

TROUSERS—Men's $5.98 all wool $3.98; other dress $2.75; boys' $1.98 corduroy and tweed knickers 98c, one lot; 220 weight overall $1; Ironall triple stitch $1.35; Children's Coveralls $1.

GOWNS—Women's outing, full cut 88c.

FLANNEL SHIRTS—good heavy one for men $1.88; $5 corduroys $3.75, others at $2.75.

CORSETS—rust proof $1.00, $1.49 and $1.98 and brassiere free with each corset purchase.

SILK BLOUSES 25c—pay us the regular price for any blouse in the house $1.98 to $6.98 and get second for 25c. Wish we could buy them on this basis.

ARMY COATS—Men's real rain coats $5.

FEED BAGS—government ones 65c, lot of 6 at 60c.

HUSKING MITS and gloves, sample bundles $1.19.

STOCKINGS—Women's $1.75 silks $1; infants 59c wool 45c; infant's silk and wool $39c; Women's wool 2 pair $1; women's mercerized 2 pair 75c; women's outsizes, 3 pair $1.

SWEATER COATS—boys', girls' and women's slipover and coats $1.98; women's $12 coats $5; boys' slipover coats $1.19; men's wool coats $2.39.

LACE CURTAINS—$2.45 for $3.79 Curtains; $1.69 for $2.49 ones.

SOX—Men's 39c white wool 27c, 39c Army sox, 4 pair $1.

VESTS—leather, men's $5.98.

DIAPER CLOTH—10 yard bolts regular $1.98 and $2.25 at $1.49.

UNION SUITS—men's $10 all wool $5; $5 wool $2.98; $2.50 wool $1.89; men's $1.88 suits $1.19; shirts or drawers 79c

WOMEN'S UNIONS—98c all styles, better ones $1.39.

WOOL SUITS—for boys and girls' heavy fleeced suits 98c

BEDSPREADS—$1.89 for $1.10; $2.49 for $1.85; $6 spreads $4.45.

BLANKETS—3 lb. $2.25; $5.45 plaids $3.88; Wool blankets $5.45

COMFORTS—$2.75 and $3.75. Choice values.

SHEETS—75c; tape edge sheets, 81x90, no starch $1.19; $3 sheets $1.95 35c cases 19c, 75c cases 49c; $1.50 cases 85c. PILLOWS half price.

DRESSES—$16.98 for finest wool and silk dresses to $29.50; $14.75 wool dresses for $8.75; $9.98 silk dresses $5.98.

SKIRTS—silk and wool plaids to $12.50 for $7.45; to $7.50 at $5; one lot of skirts $4.

CANNED MILK—Hebe tall 8c; small 4c; Carnation tall 11 1-2c; Monarch tall 10c; Van Camp's tall 11 1-2c.

COCOA—1 Lb. guaranteed 11c;

SPAGHETTI and MACARONI 8 for 50c; toilet paper 6 for 24c.

BREAKFAST FOOD —Shredded wheat 2 for 29c; Quaker cornmeal 2 for 25c; Krumbled bran, 2 for 25c.

CANNED FRIUTS—6 to 12 can lots; Ever hear like? Del Monte berries; Libbys' and Sprague Warner pineapple, etc. at 29c can; same quantity deal at 23c can in sliced and grated pineapple; gooseberries and black raspberries.

SALAD DRESSING 25c—Premier, Yacht Club and Wright's.

COFFEE—5 lb. lot prices—Chocolate Cream 42c; White House 42c; Guaranteed Coffee 24c; Folger's Golden Gate 45c; Folger's Comrade 32c.

PEAS—Farm House, Curtice and Twilight 19c to 32c, 6 can lots 18c; Sugar corn 8c; Pork and Beans, Monarch 8c in 6 lots, Heinz' 9 1-2c in 6 lots.

SALMON—6 lot prices. White Star 25c; Reindeer red 17c; Monarch red 29c; tall pink 12c.

SOAP—10 P. and G. 55c; Luna and Pearl White, 6 bars 23c; all large washing powders 24c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Log Cabin 55c; Farrel's $1.39 size 95c, 74c size 59c; Curtice pints 54c.

PICKLES—all kinds in Windmill brand 6 bottle lots 15c. Olives 2 for 25c; quart 49c.

RUGS—9x12 Congoleum $15.50; 6x9 Linoleum $5.50; 98c rag rugs 59c.

MEN'S SHOES—stamped solid work $2.45; army work $2.98; Peter's dress $2.75; Peter's finest dress, cushion sole $5.75.

WOMEN'S SHOES—Peter's all leather dress $2.45; finest now $3.75, $4.75 and $5.75.

BOYS' SHOES—$1.98, girls' shoes $1.98, women's shoes $1.98, Boys' better shoes $2.75.

F E L T SLIPPERS—Men's, women's and children's, not all sizes at 50c pair.

OVERSHOES—Men's 4 buckle $2.45; knee boots $2.45.

Black SATEEN—6 yards $1; 49c sateen 37c; TICKING A. C. A. feather 24c; floral tick 24c; MARQUISETTE, 46 inch 49c; 39c grade 27c; bordered scrim 17c.

SILKS—$1.98 to $3.50 at $1.39; Silk POPLINS 75c; 25c CRETONNES 17c; one lot; $1.49 table damask 98c; 69c damask 55c.

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ALL WOOL SERGES—65 yard, the best reduced to $1.69.

OUTING—light figured 11c; dark 36 inch 19; 36 inch light fancy 6 yards $1.

DRESSES—$2.98 to $5.98 street and home dresses, mostly long sleeves, $1.98.

PRINTS—6c yard; 36 inch percales 15c; 80 square 29c to 35c; sport percales and cambrics; also new checks 24c.

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CHILD WELFARE COMMUNITY CLUB PROGRAM

Farmers Donate Their Work To Improve Cemetery

Some Two Dozen Men Donate Teams And Labor To Gravel Roads

MAKES FINE IMPROVEMENT

Last week Thursday some twenty-five or more farmers and teamsters donated their labor and that of their teams, for the hauling of gravel to improve the roads thru and around the cemetery.

The roads thru the cemetery were graveled and fixed up in fine shape, and the entrance, and road on the south, were graded up and graveled making a fine improvement.

The ladies of the cemetery society, co-operating with the men and doing their bit to help, served the men a splendid dinner at the Earn Luick home, there being twenty-five men at the dinner.

The Belmond cemetery bears the reputation for being one of the best kept and nicest appearing cemeteries in the state, and the cemetery and all who have a part in the upkeep of the "Silent City" may well feel proud of their efforts. The recent graveling is an improvement which goes far toward making the cemetery one of the best and the thanks of the community are due to the men who donated their time and labor and the ladies who served them the dinner.

HE KNEW HIS RIGHTS—

BUT HE SURE WAS WRONG

News: The owner of one of the big truck being used for the hauling of gravel on the roads which are being improved in the Clarion territory was in town Friday and decided he would go ahead to Belmond, despite the heavy roads. "You'd better stick to town awhile," he was advised, "for the roads are soft and you'll do a lot of damage to them hauling that old bus over them now." "That may be so," the man said, "but I've got a right on the road and I'd like to see any one tell me where to head in." He started out. He managed to get to the corner at the St. John's Catholic school in Clarion and then the blamed truck began to slide. It wavered between the center of the road and the ditch, and finally rolled down the ditch, where it sank in about two feet of mud. He sent a frantic call for help to the garage, and another truck came out, but all the trucks and all the "king's horses and men" couldn't bring the truck out of its muddy berth. Saturday a big tractor was called into service and finally pulled the truck out. It cost the man about $15.00 to be so dead sure he was within his rights, which served him right!

STOLEN BUICK RECOVERED

Eagle: A Buick was stolen at Webster City Saturday evening and was found abandoned on South Lucas avenue sometime Saturday night. The car belonged to E. W. Brewer, a farmer living east of Webster City. The police at Webster City notified Marshall Reynolds to be on the watch for this car and about noon a telephone call was received by Mr. Reynolds telling him of a Buick which had been standing in the street all day. The car was driven to the Smith & Paine garage and later Mr. Brewer came up from Webster City and indentified the car as his own. He is positive the car had been driven about two hundred miles by the parties who took it, as the same evening he had noticed his spedometer and it registered nearly two hundred miles more on Sunday afternoon.

The car had not been locked and the key was still in the switch lock when taken in charge by the local authorities.

LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

20 teachers—484 pupils.

Remember that the high school wants your subscription to the Saturday Evening Post and the Ladies Home Journal. Subscribe for these magazines by the year and save money for yourself and BOOST the athletic fund. You need these good magazines and we need the money in our athletic fund. Let's get together for the good of all concerned.

We wish to take this method to thank all those who have subscribed for the Country Gentleman and have helped us raise money for athletics. You will find some interesting stories as well as authentic articles on agriculture subjects, and trust you will enjoy them.—Belmond High Athletic Teams.

The first meeting of the Normal Training club will be held at the school house Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Let every member be present at this first meeting.

The high school is indebted to Dr. Parsons for a fine set of teeth mounted on plaster of paris for the use of the physiology class.

The Home Economics department has been canning, pickling and preserving for the past two weeks. Visitors have found the work very interesting.

B. H. S. held its first pep meeting last Friday before the baseball team went to Corwith.

The first program will be given by Division I of the Literary society next Friday at 2:30. An interesting program is planned. A number of boys are to give a farce called "Not in the Regular Army." Visitors are welcome.

High school pupils are asked to sign up for declamatory work this week. The number of names already on the list indicates a big year for declamatory.

BELMOND HIGH WINS FIRST GAME.

The Belmond high school ball team defeated Corwith in a hard fought game on the latter's grounds.

Madsen working on the mound for the locals pitched a steady game, pulling out of several bad holes, allowing five hits and striking out 9 men. Nine hits were reaped from "Smiling Bob" Corwith's pitcher.

Our boys displayed smooth team work and plenty of fight thruout the game. The return game to be played here next Friday at 4:00 o'clock should prove an interesting battle. Come out and see a real ball game. One not played for money but for the sport, to determine the best team of all HOME PLAYERS. Back our team.

Date: Friday. Time: 4:00.

BE THERE.

A number of students have entered both high school and grades during the past week. There are still other boys and girls in Belmond that should take advantage of securing an education. Opportunity is knocking at the door. Will they hear and return to school next Monday?

Parents and friends of the Belmond schools, we take this opportunity of extending to you a special invitation to visit the different rooms and classes at school. Come and get acquainted with the work that is being done at school. Your earnest criticisms, after you have visited will be appreciated, as we are endeavoring to build up the school.—The Belmond Faculty.

Each class has elected its officers for the year.

Senior Class

President—Morey Nelson.
Vice pres.—Merrill Stapley.
Sec. & Treas.—Elaine Rierson
Class teacher—Miss Thomas.

Junior Class

President—Doris Bailey.
Vice Pres.—Harvey Chapman.
Sec. & Treas.—Bernitas Wolle
Class Teacher—Mrs. Peterson.

Sophomore Class

President—William Tyrrell.
Vice Pres.—Edwin Christie.
Sec. & Treas.—Mildred Schultz.
Class Teacher—Miss Dodd.

Freshman Class

President—Paul Johnson.
Vice Pres.—Samuel Lienbach.
Sec. & Treas. Esther Amblie.
Class Teacher—Miss Sharon.

Legion Auxiliary Hold Fine Meeting Friday

Officers Elected And Plans Are Made For Membership Drive

NOW HAVE 23 MEMBERS

The members of the women's auxiliary to the local post of the American Legion met at the Legion club roms on Friday afternoon of last week and had a splendid meeting in which officers were elected and plans made for a membership drive in the coming months.

The officers chosen for the organization were as follows:

President: Mrs. Mae Wallace.
Vice Pres.: Mrs. C. M. Morse.
Secretary: Mrs. Claude Benson.
Treasurer: Mrs. Glen Klemme.

The auxiliary has at the present time some twenty odd members, there being eight who signified their intention to join at the meeting on last Friday. An organized campaign is to be put on for new members, and the auxiliary will doubtless soon be one of the most important parts of the Legion. Meetings are to be held once a month, it is understood, ton each third Tuesday of the month.

Mr. And Mrs. W. S. Prichard Celebrate Silver Anniversary.

Leader: September 17, 1896. Walter Pritchard led Miss Jennie Finch to the matrimonial alter. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans in Belmond, the latter being a sister of the bride. A little mathematical calculation will show you that this event transpired just 25 years ago. We met Walter early the morning of the 17th in the Ziesemer & Paulson Barber Shop and his order to "Bill" was for a wedding shave. The family was to respond to an invitation to come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin of Belmond and celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. This was Saturday and the real celebration did not take place until Sunday. At that time Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finch and family of Corwith, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans, Chas Pritchard, and Mr. and Mrs. Arkwright of Buffalo Center became members of the party. Twenty-five years ago Walt was a gallant groom and justly proud was he as he led his beautiful, blushing bride to the altar. Time has been kind to them both. Their marital state has been but a continuation of the wedding day dream. Their home has been blessed with eight strong, healthy children; they have prospered well and as they celebrated their silver wedding they could look back upon happy days and realize that they had many things to be thankful for. Let us hope that no shadow crosses their path in the next quarter century and that they will be privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary surrounded by their children, relatives and friends, with not a link in the chain missing. Their daughter Miss Katherine, surprised them by arriving from Chicago in time to participate in the celebration.

GUESTS AT THE SNYDERS' HOME

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Snyder of Elkhart, Ind., Mr. and Mrs J. C. Snyder of Homer Mich. Mrs. C. F. Robertson of Lamar Mo., Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scott of Belmond, Ia., have returned to their respective homes by automobile after visiting for several days with their brother and his wife, Mr. O. E. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smogard of this city. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder have also been visiting their son Clare Snyder and wife and Mrs. Bert Bergma. After attending the South Dakota state fair here, the visitors pronounced it to be the finest exposition of the kind that they had ever seen, having attended several state fairs in the east.—Huron, S. D., "Huronite."

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP SOCIAL ATTENDED BY 500 PEOPLE

Farmers of Pleasant township scored another hit last Thursday evening, September 22, when between 400 and 500 farmers met at the home of J. F. Henn for a most enjoyable social evening.

The program of the evening was planned and organized by the teachers of Pleasant township under the leadership of Miss Vida Jenison who presided at the evening program. The teachers should be congratulated for the splendid effort made in arranging such an interesting program and everyone in the community should appreciate the fact that a program of this kind requires a lot of preparation. This meeting was a sure sign that Pleasant township has a group of teachers who believe in doing things.

The feature of the program was a short address given by Rev. A. H. Waalkes the local minister in that community. Mr. Waalkes reminded his listeners of the need of a farmer's organization particularly during these troublesome times. He spoke quite at length along the line of community life reminding his audience of the value of social meetings and urged them to continue in their social development. He spoke of the social life of the community as being one of the most important phases of the Farm Bureau work.

The county agent was present and gave a short talk on the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau and urged upon his audience that this information be used in soliciting for memberships on the day of the state wide membership drive, which will be on October 12th.

Ice cream and cake were served after the evening program and we understand that the committee in charge of the eats underestimated the number of people who would attend and before they were thru serving found that about one hundred to one hundred and fifty had not been served.

Let us hope that the good work will go on and that the people of Pleasant township will continue to have their social mixes and in this way cooperate wyith one another to the best advantage.

ARE YOU SOMEBODY?

In your later home have you acquired prominence, or are you just on the road?

No matter—there is a place where you are far more than just a "nobody." It is in your own home town. To the folks at home you are some body. Do them the same honor and keep them cataloged in your mind.

Your home town paper makes this possible. It is a keen gatherer of news of vital importance in its field; it is as metropolitan in tone and make-up as is consistent with its special mission—the purveying of 100 per cent pure news about neighbor to neighbor; it is chock full of character—a perfect mirror of the life of its district—your "old stamping ground."

Subscribe for your home town paper!

RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Last week Friday evening the Community club held their annual reception for the teachers of the Belmond schools, the reception being held in the basement of the library.

A large crowd was present, and an evening of games, music, readings, stunts, etc. was thoroly enjoyed everybody appearing to have a most enjoyable time. The following program was given:

Piano solo: Inez Boughton.
Vocal solo: O. L. Varland.
Reading: Elizabeth Leinbach.
Vocal solo: Mrs. C. O. Fitts.
Piano Solo: Cecilia Barry.
Vocal solo: Bert Nelson.

The Misses Marjorie Williams and Doris Bailey furnished piano music for the crowd during the evening. A friendly spirit of fun co-operation and good will prevailed, and all reports of the affair are highly enthusiastic.

Mr. C. E. Goetz of Roundup, Mont is visiting at the home of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Geotz.

MRS. MAX MAYER OF IOWA CITY TO HAVE CHARGE

Well Known Expert On Child Welfare To Give Lecture At Meeting Friday

SPEAKS IN EVENING ALSO

Mrs. Mayer To Give Lecture Friday Evening To Which All Are Invited

The Community Welfare club meets Friday afternoon of this week, Sept. 30th, in the library basement.

The meeting will open promptly at 2:30. After the business meeting Mrs. Max Mayer of Iowa City will give a lecture on child welfare. Mrs. Mayer has had a great deal of experience in this line of work and her lecture will be of wide interest and well worth hearing.

In the evening Mrs. Mayer will deliver another lecture on some subject of interest to everybody. Everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend this meeting. No admission fee will be charged.

The serving committee for Friday afternoon is as follows:

Mesdames: W. C. Tyrrell, W. J. Morse, Hildebrand, H. Neilson, H. Preston, Lily Anderson, E. E. Kinney, J. J. Flynn and M. J. Luick.

BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

A deal was consumated the first of the week whereby Frank Wippenbeck disposed of his half interest in the pool hall owned by himself and Chas. White, to James Kenefick, possession being given immediately. Mr. Kenefick is now looking after his interests in the business. Mr. Wippenbeck has gone to Minnesota where he will remain for a few months at least and if he likes it probably make his permanent quarters there.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING HERE NEXT WEEK

Belmond Epworth League will be host next Sunday to seven or eight visiting Leagues in their annual subdistrict rally.

The following program, with the opening session at 3:30 P. M., will be used,

Fifteen minutes song service.

Voluntary prayers.

Departmental Program Conference, Clinic and business session conducted by Mrs. J. S. White, district secretary.

Quartette music by Belmond Epworth League.

4:30, adjournment to Franklin Grove. (Cars will be at church to take those not having means of transportation.)

4:45, social hours conducted by Fourth Vice Presidents present.

5:30, picnic supper (Bring your baskets filled, Belmond chapter furnishes coffee.)

Motto: Look up! Lift up! Mix up!

6:30 p. m., Camp Fire devotional meeting led by Miss Bock, county superintendent of schools.

These rallies are becoming very popular with the young people and this one promises to be a winner. All young people of the town not affiliated with some other young people's society are earnestly invited to attend.

LIBRARY JANITOR

Bids will be received by the Board of Trustees for the janitor work at the Public Library for the seven months, October 1st, 1921 to May 1st, 1922. Bids should be filed before October 1st with the secretary who will supply information as to the duties involved.

H. L. Gowdy, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin were visitors at Cedar Rapids a few days last week.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Rummel &Sons of Dows are suing R. L. Robinson for judgment on his past due note for $448.

State Bank of Renwick ask the foreclosure of certain morgages to secure claims executed by R. W. Frank in the total sum of $12,071.

Two promissory notes aggregating the sum of $532 now past due is cause stated for suit filed by the Belmond Savings bank vs. Ernest and Theodore Weye.

A $1,000 note, past due, is the cause for action in the case of the State Savings bank of Galt vs. Joe Meeker.

A past due note for $333 given to the State Bank of Belmond by John Thayer is cause of suit filed by said bank.

To collect balance of $267 due on his note the Chapman Lumber Co. of Eagle Grove has brought suit against U. M. Boring.

The Farmers Savings bank of Woolstock, holders of a $312 note executed by George and T. F. Moore want judgment for same.

L. D. MecMaughton of Eagle Grove is made defendent in a suit brought by J. C. Hoff on a $68 note.

Chapman Lumber Co., of Eagle Grove holds the past due note of W. H. Anderson on which a balance of $1,083 is claimed to be due, for which they ask judgment.

Tom Ersland, formerly of Belmond but now a resident of Fort Madison, is named as defendent in a suit brought by the Motor Finance Co. of Des Moines, who seek the foreclosure of a certain mortgage for $140 given to secure the purchase price of a second-hand Mitchell automobile.

Joseph Kist of Eagle Grove vs. Frank Wells is a suit for the foreclosure of a mechanic's lien and judgment for $150 against certain lots owned by defendent.

Jones Harness Co. of Belmond is suing in district cour to recover from John Sharp the sum of $134 for auto tires, inner tubes, fly neta, ect.

Judgment against Ray Fisher of Eagle Grove in the sum of $110 is asked by the Independent Grain and Lumber Co. for materials furnshed.

The Independent Electric Co. of Eagle Grove seeks payment for supplies furnished J. T. Johnson in the sum of $136.

Times Square Auto Supuly Co. vs. H. G. Nordschow of Belmond is a suit on a $1[illegible] note. Another case against the same defendent is that of the W. K. Supply Co. of Albert Lea who claim $535 balance due on account for merchandise sold.

Sholly Baking Co. of Vinton demands judgement against B. K. Kinseth of Belmond for balance due for bakery goods delivered to him.

An echo of the 1920 land boom is seen in the case of Wm. Vestweber against J. C. Middleton et al who asks the foreclosure of a mortgage on certain farm land in Iowa township in the sum of $24,477. Charlson and Crosley, who purchased the land of Middleton et al, are also named as defendants.

Another case growing out of the hard times and recent land boom comes from near Dows. Nels P. Christiansen wants judgement against Julius Olsen on his $12,000 mortgage, also for first installment of interest due and taxes paid.

Friday last was not an unlucky day with Treasurer Allen for on that date he secured what is said to have been the best offer for road bonds made in Iowa this year. A total of $68,000 county road twenty year funding bonds bearing six per cent interest were offered for sale and were sold to Schanke & Co. of Mason City at a premium of $4,495.00. Nine companies had personal representatives at the court house when the sale began. Open bids were received and the sale conducted very much like a farmer's public sale, except that there was no free lunch at noon.

County Attorney Rogers received notice of the finding of an abandoned auto at Eagle Grove on Thursday night of last week. It has an owner all right, but just what becomes of the car remains to be seen. The story in brief is this: The owner, who lives near Blairsburg, sent the hired man into town to get some meat, which he did, for the meat was found in the car. After getting the meat he evidently met some friends

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TOO MANY DEBTS

Times: We have read of many accounts of late where farmers "went broke" and were compelled to take bankruptcy but we little dreamed that one of our Klemme farmers had come so nearly the same financial point.

Frank Glanville, who has been on the Ax farm a mile north of this town became engulfed in debt with no possible releif in sight and he undoubtedly figured that the easiest way out of the diff culty would be to leave for parts unknown. This he did and with his family left in their car sometime last week, leaving the debts to look after themselves. He left crops stock, machinery and all.

Stock and machinery will perhaps settle some of the largest accounts as he had about a hundred head of cattle, some hogs and horses. We understand his debts amount to several thousand dollars, but the approximate amount we have not learned.

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HOW ABOUT THAT SALE?

Some of you farmers have been considering having a sale this fall or winter, haven't you? You have been wondering whether the banks would handle the notes, what the stuff would be apt to bring, and the hundred other questions which the farmer has to figure now.

Just forget the buyers and the advert sing of your sale; let the Independent do that part of the work for you. That's our business, and we claim to be pretty fair at it, too.

And we want to show you why we can find the buyers, more buyers, and bring them to your sale at a lesser cost than you can do it yourself.

You have 500 bills printed; you post some of them, and mail some of them, and the rest you hand around. A few people will stop to read those you post up, but travel and the times are both too fast nowadays for the oldfashioned method of posting bills to bring the results that they used to. Those you mail do good work; they go d'rect to some of the people interested, that's a good way. Those you hand around may do good work to a certain extent, but some of them go to people who have already received a bill, and others to folks who are too busy just then to read it, and it is forgotten or thrown away.

You pay to get the bills printed; you have to pay postage on those you mail; and you spend many dollar's worth of time folding, stamping, and posting, handing around, and distrib-ut'ng the bills.

You reach 500 people.

The Independent puts your sale in the paper, where it is in plain sight, and mails the paper to eleven hundred people, farmers actively engaged in the business, retired farmers, who still maintain an interest in the farm and are maybe helping son get started. Instead of 500 people your sale reaches 1,100, and that is the difference in numbers.

You pay for printing the bills, for postage to mail them, throw in hours of your own time that you could use to better advantage, and it costs you more dollars in the end and you reach 500 people.

Your sale in the Independent costs you less money, reaches six hundred more people, saves your own time, and gets more results. One buyer from the six hundred more people reached will add enough to the sale price of one art'cle to pay for the advertising.

Which, friend farmer, strikes you as the better method?

AND THE FARMER GETS ——?

"Payment of $3,000,000 to the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad under Section 210 of the Transportation Act has been made by the Treasury. The payment was made on the order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission approving an advance of $8,000,000 to the railroad to meet necessary expenses. The remaining $5,000,000 will be paid by the Treasury to the carr'er within the next ten days."

The forgoing is taken from a financial weekly report, issued last week. It illustrates one great trouble with this country today: the fact that most any big concern can get money for "necessary expenses," except the farmer. You haven't seen any such reports of money being loaned to the agricultural interests of the country by the Treasury—or by anyone else. $3,000,000 s quite a nice little sum $8,000,000 is a st'll nicer one; they would do a great deal of good to the farmers of America right now. Then why not let the farmers have some?

Why is it that the railroads can get all the money they seem to need and the farmers cansot get any? Who is standing in the way? If the Inter-State Commerce Commission can approve giving the railroads eight million dollars, why cannot the farmer get a little of all this surplus coin? There is more money in the country today than ever before; the per capita is the largest in the history of the country. Something is exceedingly rotten in America.

GREAT STOCK SHOW TO BE HELD AT WATERLOO

Waterloo, Ia., Sept. 15.—An array of dairy cattle which will rank second to none in the h story of dairy shows, fine enough and big enough to make the fathers of the breed "sit up and take notice with a royal entainment program to match are but three of the many features to the twelfth annual Dairy Cattle Congress and International Belgian Horse Show to be held here the week of Sept. 26 to Oct.2.

Special emphasis has been placed on the amusement and entertainment this year, by E. S. Estel secretary and manager of Iowa's biggest exclus've livestock event. He has procured 15 big-time vaudeville acts, direct from the Hipprodome in New York and they will preform twice daily at the big Hipprodrome on the grounds. The greater Waterloo band complete, and two orchestras will furnish the music throut the expos'tion.

The light harness and high school riding horse show will be a revelation this year, Mr. Estle states. There will be evening horse shows and afternoon exhibitions thruout the week. The famous six-horse hitch belonging to M. H. Peters of Omaha, pronounced as the greatest six-horse draft team in the country, will be here for the occasion. In this outfit are Ivahoe and Blucher, winners of more prizes than other two draft horses known.

THIEVES AT WORK

Chronicle: One night last week some one without a heart broke into the cellar of the George Autry home and stole about fifty quart jars of freshly canned fruit, and also a sack of nuts which one of the Autry boys had gathered from the woods the day previous. No clue to the th'eves has been found, but there is a strong suspicion as to who the guilty parties are, and if they do not hurry and eat up that fruit they may be "discovered" with the evidence right in their possession.

Stole Battery From Ford Car.

V. J. Kratz also came in for a trimming from the night prowlers. He placed his Ford auto in his garage one night, and when he stopped the car for the night she was spinning like a clock. However, when Mr. Kartz urged Lizzie to turn over the next morning she refused to budge—no coaxing could get her to make a move, so after some investigation it was discovered that the battery had been stolen out of the car during the night. Kartz had to purchase a new battery to make the Ford go, and instead of raising the price of meat to make up for the lost battery the Kartz Market and Grocery announce a reduction in meat prices, as will be seen by their advertisement in this issue of the Chronicle.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Let us have a full attenance next Sunday.

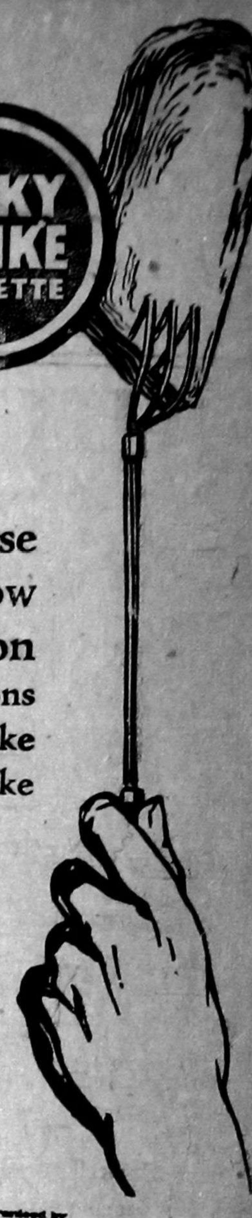
Sabbath School at 10:0 0 a. m.

Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. at which time the Lords supper will be commemorated and members received.

Evening services at 7:30 in charge of the young people. M'ss Hauge leader.

The Passion play Sunday evening Oct. 16.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE



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Business has certainly been good to us, especially since Thursday when we commenced to unload our $28,000.00 stock and at the rate we are now going not a dollar's worth of merchandise will have to be carted to our new location in the Early building, next to the Red Ball grocery store. Of course time after time we have been forced to lock our doors so as to give service to the early customers. Here's a tip, cottons have advanced and advanced and top of that we have lowered our prices below the regular prices.

MACKINAWS—Boys' heavy wool, regular $12.50 at $6.98

WOMEN'S COATS—small lot regular $19.98 at $9.98

DRESSES—Women's all wool serges, richly braided, $14.75 regular for 8.75.

DESSES—Women's street and house dresses of nurse stripe and plaid ginghams, regular $2.98 to $4.98, going at $1.98

GIRLS' SHOES—$1.98 for all sizes to 2; a better one now $2.75; big sizes 3 to 7 at $2.45; better one $3.49

BOYS' SHOES—Good assortment at $1.98; a Peter's at $2.75 which takes in 6 to 9 men's sizes

WORK SHOES—men's solid leather $2.45; European army shoe $2.98.

WOMEN'S SHOES—solid leather $2.45; Peter's $3.75; nurses $5.98 at $4.45.

HUSKING MITTS and gloves in dozen lots at less than 10c a pair, $1.19 a dozen.

OUTING—fancy striped 11c yard; yard wide light or dark 19c; remnant ghlore.

PERCALES—36 inch 15c, 80 square 29c and 35c at 24c.

TICKING—fancy and staple stripes including A. C. A at 24c yard.

SHEETING—9-4 at 45c; Pequot and Bridal 9-4 and 10-4 65c yd.

TUBING—Pequot 45c; other brands 39c; Pequot casing 35c.

PRINTS—6c yard.

SLEEPERS—flanelette stripe 69c; similar to Denton at 77c.

OUTING GOWNS—Women's full cut at 88c; better ones at $1.39; men's $1.19; children's 88c.

WASH SUITS—to $1.69 at $1; to $3.50 at $1.98.

TOWELS—turkish at 9c; 39c and 35c hucks 4 for $1.

RUGS—6x9 linoleum $5.50; 9x12 congoleum, Gold Seal $15.50; Rag Rugs 59c; bigger ones $1.45.

BARREL OF BARGAINS—choice 69c — dresses, aprons, middies, children's dresses, dressing sacques, skirts, etc

KNICKERS—boys' fancy tweeds and corduroys, one lot to $1.98 at 98c.

TROUSERS—men's $3.98 dress at $2.75; one lot at $1.98.

UNDERWEAR, MEN'S—all wool $10 and $12.50 suits $5; $5 wool suits $2.98; $2.50 wool suits $1.89; fleeced union suits 98c.

DRAWERS or shirts for men 98c.

BOYS' UNDERWEAR fleeced union suits 98c and $1.19. Wool $1.59.

GIRLS' UNDERWEAR—heavy fleeced 83c and 88c; wool $1.59. Best fleeced $1.39.

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR— 93c and $1.27 a suit. VELLATIC shirts or drawers 98c.

HAND BAGS—one lot 94c; $2.98 bags $1.98; shopping bags around 1-2.

BLOUSES 25c for every second one; regular $1.98 to $6.98.

WOOL SKIRTS—$4, $5, and $7.45 regular $4.98 to $12.50.

WOOL MIDDIES—$5.98 regular for $4.45.

OVERALLS—best union made $1.35; 220 denium, full cut, $1.

FLANNEL SHIRTS—men's $1.88; better ones $2.75; $4.98 corduroys $3.75.

DRESS SHIRTS—men's extra quality $1.50 shirts 90c.

SILK SHIRTS—$8 for $3.98; $3.98 at $2.25.

WOOL SOX—men's 39c white wool 27c; heavy army wool 3 and 2 pr. for $1.

DRESS SOX—men's 39c at 4 pr. for $1; men's 50c dress sox 3 pr. $1.

SILK TIES—men's $1 ones 77c; odd lot to $2 at 49c.

KNIT SCARFS—regular $1 men for 55c.

RAINCOATS—men's and women's $5.00.

KIMONAS—striking patterns $2.49 few at $1.98; dressing sacques $1.

GINGHAMS—plaids 17c and 27c; apron checks 13 1-2c.

BOYS' GAUNTLETS—leather 55c.

SHEETS—$3 hemstitched $1.98; 81x90 $1.50 Wearwell tape edge sheets $1.19 other sheets as low as 75c.

PILLOW CASES—49c cases 35c; 75c cases 49c; $1.50 cases 85c.

LEATHER MITTS—men's 39c and 69c.

BRASSIERES—59c, 69c and 79c at 47c, lace trimmed.

SILK STOCKINGS—pure silk, women's $1.75 at $1; 69c fibre silk 2 pr. $1; $3.50 silks $1.75; men's 98c silk sox 88c.

CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS—real values at 14c pair; better ones 3 pr. 50c; infant's wool 45c; 35c girls' 4 pr. $1.

SWEATER COATS—women's $10 to $12 at $5; slip over girls' and women's $1.98 and $2.98; boys' wool slip overs $1.98; men's button up coats, new style $1.98; boys' button up coats $1.79.

APRONS—light and darks, wonderful values, now 88c.

COMFORT BATS—3 lb. stitched 89c; 72x90 one piece.

WINDOW SHADES—Columbis firsts 47c.

THREAD—silk or cotton 5c spool.

CORSETS—brassieres free with corsets at $1, $1.49 and $1.98.

OVERSHOES—men' 4-buckle U. S at $2.45; women's 2-buckle $2.75 for $1.98; men's $2.50 cloth rubbers $1.75; women's $2 cloth $1.39, one lot; men's $2.50 1-buckle dress overshoes $1.98; girls $1.75 overshoes $1.39.

BLANKETS—$5.45 plaids, full size $3.88; wool plaids $5.45; double blankets $2.25; Comforts now $2.75 and up.

BEDSPREADS—$1.10 for $1.89; $4.45 spreads to $6.50.

SLIPPERS—boys', girls' men's and women', broken lines 50c pr.

SERGES—all wool 65c, the best at $1.69.

BLACK SATEEN—17c yard; 49c sateen 37c.

DIAPER CLOTH—bolt 10 yds. $1.49.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT— this department is selling out very rapidly so early buying is advised. Everything at lower prices.

HANDKERCHIEFS—10c women's fancies 6 for 25c; embroidered 3 for 24c white 6 for 25c; men's society, 3 for 19c.

The C. & C. Store fixtures have been sold and we will move in the very near future. Unusual values in our grocery section.

C. & C.

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Across from Kresge's 10c store; next door from Russells' and on the same side of the street as the post office.

ROWAN DEPARTMENT

School Notes

Mrs. Lew McKinley and Miss Louise Drahum visited the grades Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Hansen visited the Primary room Thursday.

Margeritte Nye and Luella Gunderson were absent from school on account of sickness.

Delmar Harris was out of school the past week.

Rev. Tomkinson and Rev. Nye visited school Monday.

Arthur Emerson was absent from school Thursday and Friday on account of his sore foot.

We are glad to have the parents visit the school and hope more may come.

Friday night the school house was well filled at the community meeting. The two pastors, the president of the school board and the farm bureau men gave very interesting talks. The school children furnished music and drills. The program was very much enjoyed. Refreshments were served in the domestic science room. Let there be more of these fine meetings thruout the year.

Miss Nora Shaffer was a Ft. Dodge caller Tuesday where she consulted an eye doctor.

Mrs. Esther Andrews and Mrs. Perl LaGrie were Clarion visitors on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Guy Stumph and daughter Garnett were county seat callers on Tuesday.

Mrs. Elmer Burt and her mother, Mrs. Shurson of Kanawha, were Ft. Dodge shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. Guy Sheldon was a Dows caller between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Hackley was a Dows caller Tuesday.

Russell Olsen left Tuesday for Iowa Falls where he will enter Ellsworth College.

Mrs. Jennie Rowen went to Clarion Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Cady Templeton and from that place she went to Goldfield to visit her sister, Mrs. Pierce and her two brothers Sam and Fred Farmer.

S. A. Ferguson was a Clarion caller Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Whitten and Mrs. Esther Andrews were Eagle Grove callers on Thursday.

Gay Fletcher was a Dows caller on Thursday.

J. H. Dix of Hampton spent Thursday at the Elmer Bailey home where he was looking after farm interests.

Fred Aldrich and wife entertained Wednesday night at an eight o'clock supper in honor of Mrs. Aldrich's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Buchanan of Mason City.

The Cong. Ladies Aid society met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nye. A large crowd attended and a nice lot of work was accomplished. Mrs. A. H. Emerson, who is chairman of the work committee treated the crowd to home made candy.

Donald Farren was a Clarion caller Friday.

Mrs. Roy Fitz of Clarion spent last Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gay Fletcher.

Miss Vera Knuths of Dows and her friend Miss Olsen of Wisconsin visited one day last week at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knuths.

Miss Louise Drahein of Clarion visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lew McKinley a few days last week.

Joe Cowley and sister Ruby of Dows and their cousin Walter Berryhill who is visiting at their place, attended the community meeting at the school house Friday evening. Miss Maude Cowley returned home with them to spend the week end.

Mr and Mrs. Herb Hadley were Mason City callers Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Moon was a Belmond caller Thursday.

Peter Hansen went to Illinois Saturday night to visit relatives for a short time. He expects to visit at Chicago, Sheffield and other points.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou and daughter LaVonne left Saturday night for Chicago where they will spend several weeks at the home of Mrs. Ballou's brother, Ed. Lynk, and family.

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and baby went to Clarion Sunday to spend the day with her mother Mrs. Heathershaw

Mrs. Andy Sorenson went to Clarion, Saturday to visit her brother "Bud" Whitten, and wife. She went from there to Ft. Dodge where she spent the week end with her husband.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum visited on Saturday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Glen Jennings, in Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten and daughter and Mrs. Hannah Whitten were Dows callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and family were Dows callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs Will Bingham were at Dows Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson and family returned Friday from their trip to Minn Mrs. Thomas and son Jim have been taking care of their stock during their absence

Arthur Emerson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emerson, cut his foot about a week ago. It was doing all right until last Saturday when they took him to Dr. Steele at Belmond where the wound had to be opened and scraped and three stitches taken in it.

Little Francis the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval, has been very ill the past week with a bad cold. It is thought that he is some better.

John, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, is seriously ill with summer complaint.

Mrs. Stella Keppford of Waterloo came Tuesday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks.

Clem Bohrer of Falls City, Neb., is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Steffens.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey were Belmond callers Saturday where Mrs. Bailey had some dental work done. In doing the work the dentist injured her jaw, and it is causing her much trouble.

Hans Pagh of Coulter has been doing some interior decorating at the Guy Sheldon home the past week.

Donald Farren left week for Iowa City where he will enter the University

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box and family of Clarion spent Sunday at the parental H. J. C. Box home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and daughter Billie left Sunday by auto for St. Peter, Minn., where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Jurden Brinkman and family.

Mrs. Vaughn returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in the eastern part of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ryder were called to Grundy Center last Tuesday on account of the sickness of his brother Ralph. They returned on Friday

Mrs. Jeanette Fletcher who has been visiting here, took the train at Dows to Reinbeck Saturday. Will Whitten and family accompanied her to Dows.

Miss Susan Duffy came Saturday from her school work at Chapin and spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey and family of Latimer spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Lineweaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baines of Dows stopped in town one day last week enroute to Spirit Lake to visit his three brothers

Mrs. Morris Sullivan came Monday to spend the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

The Junior W. H. M. S. mite box opening last Saturday was well attended in spite of the bad weather. About 45 ladies and children were present. Refreshments were served.

The Ping Pong on the C. G. W. went in the ditch Saturday night at the new bridge by Frank Drury's. Ten cars went in. An extra gang was called and they worked all night getting it cleared away for the morning passenger.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society served a chicken supper in the church basement Thursday. This was the Mrs Sim. Stouts section and the ladies who served were Mesdames Stout, Charles Snyder, Will Bingham, Joe Thomas, O. F. Braden, Ed Azeltine Joe Simons and Harold Gates. They cleared over $30 and a very fine supper was served.

Reuben Cupp gave a party Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harsen to the young people of the neighborhood. A very nice time is reported.

The seventeen-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fanselow passed away Monday morning. The little fellow had been suffering from summer complaint. The parents have the sympathy of the community in their loss. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Congregational church in Rowan.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

The morning worship at 11.

Sunday school at 12.

The Young People's meeting 6:30.

The evening service 7:30.

The Junior Endeavors Wednesday afternoon after school "Children Come."

The mid-week meeting Wednesday evening 8:00.

We begin our services from the 1st of October on Sunday evenings at 7:30. Come, and invite your friends.

The Rowan church Womans Missinary society will meet with Mrs. Arthur Emerson Thursday, Oct. 29. Leader Mrs. Gladys Whitten.

A supper will be served after which a free will offering will be taken. This meeting will be a "Thank Offering Meeting." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. Nye would like to have all the members of the church present next Sunday morning, and bring your friends. All are invited to attend these services. Come, and let us worship together.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

The Home Guards and Jewels of the Methodist W. H. M. S. held a very successful mite box opening and social last Saturday at the home of Mrs. D. W. Whitten. A fine program was given by the little ones. Refreshments were served.

Rev. Harold Tomkinson local pastor of the M. E. church, is attending this week the Northwest Iowa Conference at Storm Lake. He along with Mrs. Tmkinson and Mrs. Hathaway left by car last Tuesday. One of the special features of the Conference this year will be the appearance of the famous Billy Sunday, who speaks to the laymen and ministers on Saturday morning. The chairman of the sessions will be Bishop Hughes of Boston. Another item of interest will be the redition by the combined choirs of Storm Lake of "Isaiah."

On account of the conference there will be no service in the Methodist church next Sunday.

IOWA FARM CREDIT CORPORATION.

The Iowa Farm Credit corporation was organized, is operating and will always labor for the benifit of the farmer of Iowa alone.

Its officers and directors chosen from each district and representing equally the farmer and banker interests of those districts makes certain the continued policy of service for every part of Iowa.

While the Iowa Farm Credit Corporation is in distinct and separate organization from either the State Bankers Association or the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, nevertheless it is the materialization of the series of meetings which were held last fall at Waterloo, Ft. Dodge, Red Oak and Ottumwa by two combined representatives of both the organizations. Proper legislation and the formulation of the company itself was a direct result of the ativities of the committees appointed by these two organizations to study and present a workable plan suitable to the needs of the agricultural industry of Iowa to meet the requirements of the farmer and be built upon a sound financial foundation.

Consultation was had with, and all possible data secured from, banking and rediscounting authorities in Chicago and New York besides a series of conferences held within the state of Iowa. Athorities on agriculture at Ames, the department at Washington, and the foremost bankers of the whole country were called upon to offer suggestions to meet the peculair requirements of the farmer in their financial relation. Plans of other industries were studied and as a result of the imformation gathered, the corporation was organized with the feeling that every pratical angle was thoroughly covered as was humanly possible. The bill were prepared by the attorney for the Iowa Farm Bureau, and with their legislative committee submitted to various committees and sub-committees of the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly and were passed by the General Assembly without a dissenting vote. A special committee representing the Iowa Bankers Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation then worked for six weeks formulating the Articles of Incorporation to meet the requirements of the farmers of Iowa.

The corporation is limited to meet the needs of the agricultural interests of the state of Iowa. Three-fourths of the money on deposit in our banks is farm money. The Iowa Farm Credit Corporation is wholly devoted to the farmers' affairs and can loan only on four kinds of paper:

1. Notes secured by Warehouse receipt of grain stored in bonded elevators or warehouses. This provision is to prepare for the future controlled marketing plans of the farm organizations.

2. Notes secured by Chattel Mortgage on his livestock, making possible additional collateral for farm credit.

3. Notes secured by bank endorsement, giving a field for responsible personal obligations.

4. Notes secured by collateral approved by Iowa State Bank laws.

Heretofore there has not been a distinction between investment capital and working capital in agricultural finance. This distinction can now be made and paper belonging to investment banking can be taken out of the field of commercial banking to the greater benefit of both bankers and farmers.

The presentation of a sound financial scheme for agricultural is the surest method of making certain a profitable marketing plan and the only method of withstanding the spreading of radical and unsound measures. To take advantage of these opportunities meams a return to normal conditions and a safeguard against the return of the experiences of the fast year. To further encourage such a plan the legislature made possible for State banks to purchase stock in such a corporation up to 10 per cent of its capital and surplus.

The operation of the Iowa Credit Corporation will not disturb the financial conditions in any county but will give immediate benefit wherever it begins to operate.

The financial question is the biggest question of Iowa today and it is certain that we must work out our own salvation. That the Iowa idea is safe, sound and practical is attested to by the fact that other states are already formulating plans patterned after Iowa laws, and from Washington recently a member of Congress advocated a plan for farm finance similar to the Iowa idea.

Let Iowa farmers and bankers make Iowa money work for the prosperity of Iowa.

LIGHTNING BURNS BARN.

Chronicle: During the electrical storm last Friday night the barn on the S. A. McDowell farm southeast of Chapin was struck by lightning and the barn was burned to the ground.

C. A. Law, son-in-law of Mr. McDowell, who has been running the farm for the past several years, lost two calves, some hay and harness. His loss amounts to $430 and was covered by insurance. Mr. Law was fortunate in that he had turned his horses into the pasture for the night, as the fire was well under way before it was discovered and it would have been to late to save the animals.

The value of the barn was about $1,000 and it was covered by $600 insurance. The buildings surrounding the barn were saved only thru the hard work of the neighbors who gathered to assist Mr. Law.

Considerable hail also fell in the vicinity of Chapin during the storm, but no particular damage was done. Lightning killed stock at various points around the country, probably a dozen cases being reported. Few farmers lost more than one head.

WHO OWNS THE AIR?

Lieut. James Williams, an aviator must defend himself in court at Davenport because he violated a city ordinance that makes it an offence to fly within 2,000 feet of the ground. All of which suggests that the next general assembly will be forced to pass measures regulating flying machines.

A suit is pending in Lee county brot by a farmer because the team his wife was driving to Fort Madison ran away, frightened from the noise made by an airoplane flying very low. The woman was severly injured and heavy damages are asked. The airoplane has also projected the issue as to who owns the air. A land owner lays claim to everything that is beneath him. The question is whether or not he owns the sky above him.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Joint Drainage District No. 73, Hancock County, Iowa.
No. 139, Wright County, Iowa.

To the following owners of the following described lands and to every person in actual occupancy, or claiming any right, title or interest in any of said lands in Wright County, Iowa.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the Board of Supervisors of Hancock and Wright counties, Iowa, acting jointly as provided by Section 33, Chapter 68, acts of the Thirtieth General Assembly of Iowa, and all acts of said State additional or amendatory thereto, appointed T. H. Fox of Hancock county, and E. Ves of Wright county, disinterested resident freeholders of their respective counties, and Geo.. L. Mechem, a disinterested and competent civil engineer, as commissioners to personally inspect and classify all lands benefited by the location and construction of the above named drain. That said commissioners have filed their report in writing with the auditors of said counties apportioning the expenses, fees, costs, damages and estimated cost of construction as shown below:

Township 93, Range 24, Wright County, Iowa.

Name	Description	Sec.	Acres	Assessment
William Busick	NW NW	4	20	$ 580.00
Ole Thompson	NE NE	5	52	1400.00
Ole Thompson	NW NE	5	64	2240.00
Ole Thompson	SW NE	5	22	1000.00
Ole Thompson	SE NE	5	4	40.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	NE NW	5	64	1540.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	NW NW	5	64	2740.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	SW NW	5	40	3790.00
J. W. McCulloch, J. W. McCullock	SE NW	5	40	3280.00
Garfield T. Halverson	NE SW	5	15	150.00
Garfield T. Halverson	NW SW	5	25	730.00
Ole Thompson	NW SE	5	2	20.00
C. C. Riley and M. F. Coons	NE NE	6	64	4720.00
C. C. Riley and M. F. Coons	NW NE	6	64	1040.00
H. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	SW NE	6	40	1180.00
H. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	SE NE	6	40	3580.00
C. C. Riley and M. F. Coons	NE NW	6	14	140.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	SE NW	6	19	190.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	NE SW	6	10	190.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	NE SE	6	30	1440.00
R. H. Rierson, Fred Lynch, C. P. Luick, and C. O. Fitts	NW SE	6	30	1200.00
Township roads in district Belmond township, J. R. Christie, township Clerk				500.00
Total for Wright county, Iowa				$31690.00

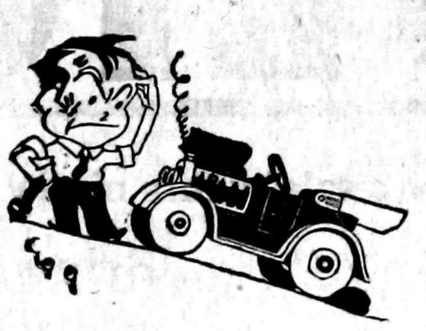
You and each of you are hereby further notified that October 20, 1921, at one p. m. is the day set for hearing before a joint session of the Boards of Supervisors of Hancock and Wright counties, Iowa, to be held at the court house in Garner, Iowa, and all objections to the above assessments must be made in writing and filed with the Auditor of Hancock county on or before noon of the day set for hearing of said report or assessments will be acted upon without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of September, 1921.

(Seal) F. W. WALKER, County Auditor Wright County, Iowa.

(Seal) CHRIS JACOBS, County Auditor, Hancock County, Iowa.

Sure enough, the old bus went back on me



IT WAS a whale.
OF A hill, and the old bus.
GROANED AND shuddered.
AND FINALLY stalled.
AND YOU could fry eggs.
ON THE radiator.
WELL, WHAT I know.
ABOUT BUZZ wagons.
COULD BE written big.
ON A postage stamp.
BUT I fiddled around.
AND TORE my new shirt.
AND GOT all smeared up.
THE ENGINE would start.
BUT LIZZIE wouldn't.
NOT ON that hill.
SO I quit and lit up.
ONE OF my cigarettes.
AND THOUGHT it over.
THEN I had a hunch.
PUSHED HER around.
PULLED A thing-a-ma-jig.
AND THE blame boat.
BACKED UP the hill.
WITHOUT EVEN hesitating.
SO I learned a trick.
WHICH EVERY driver.
SHOULD REMEMBER.
WHEN IN doubt, light up.
A "SATISFY" cigarette.
FOR WITH one of those,
GEARED TO your teeth.
YOU CAN start anything.

Air-Tight Tins of 50
Ask your dealer to show you the new vacuum-sealed tins of 50 Chesterfields. A compact, convenient and absolutely AIR-TIGHT packing—the cigarettes keep fresh indefinitely.

IT didn't take much persuasion to get Chesterfields going—they're self-starters. That blend of fine Turkish and Domestic tobaccos makes friends by the millions. Another thing—you don't find a Chesterfield smoker "shifting" brands—he's in "high" all the time.

They Satisfy **Chesterfield CIGARETTES**
LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.

SLAUGHTER OF MERCHANDISE

Starting, Friday, September 30, 9:00 a. m.

BIGGEST SENSATIONAL SALE

Ever held in this vicinity. Consisting of high-grade

Wilton, Axminster or Brussels Rugs
A Large Variety of Blankets
Lace and Scrim Curtains. Bedding of all kinds

and House Furnishings too numerous to mention.

We have been fortunate to lay our hands on this $30,000 stock at less than 50 cents on the dollar and WE MUST TURN THIS INTO MONEY REGARDLESS OF COST.

To get your share of the wonderful bargains we are offering you must act quickly.

Come and Be Convinced

GROSSMAN MERCANTILE HOUSE

28 1st St. S. E. OLD GLOBE GAZETTE BLDG. OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE Mason City, Iowa

Our Furniture Sale Is On At 11-13 2nd St. N. W.---Opposite Kirk

GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beier were in Garner on business last Wednesday.

The Rosary of the Catholic Church were entertained on Thursday by Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Titzel at the home of Mrs. Denny Conlan. Over one hundred were served.

The Ladies Aid of the Untied Brethren Church had its regular anual election of officers on Wednesday. Pres. Mrs. Snearly, Vice Pres. Mrs. Beier, Sec. Mrs. Wilson, Treas. Mrs. Zielie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellworth and Mrs. Miller visited in Garner and vicinity on Thursday.

Mrs. Elworth and her sister Mrs. Markle left on Friday for an extehded visit with their sister Mrs. Swain who resides at Appleton, Minn.

The Burgess family and Mr. and Mrs. Beier spent Sunday with the Surballe family in Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber accompanied by Mr. Graeber's mother strated on Friday for an extended trip going by auto, to Mrs. Graeber's home at Harvey, Ill. They expect to spend some time in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cook made a trip to Hampton Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust drove to Hampton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wesenberg assisted by the Misses Jenkins and Dows entertained about 35 school children on Tuesday evening in the basement of the church.

One of Goodell's most estimable young ladies, Miss Viola Wilson was united in marriage on last Thursday to Mr. Jess Torson of Ellworth, Iowa. We be speak for them a happy and useful life.

The Goodell and Kanawha ball teams crossed bats on the Goodell diamond. An interesting game was played even tho Goodell was defeated by a score of 2 to 4.

Sunday was Promotion Day in the United Brethern Sunday School. The graded Sunday school lessons are used and Promotion Day is a very inderesting day for the children. The children rerendered a very pleasing program and an offering of nearly $7.00 was given for equipment in the Sunday school.

The following officers were elected for the year: Supt. Mrs. Miller, Asst. Supt., Mrs. Allaben, Sec. Adelaide Engeseth, and Asst. Sec., Dorothy Allaben, Treas. Miss Matson, Pianoist, Eddie Boller, Chorister, Miss Griggs, Librarians Wayne Wesenberg and Archie Conklin, Home Dept. Supt. Mrs. Rust, Asst. Mrs. Harry Ruka, and Pearl Engeseth, Cradle Roll Supt. Mrs. Okrueg, Asst. Mrs. Deiger.

The U. B. Sunday School has an enrollment of over 200 including the cradle roll and the Home Dept.

The Sunday school opens at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

T. L. Johnson of Clear Lake was a business caller here the forepart of the week.

Leo Gilligan returned home Wednesday from a brief visit with friends at Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Trainer were callers at Burt Monday.

John Kaster of Sanborn was calling on friends here Thursday and looking after his business interests.

Henry Anderson of Belmond was a business caller here Tuesday.

Mr. Brooks of Algona was here on Thursday looking after business interests.

James Shaw and Louis Kalvig were Clear Lake caller Saturday.

Miss Cecil Benzler who has been employed at the First National bank for some time, has resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fosne and children were Sunday guests at the Gerhard Olson home at Britt.

Frank Hanson of Garner was a caller in our city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Kellar and family were over Sunday visitors with friends at Nebraska, Minn.

M. B. Quire was an over Sunday visitor with relatives at Grinnell.

ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Clarence Behlen and two children are visiting with relatives at Waterloo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son were callers at Rowan last Friday.

Edmund Marble of Waterloo was a business caller at Alexander last Thursday.

Jerry Blau left last Friday for Iowa City where he will continue his college course.

Archie McCallum of Thornton was a visitor at the home of his brother Bernard several days the past week.

Arthur Thomas of Iowa Falls was a Sunday visitor at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Latch of Lu-Verne spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and Mrs. Chas. Winwood were shopping in Hampton Thursday.

Miss Jessie Bernard spent the week end with relatives at Eagle Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and family were Belmond callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hardy and children of Hampton were visitors at the Albert Larsen home last Sunday.

Mrs. Chris Larsen, Mrs. Ellen Peck, Mrs. Anna Pekerack and her drughter and Miss Wilma Foughty were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Arthur Peters was a caller at Belmond last Saturday.

The Dorcas society will meet at the John Bell home next Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 5th. All members are requested to be present as there will be an election of officers and other business to be discussed.

FATTY ARBUCKLE IS DONE.

Whether the courts find Fatty Arbuckle guilty of the brutal crime of which he is charged, Fatty Arbuckle's days as a screen favorite are past. He is done. So far as the screen is concerned, he has committed suicide. By his own standards of behavior he has cut himself off from the sucess that has attended his actitives in the cinema.

In the past few months, the film producers have been carring on a war against proposed censorship of the screen. They have declared most emphatically that they themselves were developing higher standards, and that the cencorship by national state and municipal authorities was absurd and un-American. In their propaganda they have declared themselves as aiming at meeting the call of public welfare for better films. And while the film folks are cencoring their own films, might it not be well for them to cencor their stars? Cencorship of stars, in truth, is far more important than cencorship of films.

What a blow to youthful ideals has been dealt through the actions of some of the men and women who have endeared themselves to thousands of people!

Rottenness in personal life seems to carry its punishment inevitably, and film stars are not immune to punishment here on earth, however, severe the punishment hereafter may be. Even film stars are no exceptions to the general rule. Once a public finds out the truth of a star's immorality, that star wanes. Often the light is completely obliterated.

Who has seen pictures featuring F. X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, since the disclosures in connection with their lives?

Who can ever again see Mary Pickford or Douglas Fairbanks without mentally recounting the destruction of families ties and ideals that lie back of their marriage?

The courts may not find Fatty Arbuckle guilty of the charge of murer. He may never suffer the death penalty and he may never see the inside of penitentiary, but his manner of living has been exposed. The real Fatty Arbuckle is thrown on the screen.

The withdrawal from the screen of pictures in which he appears be speaks his death knell. Whatever the courts may do, the theater managers, keen discerners of public sentiment, have passed judgment on him. As a film star, Fatty Arbuckle is done.—Hampton Chronicle.

Your chance of attaining old age is a good one if overwork is the hazard.

While it is a fine thing to be brave it is just as well to give a bee or hornet the right of way.

Advantages of buying at a Greater Shoe Store

LATEST FASHIONS in foot wear and plenty of them can be found at this store the year around.

BETTER FITTING and more comfortable shoe ---Expert Foot Fitters and all sizes to pick from is the reason.

PRICES that suit everybody.

Let us be your Shoe Center

Woodruff's

26 YEARS OF "GOOD SHOES"

115 N. Federal Ave. Mason City, Iowa

PUBLIC SALE

The holder of a public sale wants his sale advertised in a way that will do two things:

Bring Results

Leave A Good Impression.

Independent sale bills do this. Why? Because we spend as much time, care and thought on your sale bill as we would on a fussy letterhead---that's why *Independent Print* on your sale bill means that you have the best, a bill you won't need to apologize for, one that will bring buyers. It is also the reason why eight out of ten sale bills are printed by the

BELMOND INDEPENDENT

Ask us about it if you intend having a sale. You will find our prices on the "live and let live" principle, for hey are based on the universally used

FRANKLIN PRINTING PRICE LIST

"*Independent Print*" means service and satisfaction.

Belmond Local News

For Sale—One second hand gas engine; also one second hand washing machine. Townsand Bros. Phone 34.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

New player pianos $368.00 at the big sale, this week at Chambers Music House. East State St., Mason City Ia. A little cash, balance on easy terms, during big sale. Chambers Music House, Mason City, Iowa.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the c rculation.

Let us French dry clean your woolen blankets, pillows and quilts. We make them fresh and clean as new; also sanitary. New Belmond Ta'lor Shop. Phone 28.

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each f the Four Rural Routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or wr.te. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

For Sale—Raincoat; also wool sweater and two suits of clothes. Good as new.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel. Phone 28.

R. J. Lee left the first of the week for Minnesota where he expects to work in the timber section this fall, cutting wood.

Victor, Brunswick, Columbia taken in exchange for Edisons at 40 per cent off. Chambers Music House, East State St. Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder retuned last week from their visit to Huron, S. D., where they spent the past two weeks visiting at the home of their son Claire, and wife. They made the trip by auto with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott and report a very enjoyable time. Crops in S. D. are good.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading terr tory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Haupt have moved to town and are staying for the present at the home of Mrs. Geo. Schank. Earnest expects to buy or build a home in town next spring. Earl Haupt and h s bride are now living on on the farm which they will operate.

New pianos $268 at Chambers Music House. Big sale this week. East State St. Mason City Iowa.

Mrs. Philip Geitz returned last week from her trip to Illinois, where she spent a couple of weeks visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

Miss D. Grace Wilson, Editor of the Meservey Register, accompanied by a fr'end were callers in this city on Monday of this week.

Jim Blocker was in town a day or so last week. Jim, a former resident of the town, was greeting old friends here.

Miss Marie Hood has been reported very ill the past week. She was recently operated on for appendicitis at the hospital in Rochester and has not fully recovered from the operation as yet.

Mrs. Harry Bohning has been on the sick list the past week or so.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson and daughter from Ft. Dodge were guests of relatives and friends here a day or two last week.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

Fred Smith of this place is in the county jail at Clarion on an unprintable charge, after a trial before Mayor Barry this week.

Take home a pound of Webster's Famous Fudge at 67 cents a pound. Schultz Drug Co.

Mrs. Fred Luick has been very ill the past week or so, but her many friends in town will be glad to hear that she is reported much improved in health.

The S. Sarber home was the scene of a small fire one day last week, the damage being but little. The motor on the fire siren is being repaired and the alarm was not sounded.

Joe Sampson and his father Chas. drove up from Ackley one day last week and visited old friends here and attended to some business matters. Joe may move back to the old town next spring.

Quite a number of the Belmond folk motored to Hampton on Monday of this week to attend the play by Fisk O'Hara at the Winsdor theatre at that place, which theatre is the one managed by Chas. Peterson.

Geo. Hake was a business caller at Hampton last week where he was present at the letting of a drainage contract.

Roy Veeder went to Mason City the first of the week where he will be employed this fall with the Northern Sugar corporation.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give sat sfaction. $2.20 per **sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co.** tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ahlsrom are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of a fine baby girl, who was born on Wednesday morning of this week.

David Luick left the first of the week for Ames where he will take up his studies at the state college at that place.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Will Johnson returned last week from Oakdale, where he had been the past year or so receiving treatment. His father, Sam Johnson, went down and accompanied him home Will standing the trip in nice shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Case of Clarion came over last week to attend the funeral of M. R. Case, and remained a few days t visit at the homes of relatives here.

No errors of opinion can work injustice or become dangerous so long as they are ventilated in the columns of the newspaper.

Have you paid your subscription to the Independent yet? We need the two dollars right now, and will appreciate it if those who know themselves to be in arrears will come in and leave us two dollars. Every little helps these days. Thanks!

The old home town paper reflects the imperfections of the old home town people as perfectly as it chronicles their advancements.

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

J. R. Saatoff writes from Waubun, Minn., that they have not had a frost there yet and that the crops are in fine shape.

Jasper Johnson left last week for Iowa City to resume his studies at the Iowa University. A letter from him states that he is nicely settled.

Mrs. Ella Cleveland left the first of the week for Austin, Minnesota, where she will visit relatives. She made the trip by auto.

A letter received by Dick Kenefick from his son Leo, states that he has been pronounced O. K.

Mrs. Quandt, mother of Rudolph and Conrad Quandt, died at the home of her son Rudolph on Monday of this week. She had been ill for some time Funeral services were held yesterday and burial was made at Meservey.

Mrs. Finch left on Monday of this week for Los Angeles, where she will spend the winter months. She was accompanied by Miss Betty Pritchard.

S. D. Martin was in attendance at a reunion of his regiment held at Chicago last week.

Rev. Wippermann of the German Lutheran church is attending a conference of the church being held at LeMars, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Nourse were visitors with fr'ends and relatives at Eagle Grove on Sunday

Lew Wendell is reported as being seriously ill at the hospital at Mason City.

Mrs. Pat Knoer, formerly Miss Clara Lee of this place, and her little son have been the guests of friends and relatives here the past week. Their home is at Winthrop, Minnesota.

Rev. Edge of the Methodist church is attending the conference of the church being held at Storm Lake this week. There will be no services at the church Sunday.

Mrs. Schneider of Missouri, formerly Miss Maude Anderson, has been the guest of friends here the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan were visiting friends at Eagle Grove on Sunday.

Mrs. McBurney was a recent visitor at Iowa C'ty on business and on her way home stopped at Cedar Rapids to see her son Philip.

Miss Fern Aulrich of Klemme was the guest of her friend, Miss Netti Groen, on Sunday.

DUROC BOARS AT $30 EACH

For Sale—15 choice spring boars by Col. Trailfinder, King Wonder I Am, and others. Long bodied, typy boars, with good bone and feet. Papers furnished and everyth'ng guaranteed.—Geo. Thompson, Belmond, Iowa

CARD OF THANKS

To all our kind friends who in many ways helped us through our recent trouble we extend our grateful thanks. Mrs. M. R. Case and family.

Conrad Bier and wife of Meservey were visitors here one day last week.

Attorney Birdsall of Clarion was a visitor here on Friday of last week looking after legal matters.

Hampton has its new fire truck in operation now and appears to be very highly satisfied with it.

Carpenter Shop, repairing con R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

There is one auto to every five people in the state of Iowa.

Jerry Blau of Alexander was a caller here one day last week on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Courtney were guests of the Maitland family at Mallard on Sunday, making the trip by auto.

The vaudeville show at the opera house last Saturday night was not very well attended, but those who were present report that the show was above the average.

The high school ball team took the measure of the Corwith school team last Friday by 4 to 2 in a game that is reported to have been a good one.

W. E. Bullard was a business caller at Mason City on Friday of last week.

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg.	Address	Twps.
99-1	W. M. Coons,	Goldfield,	Boone, Liberty.
99-2	J. K. Baker,	Eagle Grove—	Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff,	Woolstock—	Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick,	Dows—	Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers,	Belmond—	Pleasant, Belmond, Norway, Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin,	Clarion—	Dayton, Lake, Grant, Lincoln, Wall Lake, Clarion

ROBINSON'S

10 lbs. Sugar	79c
10 bars P. & G. Soap	79c
10 bars Big 4 Soap	79c
10 bars Pearl White Soap	47c
Salmon, two 1-lb. cans	25c
Black Tea, 2 lbs.	79c
13c loaf Bread	10c
Small loaf Bread	5c
Cookies, all kinds 10c doz.	
Pies, all kinds	15c

4 warm rooms for rent

Halt! Read Every Word!

This Add Is Worth Dollars To YOU---

If A Renter or A Speculator Who Wishes A Home for His Loved Ones

For Your consideration, Reader of this ad.
For Your action, Mr Renter.
For your deep thinking, Mr. Speculator.

- WE OFFER -

Farm Land on the Crop Payments
Deferred Cash Payments
5 or 10 Year Payments

Farms that are farms, every inch. Nothing too good for you. We aim to please you or no sale. Look at the picture below. Doesn't it look good?

HONEST NOW, nothing as good as a HOME.
We can produce some City or Country Improved or Raw Lands or Lots. The more you scratch the more you find. The sooner you buy the sooner you will have a home of your own. Get on easy street. Do not cut the

---SHE NEEDS IT.

Let's Talk It Over NOW
We need the Money
You need a Home.

Yours for business,

WOLLE LAND AGENCY
Belmond, Iowa

In getting eight hours sleep, don't snore more than seven.

Some can keep right on talking while their minds take a rest.

RAINCOATS AT ONE-HALF PRICE

FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY

Have your new Suit, Overcoat, or Coat and Pants made-to-order now and get an elegant raincoat at a tremendous saving.

Fine Suits Made-to-Order

$22 $25 $27 $30 $35 $40

Every garment accurately cut, richly trimmed and superbly tailored. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed.

Don't Miss This Big Sale

Come in and examine the most remarkable assemblage of clothes values on the market. Place your order now. We will tailor the clothes and deliver them at once or hold them 5 or 6 weeks until they are wanted

W. L. WILSON, Star Cleaner
Belmond, Iowa
- Sole Local Dealer -
H. M. MARKS & COMPANY
Oldest Wholesale Tailors in Existence
CHICAGO

Home Baking at the Woman's Exchange

Homemade Bread, per loaf	15c
Nut Bread, per loaf	35c
Pies, each	40c
Devil's Food Cake	40c
White Cake	40c
Spice Cake	40c
Nut Cake	50c
Sunshine Cake	50c
Angel Food Cake, large size	$1.00
Doughnuts, per dozen	20c
Ginger Creams, per dozen	25c
Plain White Sugar or Ginger Cookies, dozen	20c
Drop Cookies, dozen	25c
Baked Beans, pint	20c

Phone your order at any time and in any quantity.

Bring in your needlework or anything you have to sell. I charge 20 per cent.

MARY GEALOW

Phone 316 Belmond, Iowa

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

The Tri-W girls met Friday afternoon at the home of Marguerite McHale hostess, and Mildred Schroeder, assistant hostess. The afternoon was spent in studing patches and patching an article.

Eleven members and their leader Miss Gadys Smith were present. Peaches and cream and cake were served as refreshments.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Leona Mosher, hostess and Milderd Mosher, assistant hostess on Sept. 30th.

Leona Mosher, Club Reporter.

Livestock Shipping Association Short Course For Managers And Officers.

Co-operative livestock marketing by farm organizations is a vital question in Iowa. Over 700 shipping points are being served today by such associations. The marketing of the 1921 hog crop will soon commence, with many difficulties, and problems that every manager will have to meet.

Co-operative livestock marketing has been in effect since 1904 when an association was started at Postville in Allamakee county. The growth was slow until 1917 as only 57 associations had been organized and were active in 1916. The next few years up to and including 1920 marked the climax in the formation of associations. During the year of 1920 alone, over 300 organizations were formed which brought the total number of active associations to 647 which are serving in various ways over 700 points.

The short and rapid reriod of organization growth has been followed with many problems. In many cases they have been of minor nature and in other instances the trouble have been of such form as to be a matter of life and death with the associations. none of the ills, however, are too big to be solved. It is only a case of adjusting the management and membership to the new order of advanced organization which will require some little time.

The Farm Bureau has recieved many requests for information on livestock shipping association problems. It is cooperating with the Extension service in holding short courses which will aid managers and officers in improving the efficiency of the local associations. The State Federation of Cooperative Livestock Shippers in cooperation with the State Farm Bureau Federation is taking care of the larger problems.

It remains for Wright county to take care of the local problems of its association. This is a real opportunity. Members and offiicers of associations should authorize their managers to register by Oct. 7th. for the course at Fort Dodge on Oct. 20th and 21st, or the course at Mason City on Oct. 25th, and 26th. The Farm Bureau office has registeraton blanks and complete information.

A Billion For Farm Credit

The War Finance Corporation is rapidly perfecting its machinery for making available to agriculture the $1,000,000,000 in credit recently authorized by Congress. Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance Corporation, is now on a tour of the western agricultural country to survey its credit needs. His schedule is: Los Angeles, Sept. 19; Salt Lake City Sept. 22nd; Denver, Sept 22; Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 24; Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 24; Omaha, Sept. 26; Des Moines, Sept. 26; and Chicago, Sept. 28th. The American Farm Bureau Federation has asked Mr. Meyer for a conference when he arrives in Chicago. If the request is granted, it is planned to invite representives of the various state Farm Bureau Federations to attend.

The general plan contemplates agricultural loan agencies in the principal cities of the country. The agricultural loan agencies will receive applications for loans from banks, trusts companies, and cooperative organizations. Specials application forms for these loans will be made available for any farmer or farmer's organizations, bank or trust company. They may be obtained from the agricultural loan agency, a Federal Reserve Bank or the War Finance Corporation in Washington. When approved by the loan agency, the application will be submitted to the War Finance Corporation. If approved, the money will be made at once available to the borrower.

The War Finance Corporation is completing its list of committees, which will advise in regard to loans requested by any bank, banker trust company, or cooperative organization It is understood that these committees will be comprised of five representives of bankers and business men. It has been sugested by the American Farm Bureau Federation that farmers also be included on the committees. Farmers are not always borrowers, and they know the needs of agriculture better than any other class. The membership of the committees and their location, together with specfic instructions for applications for obtaining the loans will be made public by the War Finance Corporation within the next few days. Three members of each committee will be selected from the city or town in which the headquarters of the loan agency will be located. The application form are being prepared in the government printing office and will be placed in the hands of the committees. While the committees have not yet been announced it is understood that the chairman and headquarters named to date are as follows:

Evans Wooler Indianapolis, Ind.
Jas. B. Brown, Louisville Ky
F. W. Thomas, Omaha, Nebr.
R. E. MacGregor, Minneapolis.
Albert A. Reed, Denver, Colo.
R. L. Rutter, Spokane, Wash.
T. A. Marlow, Helena, Mont.
Edward Cookingham, Portland.
Geo. R. Abbot, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Chas. Claiborne, New Orleans, La.
Oscar Nenton, Jackson, Miss.
R. B. Snowden, Memphis, Tenn.
J. R. Young, Raleigh, N. C
Marion Sansom, Fort Worth, Tex.
Richard E. Cunningham, Richmond,
J. Pope Matthews, Columbia, S. C.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has been most active in its support of this measure. The general plan was originated in the Federation office last January. Farm Bureau officials have been in constant consultation in working out the details of the measure. The American Farm Bureau Federation is now insisting that the credit be made available for the individual farmer or co-operative organization in the simplest and most direct way possible. Full announcement of procedure will be made upon completion of the plans, which should be within a comparatively short time.

BIG SOCIAL AT ROWAN

One of the largest community gatherings ever held in Rowan was staged at the Rowan consolidated school Friday evening, Sept. 23, when about 500 people of the vicinity of Rowan representing the teachers, parents, the school pupils and members of Iowa township farm bureau, met for an evening of recitations, dialogues, several musical numbers and a number of splendid addresses.

The superintendent of the consolidated school and his corps of teachers should be congratulated upon their ability to get all people of the community to co-operate with one another in holding such a community program. The school program as arranged by the teachers was the life of the evening's entertainment and due credit should be given the superintendent and his co-workers in the efforts put forth to make this program possible.

Several interesting addresses were given during the course of the evening's entertainment. Rev. Nye gave an address on community life and spoke especially of the co-operation between the teachers and parents. Mr. J. E. Miller, president of the school board, gave a most interesting talk on the school work and urged a closer co-operation between parents and the teachers Rev. Tomkinson came in for his share of the program and gave a very nice talk on community life and explained the advantage of our organized community life.

A short talk was given by the county agent followed by the address by A. J. Shinn who talked for about an hour on farm bureau activities of our state and nation. Mr. Shinn touched upon points which are of vital interest to every farmer at the present time.

The people of Rowan and the surrounding community are to be congratulated upon the splendid spirit of co-operation as exhibited at their social last Friday night and it is hoped that this spirit of helpfulness to one another will continue in the community and that these social gatherings will be continued at Rowan.

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

One generally pays too much for revenge, and other sweet stuff.

A PENNY SAVED ---

Is a penny doubly earned right now when every penny counts.

I CAN SAVE YOUR PENNIES

and your dollars too on your magazine subscriptions, any periodical published in America, from The Ladies Home Journal to The Police Gazette and I guarantee to save you money on every one. Ask me for prices.

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Independent

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R. A. RANKINS MAGAZINE AGENCY

Phones 115 and 196 Belmond, Iowa

Closing Out

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming on account of my wife's health, I will sell at Public Auction on the farm formerly owned by H. J. C. Box, five miles east and two miles north of Clarion, four miles west and one mile north of Rowan, six and one-half miles southwest of Belmond, one mile north of the Harvey church, on

THURS., OCT. 6

Commencing at One O'clock Sharp, the following described property:

6 - Head of Horses - 6

1 brown horse, 10 years old, weight 1200. 1 back horse, 6 years old, weight 1000.
1 team of gray horses, 4 and 5 years old, weight 2500. 1 brown mare, 10 years old, weight 1200.
1 gray mare, 4 years old, weight 1000.

3 - Good Milk Cows, now fresh - 3

25 - Head of Good Hogs - 25

20 head of Spring Shoats, a mighty good buy. 5 good Brood Sows.

FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

1 16-ft. Binder
1 6-ft Binder
1 Endgate Seeder
1 4-section Drag
1 box Wagon
1 Pump Jack
1 16-inch Sulky Plow
1 Walking Plow
3 Corn Plows
2 Discs
1 Sleigh
1 set Double Driving Harness
1 Hayes Corn Planter with 80 rods of wire
1 5-ft. Mower, nearly new
1 John Deere Spreader
1 Gang Plow
1 Wagon and Rack
3 sets of Work Harness
1 set Single Harness
2 Buggies

Hay, Grain, Poultry, Etc.

10 tons of Hay in stack 1 stack of Straw 70 acres Corn in field
Some Chicken Coops, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Usual Terms :: Free Lunch At Noon

Cowley & Munnis, Auctioneers
F. B. Sheldon, Clerk

W. M. Woosley
Owner

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

"I'm a-goin' to tell ye o' this danger," she said, "and trust to you a-bein' man enough to do what I axed ye to. Black Adam Ball, he's got a new-fashioned rifle and smokeless ca'tridges and steel bullets; and in a few minutes he'll be hid in a clum o' sassafras back thar in yore meadow, whar he means to set and pick off you Morelands one by one—and you and Bill Dale fust, 'count o' the beatin's you two put on him! But pap had nothin' to do with it, and rickollect that! Now I've saved all o' yore lives, 'cause ye couldn't ha' heerd the sound o' his rifle in all o' this noise; and ye couldn't ha' seed the smoke o' his gun, 'cause it don't make no smoke. Hold up the white flag, John Moreland—hurry!"

"Hold Up the White Flag, John Moreland—Hurry!"

Babe thoughtlessly arose to her feet, and one side of her brown head appeared before the sights of her father's rifle—her father fired quickly, too quickly for a perfect aim—the bullet burned its way across her temple and through her hair, and she crumpled at Bill Dale's knees, totally unconscious. Dale gave a hoarse cry and gathered her limp figure into his arms. John Moreland waved aloft the white handkerchief and bellowed to his kinsmen to stop firing. Then silence came.

"Come over here, Ben Littleford!" shouted John Moreland. "Ye've shot yore own gyrul!"

And to his brother Abner, whose right forearm was wrapped in a blood-stained blue bandana:

"Black Adam is hid som'eres in this meadow; go and ketch him, and don't take no chanst with him. Shoot him like a dawg ef he tries to trick ye!"

A dozen men ran to look for the would-be sniper. The Littlefords, still armed, came dashing across the river. Ben Littleford threw down his rifle and knelt beside his daughter; he wrung his big hands and cursed the day that had seen him born.

Dale held her close. His face was as white as hers, and his eyes were flaming.

"Why don't you shoot all your womenfolk?" he said to the Littleford chief, and every word cut like a knife. "It's by far the simplest way; it's merciful, y'know. See, she isn't breaking her heart over your murderous fighting now. No, keep your hands away—you're not fit to touch her!"

They brought water and wet the young woman's face, and bathed the red streak across her temples. They did all they knew how to do to bring her back to consciousness, but, except for her beating pulse and her breathing, she remained as one dead. Hours passed, leaden hours, and her condition was unchanged.

Dale beckoned to John Moreland, who had just returned from having seen Adam Ball caught, disarmed, and imprisoned in an old tobacco barn. Moreland hastened to Dale, the new master.

"When does the next south-bound train pass the Halfway switch?" Dale wanted to know.

Moreland looked toward the sun.

"We could make it, all right, but it's a fast train, and it don't never stop at the switch."

"Then we'll hold it up," declared the new master in a voice of iron. "This is a case for a surgeon. Get a blanket and two poles and make a litter."

John Moreland hastened away obediently. Dale turned to Ben Littleford, who sat in a motionless heap beside the still figure of his daughter.

"It was only a few hours ago," he said accusingly, "that this poor girl told me she'd be glad to give her life to stop your fighting, and now, perhaps, she's done it! You're a brute, Littleford. I like to fight, myself, but not when it costs women anything."

The conscience-stricken hillman gave no sign that he had heard. There was silence save for the low murmur of the river and the tragic song of a bird somewhere in the branches of the big white sycamore.

CHAPTER VI.

Back Home.

Every mother's son of the feudists was numbered in the party that filed across David Moreland's mountain to intercept the next south-bound train. The old enmity was for the time being forgotten. Members of one clan rubbed elbows with members of the other clan, and thought nothing of it. John Moreland himself carried one end of the crude litter that held the limp form of Babe Littleford; Bill Dale carried the other end.

Close behind the litter walked Babe's father, seeming old and broken with remorse for the thing he had done. The grief of Ben Littleford was touching now, and Dale was a little sorry that he had spoken so bitterly to him.

They reached the Halfway switch ten minutes before the arrival of the fast mail. A short passenger train was on the long siding, waiting for the south bound to pass. Dale gave his end of the litter to Caleb Moreland, and strode up to the locomotive. The engineer sat quietly smoking in his cab.

Dale wanted the fast mail stopped, and gave his reasons.

The engineer smoked and considered. It was against rules. Dale swore at rules. The engineer said he would see the conductor. He did, and the conductor stepped to the ground and began to consider.

"Better put her on my train," he said finally, "and take her to Barton's station. There's a good doctor at Barton's—"

"But this is a case for a surgeon!" impatiently interrupted Bill Dale.

They disagreed. The old trainman was a close friend of the doctor at Barton's station. What was the difference between a doctor and a surgeon, anyway?

Dale became angry.

"You'll stop the fast mail for us," he snapped, "or we'll take your d—d red flag and hold her up long enough to put the girl aboard, and you've got only half a second to decide which!"

The conductor was obdurate. The mountain men were too hot-headed to bear with him longer. The positions of a dozen rifles underwent a sudden change. The conductor immediately went pale and mentioned the law—but he agreed to stop the southbound.

As he ordered his flagman up the tracks, the sound of the fast train's whistle came to their ears.

The flier came to a screeching halt with sparks streaming from its wheels. Bill Dale and John Moreland passed the litter and its burden into the baggage car and followed it hastily, and Ben Littleford climbed in after them. John Moreland leaned out of the doorway and ordered his son Luke to pass him his rifle, and Luke obeyed promptly.

There was a shriek from the whistle, and the brakes were released; the train began to gather momentum. A baggageman approached John Moreland and asked why the rifle. Moreland half closed one keen grey eye and patted the walnut stock of his repeater.

"Oh, I jest brought it along to see at everybody has a straight deal," he drawled—"go on about yore business, mister."

The baggageman went about his business.

The conductor of the fast train was very unlike the conductor of the northbound. When he had learned something of the circumstances, he insinuated that Dale had done exactly the right thing. He would see whether there was a doctor aboard.

Within five more minutes he returned in company with an elderly man wearing a pointed beard and nose glasses.

"Doctor McKenzie," he said politely; "Mr. ——"

"Dale."

The two nodded, and the physician knelt beside the litter, which had been placed with its ends on boxes to allow the center to swing free. He made as thorough an examination as was possible under the conditions, then arose and stood looking down upon the young woman with something like admiration in his sober, professional eyes.

"Perfect physique," he said as though to himself. . . . "She will have to undergo an operation," he told Dale. "The bone there is broken in slightly, making a compression; she will doubtless be unconscious until the pressure is relieved. But she has fine chances for a quick and entire recovery, with a good surgeon on the job, so there's not much ground for worry."

"Perfect Physique," He Said, as Though to Himself.

Dale was glad. They were all glad. Ben Littleford laughed nervously in his sudden joy. He went down to his knees beside his daughter, took up one of her limp hands and stroked it in a way that was pitiful.

When he arose he spoke cordially to Moreland. But Moreland didn't reply. He still looked upon his old enemy with contempt.

Doctor McKenzie was leaving the train at the next town of importance, and he would wire Doctor Braemer to meet them with an ambulance, if Dale wished.

"If you please," said Dale.

They reached the city shortly before midnight, and were promptly met by the surgeon. Braemer took charge of the patient, put her into his ambulance and hurried her to his private hospital. Bill Dale and the two clan chiefs followed in an automobile. The hillmen had never before seen an automobile; but they asked no questions about it, and the only word of comment was this, from John Moreland:

"I don't like the smell."

Everything had been made ready for the operation, and Babe received surgical aid without delay.

The two mountaineers and Dale waited in another room. Dale had induced John Moreland to unload his rifle, both chamber and magazine. Babe's father paced the floor anxiously now and then. Moreland sat like a stone, with his empty rifle between his knees, and watched his old enemy queerly.

It seemed a long time before Braemer came to them and told them smilingly that it was all over and that the girl was then coming from under the effects of the ether. She would be all right soon, he was reasonably certain. No, they'd better not see her just then. But perhaps they could see her at some time during the afternoon of the following day.

Dale escorted his two companions to a modest hotel and then put them in a room that had but one bed; by thus throwing them together in a strange land, he hoped to do something toward making them friends. Then Dale went to another room, undressed and went to bed.

It may be noted, parenthetically as it were, that John Moreland and Ben Littleford quickly reached a wordless agreement not to sleep together—they divided the pillows and linens evenly, tore the odd coverlet exactly in half, and slept on the floor.

When Dale went down to the lobby the following morning an alert-eyed young fellow sprang from a chair and hastened up to him.

"By George, Bobby!" Dale exclaimed, as they began to shake hands. "How did you know I was here, anyway? Your boasted nose for news, eh?"

"Guilty," smiled McLaurin. "I got word last night that a mountain girl had been brought to Braemer's, accidentally shot, and I smelled a feud; so I hurried over to get the story. You had just left, and Braemer's didn't know much about it. It was too soon after the operation, they said, for her to see me; then one of the nurses whispered to me that you had brought her, and said that I would find you here. So here I am, Bill, and I want the story. I'll phone it in, and then I'll give you some news."

"The story mustn't be published, Bobby," Dale replied. "For one reason, there is a feud; and if the law knew, it might take a hand—you see, I think there is a better way to take care of that feud. And I am of the opinion that the girl wouldn't like the publicity. Suppose you forget all about it, Bobby."

If McLaurin was disappointed, he kept it well to himself.

"They said she was handsome, a sort of primitive Venus," he winked. "Is there a romance connected, Bill?"

"Not yet," smiled Dale.

"But soon?"

"Who can tell?" Dale shrugged a little. "Tell me the news."

"All right." McLaurin drew his friend toward a pair of empty chairs. "I married Patricia Clavering the day before yesterday. We—"

"Bully! Go on."

"We were married in an automobile, with her father and 'poor dear Harry' chasing us like wildfire in another car. Yesterday we went to housekeeping in a cute little suburban bungalow, furniture on the installment plan. Her people won't even look at us, Bill! But do we care? Bill Dale, I ask you, old dear, do I seem to be worrying? Honest, I'm so happy I'm afraid something is going to happen to me. I'm to have a lift in salary soon, and we won't be long in paying for the furniture; and when that's done, we'll buy the bungalow.

"And I'm informing you now, old savage," he continued, "that you're having dinner with us this evening. You'll find it pleasant. We do as we please, you see. If you like, you may stir your coffee with your finger, eat with your knife, reach clean across the table, and pick your teeth with your fork. You can eat with your hat on, and you may have your dessert first. You can have an extra chair for your feet, and you can go to sleep at the table. Don't fail us. Pat wants to thank you for 'casting her aside' at the altar."

Dale laughed boyishly. McLaurin went on:

"There's more news. Your father has been trying hard to find you. He sent a man to Atlanta to look for you. He told me he'd give me a house and lot if I'd find you—and if there was a little more of the highway robber in me, I'd call his hand!"

"And mother—have you seen her?" Dale muttered.

"I've seen her twice since the near-wedding."

"Did she have anything to say about me? Tell me the whole truth, Bobby. I can take it, old man. I'm big enough."

McLaurin frowned. "Since you've asked me, Bill, your mother—I overheard her telling your father that she would never forgive you for the 'utterly shameless, disgraceful scene' you made in church."

"I see," said Dale. He brightened and went on, "As soon as I can get my two friends down to the dining room, Bobby, you're going with me to father. We're going to claim that house and lot for you."

"For Patricia's sake, I've a thundering big notion to take you up," laughed McLaurin. "Your dad would never miss it."

"That's it—take me up for Pat's sake," said Dale, rising. "You'd be foolish if you didn't. You should be willing to do anything, almost, for Pat. She's a jewel, Bobby."

Half an hour later they caught a passing car that soon carried them to a palace of granite and stone and cream-colored brick—the home of the old coal king, John K. Dale.

At the wide front gateway young Dale drew back.

"Bring father out here," he said in a low voice. "From what you told me, I guess mother wouldn't want me to come in. But you can find out about that—"

He hoped his mother would want to see him. While she had never seemed to care for him as other mothers cared for their boys; while she hadn't been quite so dear to him as she might have been—

"And if she wents to see me, Bobby, let me know."

McLaurin smiled a somewhat worried smile, and went up to the front door. A moment later he was shown in. Yet another moment, and John K. Dale, his florid face beaming with gladness, hastened out to the gateway. Young Dale was instantly touched by his father's new attitude toward him; then he remembered the long night of David Moreland's people, and he stiffened a little and drew back a pace.

"You've come home to stay, haven't you, Carlyle?" said the older man, and his voice was filled with pleading. "What you did is all right; we'll never mention it again. You'll stay, won't you, Carlyle, my boy?"

"No," answered the son, a trifle coldly in spite of himself. "I've spent all the idle, useless years I'll ever spend. I'm getting ready to develop the coal in David Moreland's mountain."

"David—Moreland's—mountain!"

The retired coal magnate breathed the three words in a husky tone. He put forth a hand and rested it against one of the huge stone gateposts, as though to steady himself, and some of the color went from his face.

"You say David Moreland's mountain, Carlyle?" jerkily.

"Yes."

"And you—you learned about David Moreland?"

"Yes." Bill Dale folded his arms and stood there looking at his father with eyes that accused.

"You know who killed him?" old Dale muttered.

"I do, and it was a shame—a black shame."

"Yes, it was a shame. Nobody knows that half so well as I know it," said John K. Dale. His mouth quivered. He looked downward, looked up again. "Son, you can never say or think worse things about me than I have said and thought about myself—because of that."

Dale the younger glanced toward the house. Robert McLaurin was coming slowly down the veranda steps. Mrs. Dale was nowhere in sight. She didn't want to see her son; she didn't even want him in the house. Bill Dale read it all in his friend's downcast countenance, and it was somehow a great disappointment.

"You'll need money if you're going to develop that coal property," Dale the elder was saying. "You haven't any money, and those mountain folk haven't any. I'll give you all that's needed. I'll send you mining machinery, and expert mining men; I'll—"

"You Know Who Killed Him?" Old Dale Muttered.

"You needn't," broke in the embittered Bill Dale. "I can get the necessary funds without difficulty. I'll pay the debt myself. You've had a great many years in which to try to make amends, and you haven't done anything. You might have helped the Morelands without their even knowing that it was you—especially as they seem to have known you by another name—and that's the only way you could have helped them. Here you have one reason why I cannot accept assistance from you; don't you see, father? The Morelands wouldn't have it, and I couldn't lie to them."

He motioned to McLaurin, who had halted on the lower veranda step in order that he might not overhear, and turned and walked away. McLaurin followed, and soon overtook him.

Bill Dale stopped suddenly and faced back to his father.

"Remember that Bobby gets his house and lot!"

"Yes," replied John K. Dale, "Bobby gets his house and lot."

He went sadly toward the mansion that seemed to him now a good deal like a tomb. Young Dale touched his friend on the arm.

"Tell me, what did mother say? I know it's going to hurt, but—tell it."

"She was sitting beside an open window in the 'library,'" said McLaurin. "I told her that you were at the gate, and asked if she would like to see you. At first I was afraid she hadn't heard me. Then she opened a book that she was reading, found her place and marked it with a finger, and looked at me.

"'Who did you say was at the gate, Mr. McLaurin?' she asked.

"'Your son Carlyle,' I answered.

"'Mr. McLaurin,' she said to me coldly, 'I want you never to forget this: To me there is no such person on earth as Carlyle Dale.'"

They went downtown in silence.

CHAPTER VII.

Lonesome.

When John Moreland and Ben Littleford had finished their breakfast there in the dining room of the Blaisdell, they drank the water from their fingerbowls, threatened with sudden death the waiter who snickered, and found the way to the lobby.

To Littleford the minutes dragged soddenly. Finally he told Moreland, in a sentence filled with double negatives, that he could bear the suspense no longer, and proposed that they set out at once for Doctor Braemer's hospital. The hotel manager overheard some of the one-sided conversation: he 'phoned the surgeon and learned that the young woman was resting easily, which information he passed on to the mountain men.

Ben Littleford was quiet for five minutes, more or less. Then he again proposed to John Moreland that they go to the hospital to see Babe. Moreland refused flatly, and accompanied his refusal with an unmistakable look of contempt.

"You're as restless as a dawg in a flea town," he told his old enemy, and with that he walked away.

A few minutes later Ben Littleford stole out unnoticed by his neighbor from the Big Pine, and went at a brisk gait up the street. Moreland found it out shortly afterward; he followed the Littleford chief hotfoot, and overtook him. Trust your hill dweller to note landmarks when he goes into the town territory — Littleford was headed straight for the hospital.

They walked for two blocks in silence. Moreland had assumed the attitude of one who has had the guardianship of an irresponsible person thrust upon him. But soon he softened somewhat.

"I shore cain't onderstand, Ben," he drawled, "how Bill Dale ever could bear it to live here."

"I wonder," Littleford said absent-mindedly, as though he had not heard, "whar Bill Dale is at? It's mighty durned lonesome without him, ain't it? That was good ham we had for breakfus', John."

"It wasn't ham. It was beef."

"It was ham."

"It was beef."

"It was ha—"

"Don't ye reckon," flared John Moreland, "that I know a dang cow's meat when I see it? It was beef!"

They had halted in the middle of a stream of pedestrians. A policeman crowded his way to them.

"Move on!" he growled.

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Bill Dale was at that moment entering the lobby of the Blaisdell with Robert McLaurin at his side. Dale had just told McLaurin that he meant to go to Cincinnati to borrow money from his wealthy friend Harris. Then McLaurin told Dale something that saved him the journey to Cincinnati.

"You haven't heard about Harris, Bill? I'm sorry, because he would have accommodated you. He went broke a few days ago in the cotton smash. He was here yesterday, and left last night for Cincy."

Dale did not try to conceal his surprise and disappointment. Harris, for all his youth, had been a business marvel.

"I'll have to try somebody here, I guess. But I won't take it from father—mother wouldn't permit it, anyway, if she knew—and there are several other reasons. Queer how a fellow's mother would turn him down like this! Usually, y'know, it's a fellow's mother that sticks by him the longest. . . .

"I wonder where I could find old Newton Wheatley, of the Luther-Wheatley Iron company? I know him, all right. He always liked me, Bobby."

"You'll find him at home," McLaurin answered. "He's out of business, and here all the time now. He might take a shot at coal. Why not 'phone him from here?"

"I'll do that," Dale decided. "Look up my two friends for me, Bobby, will you?"

He was soon speaking to Newton Wheatley. He was brief in stating his wishes. To the question as to why he did not go to his father for funds—well, he had his reasons, and it was rather a private matter. Wheatley, of course, remembered the near-wedding.

The old iron man was silent for what seemed to Dale a very long time. Then his voice came over the wire with an almost ominous calm:

"Who besides you has seen this vein, Carlyle? Anybody that knows coal?"

"Yes, my father," Dale answered quickly. "He went over it years ago. Ask him about the coal in David Moreland's mountain. 'Phone him, and then 'phone me. I'm waiting at the Blaisdell."

Wheatley agreed a little reluctantly.

Dale waited patiently for fifteen minutes. Then the clerk called him to the 'phone. He took up the receiver with boyish eagerness.

Wheatley began cordially: "Your father tells me it is a good proposition, Carlyle, so I'll let you have all the money you'll need. And if you want a good mining man, I know where you can lay your hands on one; also I can furnish you, at half the original cost, all the necessary machinery and accessories. You didn't know the old Luther-Wheatley company dickered in coal as well as iron; eh? Well, it did. Let me see you at three o'clock this afternoon—"

Dale was jubilant. Here was a rare stroke of good fortune. He went to McLaurin—who had not yet found John Moreland and Ben Littleford—and told him about it. McLaurin was almost as happy as Dale over it. A bellboy appeared like a jack-in-the-box in the center of the floor. "Mistoh Cahlyle Dale! Mistoh Cahlyle Dale!"

Dale wheeled. "Well?"

"Wanted immejitly at Doctoh Braemeh's hospittle, suh!"

Dale shook hands with McLaurin and hurried toward the street.

A few minutes later Doctor Braemer met him in the reception room.

"What's wrong, doctor?"

The surgeon beckoned. "Come with me."

He turned and led the way through a long corridor and to a sunny white room where Babe Littleford lay with a bandage about her temples. Ben Littleford was on his knees at his daughter's bedside; he was slowly wringing his big, rough hands and begging piteously to be forgiven.

Babe stared at him a trifle coldly. She had not yet seen the two men who stood in the doorway. Then she interrupted her father:

"You hush, pap, and go away. I'd told ye a hunderd times about fightin' a-bein' murder, and 'specially to us wimmenfolks, and you never would pay any 'tention to me. You hush, pap, and go away. Ef I die, I'll jest haf to die. And ef I die, I shore do want to die in peace. Go way, pap."

"But ye must live, Babe, honey!" Ben Littleford moaned. "Ef you was to die, what'd I do?"

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

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for the next heard of him was at Eagle Grove, where he appeared with three companions. They left the car on the street and for some reason the neighbors became suspicious and phoned Marshal Reynolds who set a watch over the car. The quartette observed they were being watched hence made no attempt to claim the auto. And it turned out they had a very good reason, for in the car were two jugs full of wine, a third one half full and other evidence of an incriminating nature. The parties disappeared and now comes the owner of the automobile wanting possession of the machine. Inasmuch as it was used for the unlawful transportation of liquor it is a question open for discussion as to its being held for the amount of the fine due

Anna Dorr vs. Iowa Valley Sugar Co. of Belmond is an action to collect the sum of $857 claimed to be due for the rent of land for the raising of sugar beets. The land was leased to one Alex Dietrich, who entered upon the same, planted it to beets, but later abandoned the premises; that the defendant took over the same, proceeded w.th the cultivation of the beets with hired labor, who harvested the same and shipped them to the defendant's factory at Belmond.

Dr. Oliver Fay of Des Moines states that for cause of action that he performed a surgical operation upon Mrs. Henry Boge in February, 1918 and that the fair and reasonable value of said services was $250, no part of which has been paid; also that he is the owner of an account of $66 assigned to h m by Dr. L. R. Turner, which he asks to be included in the judgement prayed for.

F. A. Maier, an Eagle Grove merchant, wants judgement against Jake Johnson and Wm. Geissel. For cause of action plaintiff states that he cashed a $200 check executed by Geissel and drawn on the Merchants National bank. Johnson endorsed the check, but when presented for payment the same was refused by the bank.

Last week the board of supervisors appointed C. F. Kurtz justice of the Wall Lake township, the regular justice hav'ng removed or resigned. Since the approach of the hunting season considerable stealing from shacks at the lake has been going on as well as other depredations.

G. H. Steele, Cato Griesy and Pink Treese of Belmond allege they signed a $2,000 note with Ray P. Morris and Alfred Swenson which they later had to pay. They now ask the court to foreclose a mortgage on certain tools, fixtures, etc., to reimburse them.

A su't growing out of an automob.le accident near Cornelia in July when the O'Toole car from Eagle Grove collided with a calf is being brought by John Henneberry against the Fidelity and Casualty of New York. Damages to person and property in the sum of $100 on a certain policy of insurance.

Bessie Butterfield vs. L'llian Aldrich et al is a case from Belmond wherein plaintiff asks for an order of court authorizing her to make a loan of $3,000 for a term of five years to be used for improvements upon the farm jointly owned by parties thereto.

Fred Smith of Belmond is confined in the county jail, being held to the grand jury on an unprintable charge. He will doubtless be sent to Cherokee or Glenwood.

Ira Christie vs. Frank Christie et al is a partition case wherein plaintiff seeks judgement confirming the several shares to the real estate in question and for an equitable division thereof.—Monitor.

LAYING TILE BY GUESS MEANS LOSS TO FARMER

That the actual engineering work done in South Dakota drainage projects in the past three years alone would more than cover the cost of maintaining the whole agricultural engineering project of the State college extension service is shown by figures given in the annual report of R. L. Patty, the extension engineer.

"This, however, is but a small part of the benefit that will come from these farm tile demonstration projects," says Mr. Patty. "In the older states millions of dollars have been wasted in laying tile by guess, in using too small a tile, and in opening the tile at the surface of the ground on a wide plat, expecting one string of tile to make farm of it. This kind of work has all had to be done over a cost, usually greater than the original, as the tile saved 'n taking them up would often not pay for the expense.

"Neighbors living in the vicinity of these demonstration projects in South Dakota are watching them and will not fail to realize that tiling laid on a good grade and checked up after be'ng laid so as to be sure it is on grade, is well worth the extra fee of a reliable engineer. The tiling on these projects is not larger than necessary. It is figured very closely and in some classes was too small for last year, in most cases it is not pratical to put in a main large enough to take care of floods such as those of last year. Very little money will be wasted by land owners in counties having county agents and in which the drainage demonstration is being carried on."

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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HOME TOWN

If everyone born and reared in this town had remained here to make his permanant home, we should be a town of many hundreds, more population than we now number.

On the other hand, cities and towns elsewhere that have attracted our youth would never have been founded, perhaps, and America would remain as it was in pioneer days—a great continent with few scattered cities—all too large, all over-congested.

But the opportunity that calls men away from their native home keeps the great movement alive, with the result that prat cally every corner of America has in it a representative of Belmond.

However the home town always has its interests for the people who needed the call to go elsewhere, and news of its progress and the doings of its people is welcome news to the natives and former resident, wherever he may now be located.

Correspondence, however faithful, cannot cover all the news and gossip, and seldom deals with more than family affairs. The perfect medium, of course, is the home town newspaper, which prints all the news of all the people. Some of these items, while of limited interest to you, might be of great interest to one away from home.

There is now a nation-wide movement on foot, sponsored by the National Editorial Association and other agencies, in which this paper is taking part, looking to a stimulation of interest 'n the Home Town Paper.

To do our part, we are this week offering an extra copy of The Independent to every subscriber with the request that he send it to a relative or friend out of town. This extra copy is free for the asking by writing or by calling at this office. Or if preferred, we w'll send free copies to such former residents as you may designate.

THINGS TO BE DONE IN OCT.

Destroy Grasshopper Eggs.

Now is the time to deal the grasshopper pest a telling blow. Disc, or preferably plow, land which is known to harbor hopper eggs before the ground freezes. When treated in this manner but few of the eggs w'll survive the winter.

Cows Should Freshen Now

Cows should freshen this month if the cream check is to reach its maximum during the coming winter months. The cow should be dry for six weeks, at least, before freshening. The calf should be taught to drink before it is three days old and should receive from eight to twelve pounds of whole milk per day, preferably from the dam. A calf under three weeks old w'll not do well on skim-milk and will after that age only when supplemented by grain ration.

Dig Out Barberry.

To save next years wheat crop, the common barberry should be distroyed this month, before the ground freezes In many cases the barberry bushes have been hacked off above ground but the roots still live. If the roots are not dug up now they will sprout again next spring when the farm work will be too heavy to permit of digging them. In the spring the black stem rust infection leaves the barberry and goes to the small grains All preventive work should be done before this stage is reached.

Look Over The Drainage Syestem

October is the month to look over the tile drainage syestems to see that they are going into the winter in good shape and will be ready for business early in the spring. The cutlet of each system should be absolutely clear of any obstruction. If there is an open ditch at the outlet it should be burned out clean this fall so that little snow will lodge in it during the winter. Snow blowing into a small open ditch becomes ice before spring and this ice must melt out before the the ditch will open up to full carr'ng capacity.

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WINTER LECTURE COURSE NOW ARRANGED

County Banks Long Way From Being "Busted"

Statements Of Various Banks Of County Show They Are In Good Condition

DEPOSITS OF OVER 6,500,000

The News had an article last week giving the total deposits of the various banks of the county, which figured up to six and one-half million dollars. The totals as given by the News, for the respective towns, was as follows:

Clarion	$1,578,625.66
Eagle Grove	1,752,435.66
Dows	1,066,265.84
Goldfield	615,079.98
Belmond	815,041.67
Woolstock	365,465.99
Rowan	319,236.68
Galt	92,378.34
Total for county	$6,945,589.82

This does not include deposits or "bills payable, rediscounts," of the private bank at Galt and the private bank at Holmes, but does include both items of the Bank of Clarion, a private bank.

From the looks of this statement the banks of Wright county may be short of ready cash but they are a long, long ways from being broke or even bent.

COURT HOUSE ITEMS

News: District court convenes in Clarion Monday morning (this week) and a busy session is expected, the docket being filled with civil suits and there are several criminal cases docketed which will occupy considerable time if they are tried.

The center of interest on the criminal docket is the prosecution of John Berg, the Belmond bank defaulter whose illness gained for him a continuance at the May term. Unless something unforseen occurs this case will probably be set for trial early in the session.

Other criminal cases up are the State against Herbert Bige, Roy Fortune and Oscar Jones, alleged to have robbed the Wheeler store at Woolstock and the Charlston & Holt clothing store at Goldfield.

The State against Pauline Knuth, alleged accomplice of the man who stole the Middleton truck at Eagle Grove last spring, is also on the docket.

Manuel Lopez and Nellie Tunnell of Dows, charged with adultry, are also facing trial, as is George Moore charged with having stolen some harness; Merle Snyder and Alva Vinton, charged with theft of tires at Eagle Grove. Arthur Rasmussen, who is alleged to have stolen the family automobile, is also facing trial for the theft, his father having signed the information.

Liquor cases likely to be heard are those of the State against Harry Jackson, charged with selling; Clarence Martin, illegal transportation, Perle Nelson, "nuisance," John Matthews "nuisance," John Ruhl, "nuisance."

W. V. Johnson is charged with forgery and N. H. Murphy, a check artist from Eagle Grove, also facing trial.

Oscar Crawford faces trial for assault on "Dr." Boyd, late of Clarion. The case grew out of Crawford's energetic method of collecting a "loan" made to the doctor, who had his choice of paying or taking a whipping. He paid with a check, which later was not honored for lack of funds, and he had Crawford arrested. Crawford also appeals from the Mayor's court of Clarion on a gambling charge.

Clerk Goslin says 150 new cases are on the docket this term of court —a record breaker. At least 100 of them are dinky suits on notes and accounts. A few are suits arising out of the land boom and speculative craze.

HOME TOWN PAPER WEEK

Every Four Corners has its Home Town week now-a-days, but all the boys and girls who have wandered from the Township Center cannot get back to enjoy the loved surroundings. But all can subscribe to the old home town paper and thus keep well in touch with the little spot they once called home.

What joy to run over the school promotions and find that the tots of a few years ago are moving higher and higher in scholastic circles and eventually blossom forth as the "sweet girl graduates," or the clean strong boys discarding knickers.

Just watch that hardened old city codger open up his home paper—it is the first thing he picks out of his bunch of mail—and what can he find there to interest him? Angus McGugan's horse died yesterday; Peter McGregor will run for the county clerkship; Horace Jell hopes to win the secretaryship of the Hilltown agricultural society; Lydia Munger has opened a millinery store in one side of the printing office; Mrs. Brown lost her hand satchel in the butchery; Dr. Dorland is attending Clara Brown who is down with a severe cold; Mrs. Plater broke her ankle an is in the county hospital.

Yet though he smiles at the old-time styles and expressions he enjoys it all over and over again, for it takes his mind back home where his wonderful boyhood days—happy days—were spent.

PREDICTS COAL FAMINE COMING

Washington, D. C., Oct. 6.—The gravest coal crisis confronting the nation in years is due within the next sixty days, experts forecast today.

Nothing short of coal famine during the winter faces the middle west and northwest, which are supplied by the bituminous coal fields, according to present indications.

The weekly production of bituminous coal has been nearly 2,500,000 tons short of normal. When the "rush season" begins, which will be about the middle or end of October, railroads will not have enough cars to move coal, it is predicted.

"From then on it will be a question of transportation," Said John E. Pratt, of the National Coal association, today. "There has been a shortage of cars for the past three years. There is no possibility of the railroads getting enough cars to supply the demand for winter coal. In the middle west and the northwest it will be impossible to relieve the suffering that will result. The householder will be affected as well as industries.

"There will not be enough coal moved to keep street car and electric light plants going.

"Prices always rise when there is a shortage in any commodity," he added.

NO DANCES FOR BABIES AT LAKE MILLS

All young men under the age of 21 years will henceforth be prohibited from attending public dances in Lake Mills, as will also young ladies who are under the age of 18.

The city council of that place at a recent meeting passed an ordinance requiring promotors of public dances to secure a license and defining the regulations of same, with a charge for the license of $6.00.

The ordinance requires a number of things, and regulates the hours in which dances may be held, the age of the young people who may attend, the conduct of the dancers who do attend, and in every way possible puts a ban on the old time dance where "anything goes."

"Comment on the new regulations all seem to simmer down to the opinion that the young folks at public dances have brought the "verdict of the court" upon themselves thru their actions at dances and the liberties they have taken at them in the past.

Boys and girls become accustomed to going thru "antics" at public dances that a few years ago would have been considered absolutely immoral, the new dances and liberties becoming so common that many young folks enter into them for the reason that "everybody's doing it." No more of it at Lake Mills say the city authorities.

Community Club To Hold Food Sale Saturday

Club Ladies Will Have Many Good Things For Your Sunday Dinner

AT THE LIBRARY BASEMENT

The finance committee of the Community Club will hold a food sale in the basement of the library on Saturday of this week, Oct. 8, the sale beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

There will be many good things you can buy, your whole Sunday dinner, for instance, and save yourself a great deal of work. There will be on sale meat loaf, baked beans, salad dressing, dutch cheese, white bread, brown bread, doughnuts, white cookies, oatmeal cookies, cakes, pies, eggs, cream and a host of other "eats" that will be made and baked by the best cooks in Wright county bar none.

Only half of the club members are being solicited this time, the other half being solicited at some later date.

The Community Welfare Club is doing many things for the betterment of the community, and deserves the most hearty co-operation of the entire community in their efforts. Be on hand Saturday and do your bit to boost them all you can, and secure for yourself some of the good things that will be on sale.

BUICK DRIVER IN RIERSON ACCIDENT MAY SUE

The following item taken from the Humboldt Republican, will be of interest to local people, as it concerns one of the parties connected with the unfortunate and untimely death of Eddie Rierson recently:

W. G. Grader, the man who was driving the Buick car in the recent auto mishap south of Humboldt, in which the man from Thor was killed has stated that he will ask damages of the Northern Iowa Gas and Power Company for the damage done his car. Mr. Grader states that he was driving on the right side of the road where he should be, and that he had given plenty of roadway to the other parties to the mishap. He feels that he should be recompensed for his loss and expects to make such request through the court.

We have also heard it hinted that there was talk of the relatives of the man who was killed in the mishap asking damages. The whole matter seems to us to be a knotty problem. There was certainly some one to blame for the death and destruction and opinions differ as to the guilty party.—Humboldt Republican.

W. V. POLMATEER

W. V. Polmateer passed away at the old soldiers home in Marshalltown last Thursday. He had been ill for several years, but not bedfast until the last few months. Dropsy and heart trouble made his last days very trying. He was cared for at home until a few weeks since when he was removed to the Old Soldiers home for special treatment. He seemed to improve under new treatment, but this was only for the time. His death removes a respected pioneer, a brave vetern of the Civil war, a genial neighbor and friend— a man devoted to his home. The funeral was under the auspices of the American Legion—a military funeral—fitting services in memory of the deceased. His burial was from the home in Glenwood cemetery Saturday afternoon. The family bereaved are his wife, one daughter Mrs. Dan Matheson of Goldfield and three sons, Lou of Luverene, Minn., Ira of Stilson, Texas, and C. A. of this place.—Monitor.

W. H. Adams and wife expect to leave the last of this week for their future home in Ohio. Belmond citizens will hate to see them leave, for they have been among our most prominent and progressive citizens.

THOMPSON-PATTERSON

At 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning, Sept. 29, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson, 123 So. 13th St., Ft. Dodge occured the marriage of Miss Maude Elder Thompson to Mr. O. R. Patterson of San Marcos, Texas. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. U. Leinbach, pastor of the Sands Memorial Congregational church at Belmond. The ceremony was witnessed by members of the immediate family and a few close friends. Following the ceremony the couple left on the 10:55 train for Chicago, where they will spend a few days. They will return to Ft. Dodge where they will visit, and spend a few days at various points in Iowa before going to their future home at San Marcos, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of the Belmond high school, the Iowa State Teachers College and the University of Chicago. For two years she taught in the Iowa State Teachers College, during which time she did extension work thruout the state. For the past two years she has been the director of the home economics department of the Southwest Texas State Normal college at San Marcos.

Mr. Patterson is a young business man of San Marcos, interested in the wholesale grocery business. He and his bride will be at home after November 1 at San Marcos.

Out of town guests who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Elder and daughter Marion, an Rev. Leinbach, of Belmond; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spooner and children of Storm Lake.

The Independent takes the greatest of pleasure in joining with the many Belmond friends in extending the best of wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

OLD TIME BELMOND BUSINESS MAN DIES

The following clipping from the Pocohantus Democrat tells of the recent death at that place of D. W. Colvin, who will be remembered by a number of Belmond people as having been a business man here many years ago, where he ran a restaurant. The Democrat says in part:

D. W. Colvin passed away at his home in the west part of town last Friday afternoon. He had been in poor health and a few weeks ago was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia and in his weakened condition was unable to withstand the severity of that dreded disease.

David William Colvin was born at Waterford, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1866 and died at his home in Pocohantus, Iowa Sept 23, 1921 at the age of 55 years and 23 days. He was united in marriage to Hattie Forrest at Waterford Ohio in March 1887. After 34 years this happy union was broken by the death of Mrs. Colvin. The parting however, was not long, for he was preceeded by her only 5 months and 23 days.

In the fall of 1900 the deceased came to Pocohantus to continue in the mercantile trade and for seventeen years of continuous business establish-ed in this community a record of lean, honest integrity.

About four years ago his health was broken, gradually he failed until silently without a struggle he responded to the summons and the spirit took its flight.

The funeral was held from the home here and services were conducted in the M. E. church and at the grave.

KEEP EVERLASTINGLY AT IT.

The writer does not claim to know how to conduct a store, but we do know that it requires publicity to conduct one successfully. If the merchants will all dress their windows so they will remind the winter shopper that he or she read an advertisement that corresponded with the window in the current issue of the Independent that window shopper will, almost invariable, become a customer —perhaps not always all of the goods mentioned in the ad, are shown in the window, but he or she will have been "doubly reminded" and will at least make some inquiries When inquiries begin to come, the advertisement has done its duty, and salesmanship must be resorted to.

HIGH SCHOOL ARRANGES FOR FINE PROGRAM

Season Tickets Now On Sale And Town Should Buy And Boost For The School

BATTLE WITH KANAWHA

Two Ancient Rivals To Scrap Again On Ball Diamond Here Friday P. M.

October 20—Alton Packard, Cartoonist.

Dec. 15—Stone Platt, Musical.

Jan. 16—Fine Arts, Musical.

Feb. 24—John Rato, Impersonator.

These four high class numbers will be given at the high school auditorium at a cost of $400.00. Season tickets are now on sale at $1.50 each. These tickets are transferable. It has been our endeavor to bring something worth while to Belmond this winter and we will need the loyal support of all. We could have engaged cheaper talent, but we believe that quality not quantity is desired.

When the high school students call on you, be ready to get your season tickets. Show them that you believe in bringing good clean entertainment to Belmond for all.

Friday, Oct. 7, the Belmond high school will play Kanawha at 4:00. You

Fine Arts, Musical

know what the Kanawha town team did to the locals the last few games this summer. Well, our high school boys are out for Belmond's record of clean hard playing and they expect to show the Kanawha boys that Belmond can play ball.

If you want to see a good clean game, be at the ball park Friday afternoon. Our boys deserve your support this fall fully as much as the town team did this summer.

The more you boost for the boys, the better they play. This game will probably be the last game of the season on the home diamond.

BE A BOOSTER—COME OUT!

Belmond H. S. succeeded in trouncing Corwith a second time to a tune of 8 to 5. After allowing Corwith a lead of five scores in the early part of the game by loose playing, our boys tightened and came back strong in the 6th. They tied to score and in the seventh scored three more runs. The game was full of thrills from start to finish. The brilliant fielding and spectacular hitting of the locals was well worth seeing.

NORMAL TRAINING CLUB

The first meeting of the Normal Training club was held Saturday evening at the high school Alma Ruka was re-elected president, Ennis Allen vice president, and Elaine Rierson as secretary and treasurer. The following standing committees were appointed:

Refreshment: Frances Baker, Minnie Madson, Ennis Allen.

Program: Grace Allen, Mildred Parsons, and Elaine Rierson.

Look-out: Ethyl Thompson, Leona Rierson, Inez Boughton.

After the business meeting an informal discussion of teaching problems was held, followed by a social meeting and refreshments. A number of new members were present.

Every member should plan to be pesent at the next meeting which will be in three weeks.

Dr. Ayres of Columbia University, New York, has made a study of the spelling ability of several thous-

John Ratto, Impersonator

and children in about one hundred schools of the United States, from the one room rural school to the city schools of New York. As a result of his study, he has tabulated a number of words and the percent that pupils of different grades should make in taking the test. If they have average spelling ability.

This test was given the grade pupils the latter part of last week by Supt. Fyler, and the results show that as far as spelling ability is concerned we have some 4th and 5th grade pupils who could be classified as seventh and eighth grades, and we also find that some of the seventh and eighth graders have only the spelling ability of the 4th or 5th grades, according to the Ayres standard. These pupils with low spelling ability will need to work harder, and get up to standard. Tests will be given again next semester, using different words.

Pupils Having 90 per cent Or More

Third grade: Lucile Groen, 100.

Fourth: Adaline Amblie 97; Donald Buchanan 93; Loraine L'ewen 95; Max Elder 95; Ronald Purcell 96; Muriel Luick 91; Theodore Johnson 90.

Fifth: Everett Pierce 91; Esther Jones 95; Henry Johnson 93; Lily Williams 93; Randall Klemme 95; Alberta Starnes 95; Mildred Jacobson 99; Lois Pech 99; Helen Luick 95; Pauline Peterson 100; Urseline McGuire 97.

Sixth: Bernard Buchanan 96; Deloris Dempsey 97; Lucile Dochterman 99; Richard Gowdy 96; Clair Hill 97; Burdette House 95; Wilma Lang 93; Marcella Leavy 99; Margaret Leavy 99; Harriet Martin 96; Ruth Ramsay 96; Orland Rierson 97; Mildred Stapley 95; Pearl Veeder 99.

Seventh: Leroy Eaton 91; Letha Guest 97; Anna Skaar 100; Thurston Larsen 97; Joseph Kelley 100.

Eighth: Gerald Barry 96; Wendell Quinlin 99; Ethel Hedges 100; Ruth Hill 100; Edward Milligan 96; Sylvia Chapman 100; **Elaine Moe 100**; Fay Jenison 100; Ida Steenblock 100; David Tyrrell 99; Bernice House 100; Beatrice Strieby 97; Lucile Legge 97;

Alton Packard

Mary Quinlin 100; Ruth Jones 97; Joseph Skaar 97; Joseph Sprenzel 92, Muriel Amblie 97; Kenneth Nourse 99; Shirley Brooks 100; Rena Groen 100; Eugene Thorman 93; Roger Leinbach 97; Albert Martin 99; Al-

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of the new quarter and we are back to normal but we hope to raise it way above that po'nt this quarter. Let us make it the best quarter of the year. We can do it if we will but try.

The Ladies Aid will meet in the church parlors Wednesday to tie comforts. Prof. Critchley of Ellsworth College will be here on Oct. 16 to give the Passion Play which he was privileged to see in 1910. People go from all over the world to see the pictures which were taken while it was being enacted. Put this date on your calander and be there with a good big silver offering which will go for the spread of the Gospel in other lands.

Services for next Sunday are—Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services under the guidance of the young people at 7:30. Miss Marjorie Williams will be the leader.

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg.	Address	Twps.
99-1	W. M. Coons,	Goldfield,	Boone Liberty.
99-2	J. K. Baker,	Eagle Grove—	Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff,	Woolstock—	Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick,	Dows—	Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers,	Belmond—	Pleasant, Belmond Norway Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin,	Clarion—	Dayton, Lake Grant Lincoln Wall Lake Clarion

Rapidly the work of high prices goes on—weaning the public away from meat. What if meat should never come back after the people have become accustomed to something else?

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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TEN PAGES AND 1,100 CIRCULATION.

The Independent this week comes to you in its new form: ten pages and eleven hundred circulation. That is what it will be each week henceforth, an we hope to increase the circulation to 1,200 before many months have gone by.

The Independent has now the largest circulation of any newspaper that has ever been published in Belmond. Naturally the whole force feels more or less proud of that fact, and will endeavor to make the Independent a better newspaper all around.

The extra pages for the Meservey section do not take away from the usual amount of reading that the Independent has carried, but instead adds the two extra pages to each issue, making that much more reading matter for our subscribers. If you have relatives or friends at Meservey, the Meservey section will interest you, and whether you have or not the news contained in the two extra pages will often be of interest in a variety of other ways.

The Meservey people who will receive the Independent, will be getting their home news, more of it, and in addition the eight regular pages that the Independent carries each week, so that they will have the best news medium in their section of the country.

The Belmond business man and the Belmond merchant gets an additional circulation of several hundred from which to draw trade—for the circulation which has been added to the Indepenent is local, not foregin; over 90 per cent of the added circulation is within 15 miles of Belmond, and a large share of the 90 per cent is much closer than that. Of the entire circulation of the Independent, the publisher guarantees that 90 per cent is within Belmond's trading radius.

The Meservey business man is given the opportunity to reach the same number of people whom he previously reached thru the Register, and in addition many more who are within his trading territory. While the entire circulation of the Independent may not be of advantage to him, he nevertheless will reach many more than he has been reaching.

The publisher sincerely hopes that both towns will be given better service and satisfaction; that the readers of both places will be given more news and the advertisers a larger field; unless this is so, our object and plans will have been in vain.

THE TIGHTNESS OF THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR"

That money is tight is no news; neither is it more than the smallest child knows. But the fact that it is tight has many peculiar angles and interesting features.

The writer, in talking with Rufus Morse recently, heard an unusual tale. Rufus has been acting as traveling agent for a map company during his summer vacation from college, and he told of selling a map to each of two of the most prominent attorneys in the city of Cedar Rapids. When he came to deliver them, the attorneys looked up their bank balance and found that they didn't have the price, $3.95. They asked for two weeks time to pay.

A local merchant told the writer on last Saturday that his business was running a hundred dollars a day and better, making three thousand a month total sales. This was the cash business; the book accounts were not included. His trade is partly town, partly country, with a smattering in the nearby towns.

A local business man went into the country one day recently to collect an even eight hundred dollars. He drove all day and collected exactly eight dollars.

One merchant said that the so-called "dead beets" were his best cash customers right now—they had to pay cash and pay promptly, or there was nothing doing.

A near-by banker said the savings accounts at his bank had increased 25 per cent in the past six mosths. Another said that during the war they never had more than a few dollars in pennies in the vault, and now they had almost $150 in pennies that had been brought n.

It took one business man here three months to collect a $12 account from a sound, well-established firm. They simply couldn't spare the cash.

There is a heap of money in this country, that goes without saying, but nobody in this part of the timber appears to have any. Where is it? In the hands of the big bugs in the East. And they propose to hold on to it. To let any of it go would be to let the farmers get ahold of some, and that is the last thing that they desire. The farmer can't get any money; he therefore won't buy more than he has to have; **he can't pay his** debts. banks don't get any money there, the merchant can't borrow because the banks haven't the coin, the business falls off all around and every fellow stalls off the next one. It's a great life if you don't weaken, but this merry-go-round has got to stop sometime, and the outlook right now from different sources seems to indicate that it was running out of steam and a new ride was about to commence.

Here's hoping, anyway. Co-operation and mutual help will bring the country thru all right, and the calamity howler is out of place; you never make friends nor bring business by hollering and complaining.

CLIPPINGS

While Jake DeWald was putting gas in a car a few evenings ago Jake Groh lit a match to see how much they had and an explos on followed. They were forunate in smothering the flames but Mr. De Wald burned one of his hands very badly while helping put them out. —Reporter.

John Wenzel left last Wednesday evening for Swea City for a visit at the home of a brother residing there. Accompained by this brother they will visit another brother in Minnesota. Dur ng his absence Lou Baldridge of Belmond is assisting in the meat market.—Reporter.

Mrs. Patrick Knare of Winthrop, Minnesota, arrived last week for a visit at the home of her father G. H. Lee, but found the home quarantined. Mr. Lee took his daughter to Belmond for a few days stay.—Monitor.

John Schipull and wife of Goldfield, Rudolph Schipull and wife of LuVerne, and Con Nissen and family of Belmond were Sunday visitors at the Fred Schipull home. John and Rudolph are Fred's nephews.—Signal.

Upon complaint of Charles G. Evans a warrant of arrest was issued for Glen Miller last week charged with stealing turkeys from the complaint's farm. He was captured by Sheriff A. B. Atkinson near Emmetsburg and arraigned in Justice D. W. Parks' court and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.—Hampton Recorder.

A fellow who has been taking on an over-supply of undertakers delight, was standing at a street intersetion when a policeman happened along. "I shay, Mister policeman, can you tell me where the corner is where I turn wesht?" "You are standing on it," said the man of law and the knowledge of bootlegers. "By gawsh thas right," answered the inebriate, "no dawgone wonder I couldn't find it."—Exchange.

In our items from the Signal of twenty years ago which are published this week, the news of Fred Blackstone being made secretary of the local school board appears. Fred has been secretary all these years, and is still hold'ng the job. He has devoted much time to the duties of this officeand the salary connected with it will scarcely pay for the electric lights he has used for school board meetings.—Reporter.

The hog sale last Wednesday was quite a success. Messrs. Ray Durant, Christ'an Rasmussen and Walter Kester offered thirty spring boars and ten spring gilts of the Duroc breed, and most of them sold at fair prices. Some of them sold well and others went at less than they should have sold for. The gentleman who held the sale are satisfied with their sale. If they did not get as much money as they should, they are helping to bu'ld up better herds in this neighborhood, as most of the offerings went to local buyers.—Reporter.

No Subsitute Offered.

Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, when the best medicine for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know from what their customers say of it, that it can be depended upon.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy. --

October Opportunities

October finds the new season well under way and women busily assembling their Autumn Wardrobes in earnest. We have fallen in with their buying plans and arranged for October a month replete with exceptional opportunities for securing sound values in quality merchandise.

Plush Coats

Just received a beautiful line of plushes in all styles and lengths, fur trimmed and plain, exceptional values at

$14.75 to $55.00

Coats and Wraps

We are showing an exceptional handsome line of cloth Coats and wraps in all the latest styles and materials. It will surely pay you to look them over before buying as we have marked them very reasonable at

$16.50 to $200.00

Dresses

Our line of Dresses is so large that it is impossible for us to go into detail. We have them in all the latest styles and fabrics. We are sure that you will be able to find what you have in mind for your fall wardrobe and at prices that are reasonable.

$14.75 to $69.50

All of our other lines consisting of Skirts, Blouses, Sweaters, Petticoats, Bloomers and Millinery are now at their best so we advise early selection.

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Take our word for it, if you are buying a suit or a dress, you will find here far more value than our innate modesty will permit us to claim. And that's the truth!

Winter Coats $18.75 to $38.75

In this group are found many handsome, natty coats. Velours and American Bolivias. Many are fur trimmed.

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Do You Know The Advantages Of Your Town

Local Man Writes Interesting History Of Meservey And Its Business Houses

MORE HOMES ARE NEEDED

Meservey has a population of about 300, has a 24 hour electric light service, and water works system. Has well kept lawns and substantial homes. It has never been strong for free advertising through newspapers and ther sources, being contented to be what we are instead of making people believe what we are not. It business men and citizens are contented and prosperous, are inclined to be more godly than ungodly. We have few knockers and those that remain are well known and little attention is paid to them. Our business men believe that too many in the same line of business is not good for the customer so one business place of each kind is the rule except that we have two general stores. Most all of our business firms have been long established which proves that they are prosperous and gave their customers the most for their money.

The H. J. Klemme Lumber Company and the Meservey elevator have been under the same ownership since the 80's. The Farmers Savings Bank has practically the same directors and officers since its organization in 1904. H. Fischer started in business in Meservey in 1899. In 1908 he purchased the Daylight store from D. Mosher who had run the business since 1892. The Hulsebus Muller store was started by T. S. Hulsebus in 1898. E. A. Strasburg has been in the drug business here since 1907. Dr. Agler has been here about the same length of time. C. J. Wendel, our hardware man, has been in business about two years taking the business over from H. K. Pals, who started the business in 1907 with H. Fischer as his pardner, C. E. Brogan has been with what is now the Moore Grain Company for about 14 years. G. E. Raecker has had charge of the Meservey garage for the past 8 years. Heinie has kept our citizens looking more respectable for the past 8 years and says his razors are always sharp and never pull. H. A. Kofoed has been in the meat business here for over 5 years. Meservey has no creamery but is well supplied with cream stations. C. E. Brogan buys for the Lindenhurst Dairy, H. A. Kofoed for E. B. Higley, and Henry Proost for the Fairmont Creamery. M. A. Smith has had charge of the postoffice for the past 8 years. The rest of our business firms are somewhat younger. Harry T. Smith runs the blacksmith shop, Paul Willer repairs shoes and L. Jones feeds the hungry. Our newest business firm deals in old army shoes, selling them for 25 cents to$1.50 per pair.

It is very seldom that we have a vacant house. Just now one dwelling has been vacant for two weeks. What we need is more homes. Meservey extends an invitation, to those who wish to retre and others, to come and build homes to suit themselves. You are more than welcome.

LOCAL FOLKS VISIT THE "LITTLE BROWN CHURCH"

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wade, Lloyd Ulrich and the Misses Lauen of Klemme and Jennie Meinderts of Meservey motored to "the Little Brown Church in the Vale" on Sunday. While there they attended the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Edward Lee of Bradford.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CIRCLE MEETS TUESDAY

The Young Women's Missionary Circle met at the home of Mrs. Lauster last Tuesday evening. A good number were present and a fine meeting was enjoyed. Refreshments were served and all report a splendid time.

SCHOOL NOTES

There will be a Community Meeting Friday evening, at the Methodist church, which has been rented by the school for programs, community **gatherings, lectures, etc. There will be a program given by the high** school.

Everybody is invited..

The girls' basket ball team journeyed to Thornton and received a decisive defeat at the hands of the Thornton team to the tune of 5 to 3. One small Ford was very heavily loaded, conaining several people of prominence in Meservey high school.

The Meservey scrubs are going to cross bats with the Thornton base ball team at Meservey next Friday.

The students of the Meservey high school are getting their books one by one. It is thought they will have them all by the end of the year.

Mrs. Henry Braiter visited the high school Tuesday morning.

The Physics class are patiently waiting for their apparatus so they can perform some experiments.

Three of our Sophomore boys have evidently lost all hopes, they are taking Domestic Science.

JUNIOR HIGH

Gilbert Koehler and Wilbur Smith were on the absent list Monday.

The Grammar room met in regular session last Friday afternoon and drafted their constitution.

The first month of school is past. Next week will see tests given and reports made.

Henry and Harry Boelman were absent last Friday.

Be sure and attend the Parent-Teacher meeting Friday evening.

5TH AND 6TH GRADES

The 5th and 6th grades have new histories.

Plans are being made in the 5th and 6th grades for a program on Hallowe'en.

3RD AND 4TH GRADES

The pupils of the 3rd and 4th grades are making new borders for Hallowe'en.

Visitors in the 3rd and 4th grades room the first month were: Mrs. C. J. Janssen, Mrs. A. J. Nissen, Mrs. O. Strasburg, Mrs. E. G. Thomas, Mrs. C. J. Wendel, Mrs. J. Nissen, Mrs. H. Rief Mrs. S. Fischer and Miss D. Grace Wilson.

The fourth grade children are making Indian villages.

PRIMARY ROOM

The parents of the children in the primary room are asked to send the children to school as much as possible and not let them stay out unless it is absolutely necessary. A half day holiday is given to the room which has the best attendance and the Primary room seldom fails to get it.

The Primary room expects to give an operetta in the near future.

A HUMAN INTEREST STORY

Good news for hunters: the almost extinct prairie chickens are getting more plentiful.

Christ Christensen, a tiler on the L. Janssen farm three miles north of Meservey, claims to have the only pet prairie chicken in the state.

During the hot summer months when water was scarce Christensen noticed that a prairie chicken followed his work closely apparently trying to get moisture out of the dirt thrown out of the ditch, so the next day at noon he brought a dish and watered his pet, and at noon he divided his dinner with it. The chicken is now so tame that he can be petted, roosts on the car fender, and keeps Mr. Christensen company during his hard labors in the tile ditch. When a stranger approaches Mr. Chicken is as wild as it ever was.

Prairie chickens are protected by law until 1922.

Potatoes:

Minnesota U. S. Grade No. 1. Price about $1.45 a bushel.—Hulsebus-Muller Co., Meservey.

Cream 45 at Meservey.

It is believed that the large number of marriage licenses taken out recently is caused by the financial depression—some must believe that two can live as cheaply as one. Someone might work this problem in Alegebra. Let X - 2, etc.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Meservey Register comes to you this week in its new form, combined with the Belmond Independent. How do you like it? We hope that you will like it, and that you will co-operate with the publisher and the Meservey correspondent and business manager, in making the Register a better and more newsy paper.

Instead of the four pages of the old Register, you are now getting ten pages, and we believe that you will find as much or more home news in the Register this week as you have ever had in the old paper. To make the Register a better paper we must ask your co-operation. We want you to have the best possible paper with the largest possible amount of home news, and if you will help us and the Meservey correspondent and business manager, you will get it.

To those business men and citizens of Meservey who have co-operated with us in arranging the various matters incidental to the change in ownership, we desire to express our thanks. They have aided us in every posible way and we are sincerely grateful.

Those business men who are on the advertising contract will be given the best possible service and attention. That any others, who are not on but who may wish to join, the publisher will extend the time to Nov. 1 in which they can come in at the same rates that those now on are enjoying. After that date the occasional advertiser cannot expect as good a rate as the man who is signed up.

Help us and we'll help you. Nothing can be accomplished without co-operation, and upon your co-operatin we depend to give you a paper worth while.

WHO HAS THE BUSINESS?

"Heinie" the barber has full charge of all the business end of the Register at Meservey. He will handle all advertisements, job work and all subscriptions. Heinie will have a telephone just as soon as he gets squared around, so that he can be reached any time of day.

Mr. Rief is authorized to make any arrangements for your advertising, or for your job printing, and he wants your subscription to the Register. He will tell you all about it if you ask him, and Heinie can talk, too, if you have ever noticed.

The publisher feels that in Mr. Rief the man was found to fill the place. He will collect the copy for the Meservey ads, solicit the job work and attend to both new and renewal subscriptions.

Give your ads and job work to Mr. Rief. He will guarantee you that your business will receive prompt attention and that you will receive the best of work.

WHO HAS THE NEWS?

Miss Jennie Meinderts, at the telephone office, has full charge of all the Meservey news, ad we believe you will say, by the amount of items in the Meservey section this week, that she is a good one to have in charge.

But Miss Meinderts cannot secure all the news from your home town, no matter how hard she tries, and the readers of the Register can help her a great deal by telling her of any news that they know, by phoning it to her or writing. The Register wants to give you ALL the news, not part, and with your co-operation that is what will be done. A little help goes a long ways, sometimes, and means a great deal. You can be of assistance both to Miss Meinderts and the publisher if you will help to get the news. Every society and club should have the news of their meetings in the Register, as should the various church societies and fraternal societies.

Send, phone or tell the news to Miss Meinderts. Thank you!

ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Fredrick visited with relatives at Belmond Sunday.

Earnest Strasburg of Meservey was a caller in town Sunday.

Mrs. John Bonte has been spending the past week at the home of her son Rev. George Bonte at Ackley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and children were visitors at Iowa Falls last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Braden of Dows were Sunday visitors at the L. C. Peters' home.

Mrs. Anna Bonte and little daughter Virginia of Meservey were callers in town the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jesse and Nellie were visitors at Ackley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and family visited with relatives at Latimer Sunday evening.

Merle Hansen was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Miss Emma Eckmeyer spent the last of the week with relatives at Sheffield.

Harry Minders of Geneva was a caller in this vicinity several days the past week.

Fred L. Greenfield attended the Northwest Iowa conference at Storm Lake last week.

Miss Lillie Cornwell was shopping at Hampton Saturday.

Miss Addie Larsen was having dental work done at Belmond last Friday.

Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and son Cecil and Mrs. Chas. Winwood visited with relatives at Iowa Falls Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder were callers at Belmond the last of the week.

Mr. Evans of Swea City was transacting business at Alexander several days last week.

While playing at school Monday little Richard Arends had the misfortune of falling and in some way breaking the bone in his leg. The best of care was summoned and he is getting along nicely at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. Mohr and son Arthur were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorn Arends and family were Belmond callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen and sons Elmer and Wilbur were visitors at the W. C. Tucker home at Hampton last week.

Mrs. Inez Whitten of Thornton was a caller at Alexander last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and their daughter Leona of Hampton visited with relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and children visited with relatives at Hampton Sunday.

Earl Madson of Belmond was a business caller in town the first of the week.

Paul Knupp was a caller at Belmond Sunday.

FIRE PREVENTION TIME

The papers are full of fire prevention news and ideas now, and it would seem a good idea when the annual loss by fires in the country is considered. Cleaning up the rubbish, old boxes and papers from the back yard, the store building and the house cellar or basement may mean the saving of the business or the home.

The property loss each year runs into the millions of dollars, a large part of which could be saved by the use of a little labor and cleaning up of the truck which accumulates around any place more or less. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and the time to prevent is now.

You can have all the Meservey news and the Belmond Independent delivered to you each week for only two dollars.

Ask "Heinie."

CHURCHES

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service at 10:45 a. m.
Y. P. A. at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching at 8:00 p. m.
Bible class study, Monday 8:00 p. m.
German prayer services Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
English prayer services Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

Friday of this week Rev. H. J. Faust of Cedar Falls will preach the preparatory sermon at 8:00 p. m.

Saturday at 2:00 p. m. Rev. Faust will preach a German sermon.

Communion services will be held on Sunday morning after the regular Sunday school period.

You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

Rev. A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

MANY TOURIST PARTIES COMING THROUGH

A large number of tourist parties have been going thru Meservey the past few weeks, seemingly more so than usual. They can always be spotted by the amount of baggage that they carry on the running board of their car.

Mrs. Ralph Waddingham and daughter and Mrs. J. C. Oelhert were shoppers at Mason City on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, who are working for Albert Hafferman, left on Saturday to spend Sunday with their friends and relatives at Mason City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis autoed to Sheffield Friday to attend the dry goods sale which was held at that place.

Mr. H. H. Meinderts spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Nelson, near Klemme.

Miss Ruth Smith had charge of the switch board at the telephone office Sunday.

MRS. HELEN QUANDT

Mrs. Helen Quandt was born October 2, 1849, at Betziesdorf Kuresfen, Germany.

She came to America in June of 1868, locating at Granville, Illinois. Thirty-one years ago with her husband and six children she came to Iowa living at Belmond one year before moving to Meservey.

After the death of her husband eight years ago she made her home with her children.

Death came September 26 while residing with her youngest son, Rudolph at Belmond, after having reached the age of seventy-one years, 11 months and 24 days.

She was converted at the age of 22 and joined the church, remaining faithful to the end. Her Bible was her daily companion.

She leaves to mourn her departure six children: Mrs. Mary Garside of Laclede, Mo; Chas. J. Quandt of Meservey; Mrs. Anna Phelps of Toncia, Illinois; Geo. Quandt of Utica, Illinois; Conrad Quandt of Klemme; and Rudolph Quandt of Belmond. Besides these she leaves 16 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE COMMUNITY MEETING

The Meservey high school will give their first open meeting Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Miss Clarke, the county nurse, will give a speech. It will be followed by a Parent-Teacher meeting. Refreshments will be served and the proceeds will go for a piano for the school.

Everybody should attend this meeting and make it as interesting as possible..

PLEASE EXCUSE US IF—

There are mistakes made this week in the spelling of names in the Meservey news items. The publisher is more or less familiar with the names of the folks around and in Meservey, but not with the way they are all spelled, and if you will all bear with us a week or two until we "get wise" to the spelling of them, we shall be greatly appreciative.

Leave On Long Visit To Friends In Old Country

Mr. And Mrs. Hulsebus Depart On Friday For Winter's Sojourn In Germany

MANY RELATIVES THERE

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus left on Friday of last week for their trip to the old country, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Hulsebus' brother and other relatives and friends in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulsebus are among our best known and most popular citizens, Mr. Hulsebus being a former business man here, and they have the best wishes of the entire community and the Register for a happy visit with their relatives and old friends, and for a safe and pleasant journey overseas..

LOCAL ITEMS

E. Noteboom is in poor health and is expected to stay at Mason City under the doctor's care.

H. Fischer sold a car of potatoes Tuesday of this week and is expecting another car soon.

Potatoes:

Minnesota U. S. Grade No. 1. Price about $1.45 a bushel.—Hulsebus-Muller Co., Meservey.

Cream 45 at Meservey.

E. A. Strasburg left Monday morning for Shopskokpee, Minnesota, where he will take threatments for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith and son of Alexander were Sunday guests at the home of Harm Groen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Muller and son Donald autoed to Mason City Monday to transact some business, and Donald had some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemke and daughter motored to Nashua Sunday.

A. E. Muller and A. J. Nissen drove to Belmond Monday evening to attend the Business Men's Credit Association meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bier motored to Swea City on Tuesday where they will visit their son Charlie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen and daughter Erma and Mrs. Henry Ruiter were Mason City callers Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier were business callers at Clarion on Monday of this week.

Miss Thorman of Belmond came up Tuesday afternoon to give her regular music lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen and daughter Erma and Mrs. Henry Braitor were Mason City callers on Monday.

C. Bier and wife were business callers at Clarion Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis, E. Noteboom, Jno. Laughtz and Rev. Pannkuk were Mason City visitors on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Ruigh were visitors at Mason City on Tuesday.

The Salvation Army drive for funds is to be completed in Cerro Gordo county by the 10th of October.

Miss Anna Gruis and Hako Groen autoed to Mason City on Monday.

Meservey Barber Shop

H. F. REIF, Prop.

Laundry Dry Cleaning

The Cash Market

As I am unable to carry accounts at this time and hereafter, I will run a Cash Business.

Those who owe me accounts, call and settle.

H. A. Kofoed

Meservey, Iowa

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Miss Jennie Meinderts, Correspondent, Meservey, Iowa.

Miss Ollie Pals was on the sick list last week.

A. Kuhler Sr. and family attended the American Legion Day at Thornton last week.

Qu'te a number of land men were in town last week, but so far no sales have been reported.

Jno. Peters and son Art stopped here Saturday. They had been up in the Red River Valley looking for potatoes to be shipped to Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus autoed to Iowa Falls Friday, where the former departed on their trip to Germany, their boat leaves Hoboken Tuesday October the 4th.

Dr. F. S. Agler

Physician & Surgeon

Meservey - - Iowa

Henry Vanosten was a Thornton caller Thursday.

George Dunn of Alexander was here on business Friday.

Frank Hafferman has recovered from his recent sick spell.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent Sunday at Belmond with relatives.

Joe Smith has completed a large job of tiling on his farm.

E. A. Strasburg has recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism.

George Quandt of Utica, Illinois was a Meservey visitor Saturday.

Miss Jennie Wieman was a passenger to Thornton Thursday afternoon.

Architect Pedicard of Iowa Falls was a business caller here Saturday.

A .D. Brogan returned Saturday from a business trip to Blue Earth, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oleson and Miss Dolly Wilson autoed to Mason City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulton of Belmond were in town a short time last Wednesday.

Lou Jones returned home Frday after a two weeks fishing trip in Cass county, Minn.

G. Lauster and George Lewis were business callers at Hampton on Wednesday of last week.

Frank Nissen traded his Saxon car for a Ford. Frank says the Saxon was getting too small.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder of Clear Lake were Sunday visitors at the Hiko Kuhlers home.

Edward Courtney of Belmond was here on business in connection with his farm last Thursday.

Messrs. White and Lubke of Fort Dodge were here on business matters the latter part of the week.

The recent heavy rains have tested our new drainage system and with a few exceptions they do the work.

Mrs. Wm. Messelhieser returned home Friday from a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. D. Pals of Alexander was here Saturday visiting at the home of her brother-in-law Lambert Pals and family.

Clarence Ruigh and family and Miss Grace Pals autoed to Thornton last Thursday to attend the basket ball game between Thornton and Meservey.

The Lad'es Aid Society of the Reformed Church held their regular meeting at the church basement Thursday.

Miss Dora Jacobs, who is teaching school north of Meservey, spent the week end with relatives near Belmond.

Mrs. Unverferth left for Fort Dodge Thursday for a short visit with her son-in-law, George Sindlinger and family.

Hiko Kuhler and family and son Henry and his family were visitors at the Andrew Nelson home near Klemme.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Schlesselman of Des Moines were visiting the brother, Rev. Schlesselman and family last week.

G. Lauster and family motored to Mason City Saturday to do some shopping while Miss Viola had some dental work done.

Mrs. H. K. Pals and son Myron and mother Mrs. Johnnie Rozeboom of Souix Center, returned home Monday after a three weeks visit with relatives and friends at Grundy Center, Pella, Oskaloosa and Lieghton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hartfelder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gross were callers at the Phil Beringher home at Klemme last Wednesday. Mr. Beringher, who is very ill at this writing, is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Gross and Mr. Hartfelder.

H. W. Hulsebus was a Meservey visitor last Friday.

Postmaster Smith was a business caller a Thornton last Wednesday.

Mrs. C. Enabnit, Sr., of Los Angeles, California, is reported to be quite poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Enabnit of Clear Lake were Meservey visitors on Sunday.

Hans Barkema and family were Sunday guests at the H. Barkema home.

We understand that three carloads of potatoes are on their way to Meservey.

Jacob Miller and family of Hampton were visitors at the H. Barkema home Sunday.

Hiko Mennenga and family of near Belmond were Sunday visitors at the R. Boelman home.

Harm Me'ntz and family of Latimer were visitors at the Joe Stadtlander home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruiter were Sunday evening callers at the S. Stoffer home near Alexander.

A. J. Nissen was an Iowa Falls caller on Friday of last week attending to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stoffer of Alexander were guests at the home of E. Ruiter home on Sunday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jelto Pals and Mr. and Mrs. H. Schulte of Alexander were visiting here one day last week.

Do you know that your taxes were due on the first of October? If you haven't paid them, better attend to it at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Dirks and son George and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stadtlander were business callers at Sheffield on Monday.

Dick and H. Barkema, Mrs. C. K. Pals and Miss Lilly Barkema autoed to Jewel, to spend the day with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koenen and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hemis and daughter of Latimer were Sunday vis'tors here at the John Ruiter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mennenga, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groen, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzel, Sr., and Mrs. Friesleben, all of Belmond spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus.

P. H. Pals is getting a new wind mill on his farm on the edge of town. Albert Wendell is putting it up, the new way. In times past they were put together on the ground and pulled up afterwards.

The town cows, some twenty or more in number, were tested some time ago for tuberculosis, and all of them proved to be free of the dreaded disease, so you can drink milk to your heart's content.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boelman and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Echkoff motored to Bradford on Sunday to spend the day with R. Kursfens and family. Mrs. Kurfens is a sister of Mrs. Boelman and Earnest Echkoff.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

Great Chances

The mails with documents are loaded, describing snaps I ought to nail; by glib tongued salesman I am goaded and asked to dig my hard earned kale. For wealth untold I always hanker, and I'd be buying gold bricks strong, but for the wise old village banker who tells me when I'm headed wrong. He deals in coin, and coin's his study, he's wise to all investment tricks, and he explains in language ruddy, how games are played on easy hicks. When I approach the paying teller, to draw out all the coin in view, the banker leaders me to the cellar, and asks me what I plan to do. And when I say I am intending to buy an oil well down in Maine, he lectures me, much wisdom lending, until I'm safe and sane. He knows I have distored vision where money matters are concerned; I'm always having dreams elysian of roubles gained that were not earned. And so on me he's keeping cases, he shields me from the rich fake, when he beholds some hectic traces of punk investments I would make. Before the cold eyed village banker the glib and oly faker squ'rms; he is my helm, my git and spanker, if you'll forgive these sailor terms. He is my binnacle and anchor; my larboard watch and starboard clock; I owe it to the village banker that all my goods are not in hock.

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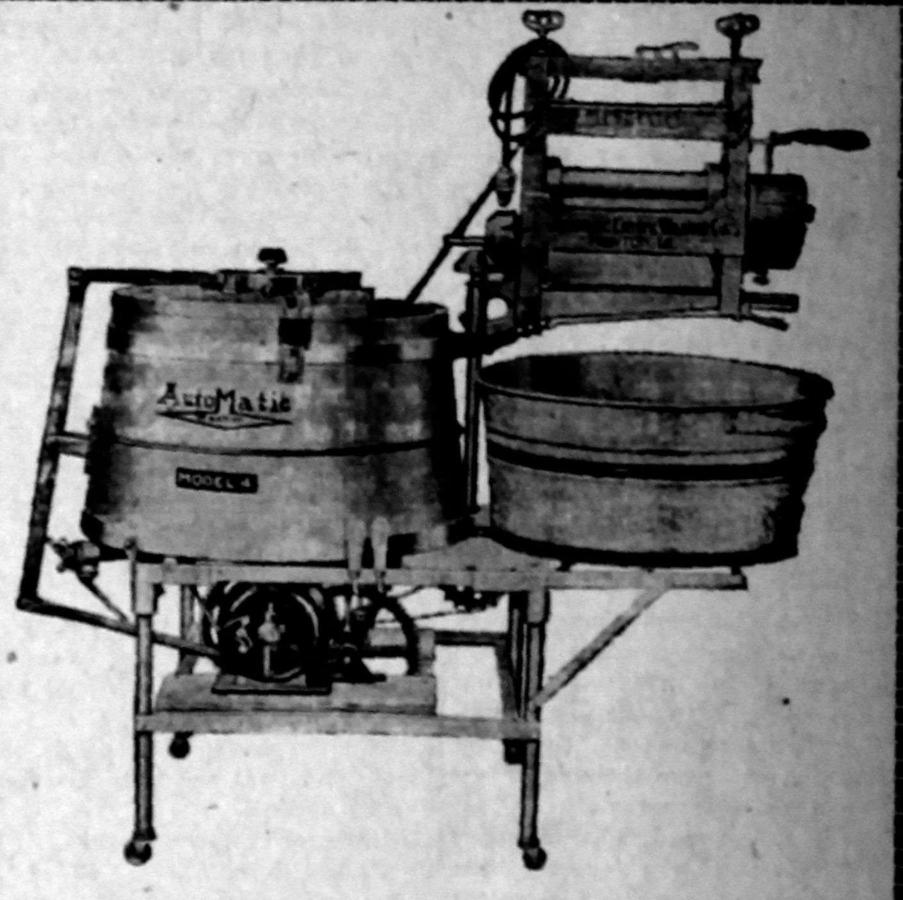

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Be a doer is good advice, but be careful who you do.

Tact is what enables a woman to stimulate keen enjoyment when she is really bored stiff.

There are different ideas of heav but to satisfy the boy there must be plenty to eat over there.

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Willard Batteries

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ROWAN DEPARTMENT

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Morning worship at 11.

Sunday school at 12.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30.

Junior Endeavors Wednesday afternoon after school, at 4:00 p. m.

Mid-week meeting Wednesday evening. at 8:00.

The Webster City association of the Congregational church will meet at Eagle Grove Oct. 11-12. We should try and make the best attendance at this association that is attended in this state. "Let's go!"

There was a stereopticon lecture Sunday evening at the church and it was well attended. The lecture was on "Ceylon's Palms."

Be sure and attend the services at the Rowan Cong. church next Sunday as there will be something for your best interest. Come and bring your friends.

Cong. Chicken Supper October 8th

The Rowan Cong. church ladies aid society will serve a 25 cent supper in the basement of the church. The ladies will commence to serve at six o'clock. Don't miss this. Everybody come with your friends.

Milford LeRoy Fanselow

Milford LeRoy Fanselow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fanselow, died Sept. 26 after a short illness. Milford LeRoy was born in Rowan, Iowa, May 17, 1919. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church Tuesday, Rev. W. H. Nye officiating.

This little boy was a member of our Cradle Roll. Those who mourn his loss are his parents and his sister Anita May.

The remains were laid to rest in the Graceland cemetery.

Rev. W. H. Nye and S. B. Heath were Hampton callers Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Williams and children came from Hayfeld Monday to visit relatives for a few days before leaving for Dillman City, Mo. where they will join Fred, who is employed in a hardware store at that place. They expect to go on a farm there in the spring.

Christmas Cards

Mrs. J. F. Howell has a sample book of some very pretty Christmas Greeting cards, which she will will be glad to show the ladies of Rowan at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen were Mason City callers Friday.

Fred Hackley spent a few days with relatives at Oskaloosa the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey and Mrs. Chester Bailey were Belmond callers Tuesday where Mrs. Chester Bailey had her injured jaw treated. It is doing nicely at present.

Mrs. Morris Sullivan of Ft. Dodge visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher, the past week.

Mrs. Edith Harsen and granddaughter Kathern Leeper have moved to Kanawha where they w'll make their home for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Alt Hackley have moved into the house which was vacated by them.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Casper Reasoner of Congor, Minn., Sept. 28. Mrs. Reasoner is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey. Mother and baby are doing fine. The young miss has been named Clara May.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halsey of Allison visited at the D. A. French and Fred Brooks homes Wednesday. Mr. Halsey was auctioneering a sale.

Mrs. Jim Reasoner of Dows visited at the Chester Bailey home Saturday and made the acquaintance of her new granddaughter.

Messrs. Ben Hadley, Wm. Steffens, and Clem Bohrer spent a few days fising at Clear Lake last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dix of Hampton spent the week end at the Edgar Bingham home. They were enroute to Ida Grove to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Grover Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Loenzo Bingham of Iowa Falls called at the home of relatives in town Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Azeltne, who has been recuperating at her home after her recent operation, returned to her duties in the M. E. hospital at Des Moines. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Azeltine, accompanied her as far as Iowa Falls.

Miss Emma Barker was a Clarion business caller Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver spent Sunday with relatives at Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen of Alexander were Rowan visitors Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Bonnell of Miles arrived Saturday to spend a short time with friends around Rowan. Rev. Bonnell is having his vacation and came here from Sumner where he has been visiting his son. He is a former pastor of the Cong. church here and the community is glad to welcome them back among us again.

The Missionary society of the Cong. church met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Emerson last Thursday afternoon. This was Thank Offering day. A very delightful supper was served after which the free will offering was taken. Over $31 was received. This meeting was very well attended.

Frank Drury autoed to Des Moines Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klemensen and baby of Latimer visited over the week end with relatives.

Miss Dorothy Ramsey is assisting at the J. F. Howell home during the illness of their small son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and daughter Billie returned from their visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Juden Brinkman and family, at St. Peter. They report good crops in that section of Minnesota.

LaVonne Ramsey of Latimer is visitng at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Whitten.

Leonard Ryder left Saturday for Grundy Center where he will visit for a shot time at the home of his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ryder.

Mrs. Ed. Green of Trear, a sister of Mrs. Frank Fanselow, came early last week and attended the funeral of little Melford Fanselow.

The Misses Florence Lent and Grace Hubbel came to their respective homes Friday from the sewing school which they are attending at Iowa Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Whitten of Clarion were over Sunday guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitten.

Mrs. Harold Johnson of Rake is visiting at the Ed. Underdahl home.

Mrs. Fred Hackley was on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. F. H. Fowler received word last week to come to Sioux Falls, S. D., to make the acquaintance of a new grandson who arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Drury. Mrs. Drury is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Levi Johnson.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion visited her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder, Thursday.

Mrs. Roy Ryder has been on the sick list the past week.

Friday afternoon the following horseshoe players from Rowan played the Hampton players: D. W. Whitten, John Riker, Mr. Gunderson, Pete Mathiason, and L. A. McCallum and Fred Hackley. They won 11 games out of 12 and then Whitten, who was high man for Rowan, played the high man for Hampton and won in the single. The others from Rowan who witnessed the games were F. M. Myers, A. E. Emerson, Ed. Azeltine, Jesse Peyton and Will Bingham.

Friday night the young people of the neighborhood met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Combs where they enjoyed the evening in games and a general good time. Refreshments were served and they departed at a late hour voting a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich and Mrs. Fred Williams and children motored to Clarion Wednesday to visit Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carmon and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Braden went to Dows Thursday night to attend the show, "The Eyes of the World." They report a fine time.

Wednesday several of the ladies met at the home of Mrs. L. W. McCallum to make dress forms. They took a picnic dinner and enjoyed the day. Three dress forms were completed. Forms were also made at the home of Mrs. R. H. Kieth Wednesday afternoon. Two were completed.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Braden Thursday afternoon, Oct. 13. A short program will be given. Refreshments will be served. Everybody is invited to be present at this meeting.

The W. C. T. U. will have their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Boyington on Oct. 26. Mrs. Sheldon will be the leader for this meeting and the topic will be "World's W. C. T. U." Keep this meeting in mind and be sure and come.

Miss Carol Hoke returned from Kanawha Sunday where she has been for some time, and will stay with her sister, Mrs. Darrell Stout for a short time.

The Andrew Whitten Post of the American Legion met in regular session Monday night. A good crowd attended the meeting.

Rowan School News Notes

The contest held to get money for the athletic association closed with a victory in favor of the Fords. The Packards are to banquet the Fords on Wednesday evening of this week at the school house.

Kenneth Whitten was absent from school Monday on account of sickness.

LaVonne Ramsey has been visiting the Primary room the past week.

STATE OF IOWA

Executive Department

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor:

The universal observance of established regulations for the safeguarding of life and property was never so imperatively demanded as now when man and power and useful commodities are so vitally needed to relieve the distress of the world. Reliable records indicate that the destruction by fires, a vast number of which are preventable, involve an annual loss in the United States of thirty thousand human lives and three hundred fifty millions of property. Much of this enormous waste can be avoided by the adoption of proper precautions throughout the country.

In order that the attention of the people, as a whole, may be concentrated upon this immensely important subject, I do here by designate

Monday, October 10, 1921 as Fire Prevention Day.

and I earnestly recommend that it be generally observed by the public officials, civic organizations, educational institutions and private individuals, to the end that life may be saved and property conserved for the beneficent uses of mankind. I particularly invoke the assistance of the schools of the State as the most effective agencies of enlightenment and reform in our country, and I enjoin that a portion of the day be devoted to instruction of the children who attend them in the matter of fire cause and the method of fire prevention. Realizing the potential influence of the press, I especially request the generous support of the newspapers in forwarding the purposes for which the day is designated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Iowa.

Done at Des Moines this 1st day of September, 1921.

(SEAL) N. E. KENDALL,
Governor.

Attest:
W. C. Ramsay,
Secretary of State.

BRITT AUTO RUNS DOWN AGED MAN IN MINN.

While driving on the Jefferson Highway near Geneva, Minn., last Friday C. L. Palmer of Britt struck and killed an aged man. H. K. Allis was the old gentleman's name, and he was 88 years of age. He was walking down the road and Mr. Palmer did not see him on account of another car, and the accident was unavoidable. The body of the old gentleman was thrown 20 feet, his skull was fractured and he evidently died instantly.

Mr Palmer took the body to the home of a daughter and summoned medical aid, but nothing could be done to revive him. Mr. Palmer came on home later.

The authorities said that Mr. Palmer was not at all to blame for the accident, and no inquest was held.

The deceased is the father of George Allis who operates the Wilson Hotel at Albert Lea.—Signal.

A Harbinger of Evil.

An eminent Norwegian prophesies that the United States will soon be overrun with bolsheviki and in the grip of the red terror. Pleasant prospect! Having failed dismally in Russia after reducing that country to ruin and starvation, it is but natural that the red hordes should seek for new fields to conquer—and there is none fairer than ours. The danger lies not on the power of the bolsheviki, but rather in our own indefference.

It is difficult for the average American to conceive that any power under the sun could upset our established order of government. The autocratic czar of Russia probably felt much the same—until he ceased to be either an autocrat or a czar.

The strongest of stone walls will crumble and fall if the foundations are persistently undermined. It is so with governments, and even our own is not immune. For six years or more we have wittnessed an orgy of profiteering and gouging and plundering such as has never been dreamed of before. Money lust drove an otherwise sane public mad, and it is only partially recovering today. Laws of restriction and correction we have, but they are too often looked upon as applicable to the other fellow and not to ourself.

Such a condition, stretching over a long period of time, affords the bolsheviki to spread resentment and discontent, two important factors which are preliminaries to every revolution.

Instead of smiling at the learned Norwegian who warns us of impending evil we would do well to give his words serious consideration, lest the time come when it is too late to consider.—Exchange.

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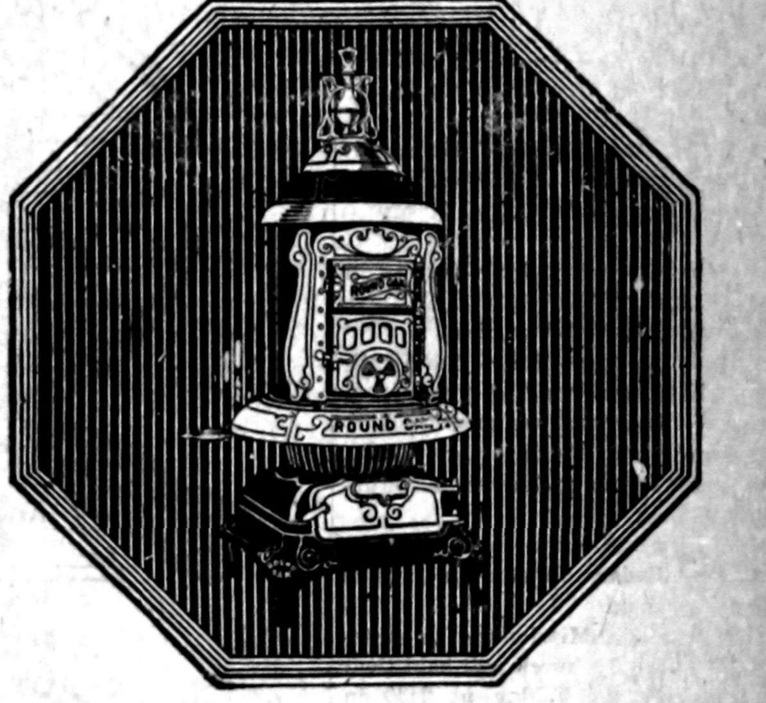

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Belmond, Iowa

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By L. F. Van Zelm
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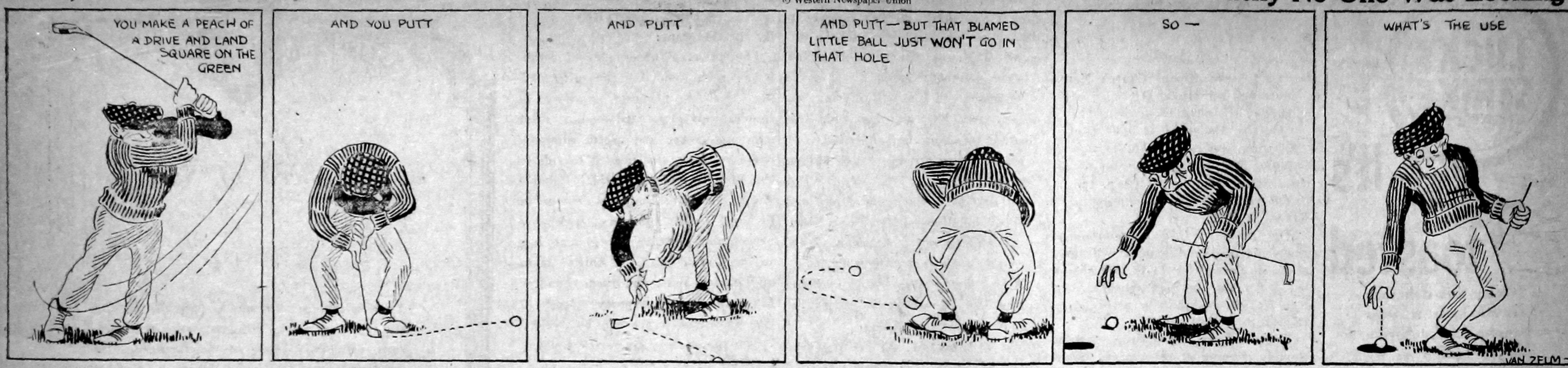

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Chas. Lucas of Kanawha was a caller at the Geo. Baxter home last Monday.

Mrs. Pat Knoer and baby visited at the Clarence Scott home last Monday. Mrs. Knoer resides at Winthrop, Minn.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor in Belmond.

Henry Fritz shipped a carload of hogs from here Saturday.

Mrs. Melvin Charlson and brother Chester drove down from Forest City Thursday to attend the sale given by the Ladies Aid society.

Mrs. Henry Lein spent last Tuesday in Belmond.

The farmers who raised beets began lifting Monday and will begin to haul Tuesday.

S. O. Windecker went to Minnesota Monday on a business mission.

M. E. Benson and family drove down from Kenyon, Minn., and have been spending several days visiting friends and relatives.

The Ladies Aid society sale was well attended and everything sold at a good price. One society's proceeds were $318.80, and their lunch netted them $38.40.

Miss Nettie Benson spent most of last week helping Mrs. Orpha Anderson and Mrs. Clarence Scott cook for threshers.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Mr. Oxley and family visited Frank Gees on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bier, of Meservey, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Bier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Avery.

Charlie Weatherford returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in the northern part of Minn. Charley says Iowa looks good to him.

Mrs. J. W. Caswell of Blue Earth Minn., has been visting her sister Mrs. Fred Bachman the past week.

Mr. and Mrs Nelson and L. W. Wesenberg autoed to Garner on Saturday.

Miss Ina Ahrenkiel is visiting friends in Cedar Rapids and Iowa Falls this week.

The Womens Missionary Association of the U. B. church will hold their monthly meeting Friday at 2:30 in the church. A special program is being prepared and missionary tea will be served.

The Goodell High school team played the Kanawha High school on Friday. Score 12 to 2 in favor of Kanawha boys. At the close of the game the department of Domestic Science served the boys with hot cocoa and sandwiches. The lunch was much appric'ated by the Goodell boys.

Monday evening Master Harold Boren met with a very serious accident While riding his pony after the cows the pony began bucking and threw Harold off; his foot caught in the stirrup and he was dragged for some distance.

Vincent Allaben left on the Tuesday noon's train for Iowa City where he will attend the State University.

Monday evening Miss Alma Ruka entertained her Sunday school class at the church.

Mrs. T. O. Letch and Mrs. Dan Miller have been on the sick list the past week.

Monday night as Harvey Wilson was returning from the Sunday school party at the church he stopped west of Harvey Christensen to pick up the Sandry children, and just as he stopped a car containing Misses Norva and Avis Wilson and Mr. Slining and Mr. Blau ran into them. The car turned over several times and the occupants were badly hurt. Mr. Slining was cut about the face and hurt in the chest. Miss Norva Wilson had her collar bone broken. Miss Avis Wilson had her right ear cut and forehead skinned. She remained unconscious for several hours. Mr. Fernon Griggs who also was returning from the party with the help of Harvey Wilson put the injured into his car and took them to Dr. Snearly's office.

The many accidents that are the result of careless and fast driving aught to teach auto drivers to be more careful even the careful driver is in danger because of the careless ones.

Specials

1 lb. Cocoa	$ .18
1 lb. Extra Good Breakfast Coffee	.35
5 bars Kirk's White Laundry Soap	.35
2 lbs. Blue Ribbon Peaches	.45
49 lbs. Crystal or Blairs Certified Flour	2.25
49 lbs. Crockers Best and Falcon Flour	2.50
2 lbs. String Beans	.10
Ladies Fancy Waists	at a Bargain
Men's Overalls 38-42	1.25
Men's Leather Faced Gloves	.30
We have Husking Gloves and Mittens	
310 Yards of Voiles, per yd.	.40
Men's Slickers	4.25
Men's Hats--rain	.50

Our heavy Outing Flannels have just arrived. Come in and get our prices.

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KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

J. P. Larson of Fort Dodge was a business caller here one day this week.

Peter Dahl who is employed at Mason City was an over Sunday visitor with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson and son Herschel of Fort Dodge were over Sunday visitors with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flower of Eagle Grove were Sunday guests at the Guy Judd home.

Leslie Stevenson of Britt was calling on friends here Sunday.

Lee Luick of Belmond was a business caller here on Wednesday.

Ole T. Rikansrud was a Clarion caller the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jacobs and mother of Garner were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs S. W. Ford of Ida Grove were guests of friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson returned the first of the week from a visit with their daughter Mrs. Kenney and family at Goldfield.

Opening Day

Commencing on

Saturday

We will Serve

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Special Sunday Dinners

FOSTER'S CAFE

West of Postoffice

TRIANGLE SALE ONE DAY SPECIAL Quality Brand Aluminum Ware

Saturday, Oct. 8

Beginning at 3 O'clock

Not one of these articles will be sold until the hour set for beginning the sale and the first come, first served. Look them over now and then be on hand at 3:00 o'clock next Saturday afternoon and make your selections. The number of these articles is limited and you will have to be on hand at the beginning of the sale to get your choice in this sensational bargain giving event.

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Belmond, Iowa

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These prices are moving the merchandise and therefore it will be a matter of but a short time before the desired merchandise will be sold.

Winter Needs

In Our Move to Larger Quarters Sale

BLANKETS—$5.45, 66 x 80, double plaids $3.88; $3.25, over 3 lb. double blankets $2.25; wool blankets $5.45.

COMFORTS—$2.75 and 3.75; few pillows 1-2.

SHEETS—81 x 90 Wearwell tape edge no seams, no starch, $1.19; others 75c. $3 ones $1.95. Cases around 1-3 less.

OUTING—white 7 1-2c, 14c and 17c; 36 inch fancy 19c; fancy lights 11c; darks 15 1-2c and 18c.

OVERSHOES—men's 4-buckle lined $2.45; women's 2-buckle $1.98; women's cloth $1.39; men's dress 1-buckle artics $1.98.

MEN'S SHOES—work, solid $2.45 European Army $2.98; Peter's all leather dress $2.75, finest cusion sole $5.75.

GIRLS' SHOES—to 2 at $1.98; Peter's best at $3.19; 3 to 8 sizes $2.45 and $2.75. WOMEN'S all leather $2.75, $3.75 and $5.75.

BOYS' SHOES—50 pair $1.98; Peter's all leather $2.75 and $3.19; best $4.45.

SLIPPERS—felt children's 5 to 12 at 50c; lot of men's and women's 50c better felts 88c, $1.19, $1.49, and $1.69.

WOOL SOX—men's 39c white 27c; Army 2, 3 and 4 pair $1; dress 29c to 35c at 4 pr. $1.

TROUSERS—corduroy men, $2.75; boys' $1.98 at 98c, one lot, dress, boys' 98c, men's $1.98 and $3.98.

UNDERWEAR, MEN—$10 wool suit $5; $4 and $5 suit $2.98; $2.50 wool suits $1.89; heavy fleeced 98c; shirts or drawers, $1.50 part wool 88c; fleeced 79c.

UNDERWEAR—boys' fleeced 98c and $1.19; girls 83c and $1.39; boys and girls wool suits $1.50, 2 lots $1.50; infant's wool 50c, 70c and 90c.

UNDERWEAR WOMENS'—union suits 88c; heavier $1.27; heavy vallastic suits $1.98. Shirts or drawers heavy velastic 88c and 98c.

DRESSES—$14.75 wool $8.75; to $29.50 silk or wool $16.95; house and street dresses $2.98 to $4.98 at $1.98.

SKIRTS—$4, $5 and $7.45 up to $12.50 regular.

SWEATER COATS—women's to $12.50 at $5; women's and girls' slip overs $1.98 and $2.98; boys' $1.98; men's part wool coats now $2.39.

OUTING GOWNS—women's 88c, better $1.39, men's $1.19, children's 88c.

BLOUSES—one lot of $3.98 silks $1.98.

CORSETS—88c and $1.49, rust proof.

SILKS—choice of house $1.39; silk poplins 75c.

SERGES—all wool now 65c; best now $1.69.

LEATHER VESTS—$5.98. SHEEP COATS $14 ones $11.98.

FLANNEL SHIRTS—$1.88, better $2.75; government serge $3.75; $4.98 corduroys $3.75.

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Belmond Local News

Ye ed was at Meservey on Friday of last week on business affairs connected w t'i the purchase of the Meservey Register.

Boars for Sale

Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Gotlieb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

Harry Forristal has his big tractor out grading the road between Meservey and Alexander, for a stretch of four or five miles leading into the former place.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Hulsebus of Meservey left last week on a long trip to Germany, where they will spend some time in visiting relatives and friends.

The West Bend ball team, an all-salaried outfit, are reported to have lost their backers some thousands of cold cash this summer. They won a majority of the games played, but the expense of salaries was greater than the income. An all-salaried ball team will not pay in the small town, and does not draw the interest of the people as does one which is composed for the most part at least of home men. That has been the experience of all towns around who hired a fast team this year. They may play better ball but they don't get the crowds.

The local school team aims to do better than the town team did this summer with Kanawha, and when they meet the Kanawha school team here Friday keep the bacon at home. The two teams will battle on the Belmond diamond on Friday afternoon of this week.

J. S. White was a caller at Garner on Thursday of last week, where he went to attend to some business matters for his father, W. H. White, in connection with the latter's farming interests in that part of the country.

Several of the local teachers went to Fort Dodge on Saturday night of last week where they attended the play by Fisk O'Hara, which was at Hampton on Monday night of last week.

Lloyd Skovlin was among the local people who attended the play at the W..dor theatre at Hampton on Monday night of last week.

Mrs. Justin Lowenberg of Goodell was among the out of town shoppers who were trading here on Saturday of last week.

A local merchant told the writer the other day that his daily sales were averaging over one hundred dollars a day, and it was cash at that. The book accounts were separate. It looks by this that there is a little real money in the country at least.

Up at Goodell last week thehy were selling potatoes from the car at the bushel price of $1.80. A lot of folks have the idea that the spuds will be selling at $1.50 in another two weeks to a month.

The Mason City Daily Globe Gazette is fast becoming one of the leading papers of the Northwest. It carries the full leased wire Associated Press, complete markets, lots of state news and gives daily all the important happenings in this territory. The price is only $4.00 per year. 3tc

A. L. Luick was a caller one day last week at Kanawha, where he was attending to some business matters.

Farm Wanted—Wanted to hear from owner of a farm or good land for sale, price reasonable.—L. Jones, Box 551, Olney, Ill. 1t*

Bill Clark was over from the county seat town on Saturday of last week, looking after some business affairs and greeting his old friends in Belmond. His little daughter has been on the sick list the past week suffering from tonsilitis, but she is reported somewhat better at this writing.

R. D. Kenefick has been having no trouble keeping busy since he started his carpenter repair shop, and the repair shop illustrates what can be done if you can supply a public need. "Dick" finds that he can hardly keep up with the demand, and he is busy constantly repairing or building something that the housewives and citizens of the city need, have wanted fixed, but never could get done.

We make your rugs, carpets, curtains, draperies, pillows, quilts, blankets, etc., clean, fresh and sanitary.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. South of hotel.

Victors, Brunswicks, Columbia's taken in exchange on Edisons. 40 per cent off. Chambers Music House, East State St., Mason City, Iowa.

Miss Loretta Clark and Martin O'Connor of Rockwell were guests over the week end last week at the D. H. Delaney home.

The M. E. Missionary society will meet today, Oct. 6, at the home of Mrs. G. F. McBurney, with Mrs. E. F. Bailey as the leader.

Rufus Morse was in town a few days last week visiting nis relatives here and greeting old friends. He is attending Iowa State University this year, being his last year at the college. He has been acting as traveling agent for a map company this summer.

Carpenter Shop, repairing tor R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

Don't forget the Community Club food sale Saturday.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Mrs. C. P. Luick went to Cedar Rapids one day last week where she spent over Sunday with Miss Beatrice Leinbach, who has been sick at Coe College. She reports Miss Leinbach getting along nicely and while still confined to her room she will soon be able to go on with her work.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.20

E. F. Bailey was a business caller at Iowa Falls on Monday of this week, making the trip by auto.

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

Mr. and Mr. Floyd Bailey drove over from Clarion on Monday of this week.

The old home town paper reflects the imperfections of the old home town people as perfectly as it chronicles their advancements.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voiles and Mrs. Otto Hanson drove to Des Moines on Wednesday of last week where they spent a day or two.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

A little cash, balance easy terms during big sale. Chambers Music House, E. State St., Mason City, Iowa.

The Priscilla club met on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. W. E. Bullard. Mrs. Matt Sullivan and Mrs. J. J. Sharon were the invited guests.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Eugene Kinney and a party of Clarion friends were enjoying the fishing at Spirit Lake for a few days last week.

Mrs. Carrie Shefheld of Fort Dodge was in town on Sunday and Monday of this week, visiting old friends and attending to some business matters here.

Don't forget the Community Club food sale Saturday.

The local school baseball team in a game with the Corwith school team last week Friday afternoon, again proved their superiority over the Corwith team by taking the game 8 to 5. It was a good game, with the Corwith team having the best of the arment until in the latter half of the game the local boys went on a rampage and cleaned up on them. A fair sized crowd was out and enjoyed the contest between "two home teams."

The Independent has made a number of corrections in its mailing list this week, and would like to have its subscribers look over the stamp on their paper and if there is any change incorrectly made, notify us at once so that we may make the corrections.

Louie Baldridge is employed at present in a meat market at Kanawha, during the absence of some of the help of the shop.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Landon are the parents of a baby girl, who arrived at their home on Tuesday of last week

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elder went to Fort Dodge last week to attend the marriage of Miss Maude Thompson, which occured on Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. White returned last week from her visit to Centerville, where she visited her parents, and at Cincinatti, Iowa, where she spent a few days with relatives.

R. D. Kenefick has a queer little ornament in his shop that is worthy of mention. On a shelf he has the replica of a clock, face, numbers and everything, except that the clock has no hands. A sign on the wall beside it says: "No tick." Get it? Dick ought to be able to sell a lot of those clocks.

A farmer near Meservey has a pet prairie chicken, which roost on the fender of his car and shares his noon lunch with him. The chicken was first noticed in the summer when the weather was hot and dry, following along in the furrow to get moisture. The farmer gave it water, tamed it, and as a result has a pet of a most unusual character.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

Saturday & Sunday

Peanut Brittle *Peanut Bar*

Vanilla and Strawberry Taffy

20c per lb.

Hot and Cold Lunches Served Until Midnight.

Belmond Candy Kitchen

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each f the Four Rural Routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or write. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolle and children from Nevada, Iowa, were guests over the week end at the homes of relatives here.

Thayne Bailey and wife were visitors at the county seat at the Floyd Bailey home on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kragh and Muriel of Clarion were guests of friends here on Sunday, coming over Saturday evening and returning Sunday.

Mr. Parrot of Cedar Rapids was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings one day last week.

Don't forget the Community Club food sale Saturday.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading territory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann of Eagle Grove were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings on Friday evening of last week.

Lew Wendell is reported very ill at the hospital in Mason City, where he recently underwent an operation for cancer of the stomach.

There are many good reasons why you should join the

FARM BUREAU

FIRST--Because it is a national, state, county and township organization.

SECOND--It reaches into the field to the individual and keeps in touch with him on all questions.

THIRD--It is nation-wide in scope, membership and influence and includes all lines and branches of agriculture.

FOURTH--Because of its large membership and influence it is able to accomplish many things denied to smaller, weaker organizations.

FIFTH--It is the biggest, strongest and most popular farm organization in existence today.

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SEVENTH--It has the membership, the will, the power, and above all it has the confidence of the public.

EIGHTH--A boost for the FARM BUREAU is a boost for your own interests, your neighbor's interests and the interests of agricultural in general.

The membership fee is only $5 a year, it is divided into three parts as follows: $4 to your county organization, 50c to the State federation, and 50c to the American federation. thus giving you membership in all three organizations for the single fee.

You can join any time, but a special opportunity will be made for you to get into the band wagon on

Wednesday, Oct. 12

For the glory of Iowa, for the glory of the cause, and for the betterment and up-building of American Agriculture send the day over the top with 25,000 new members.

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Service

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

HIGH SALARY PROPAGANDA

The American Farm Bureau federation is being criticised most severely by a certair so-called farm paper fer having at the head of its organization what it terms big-salaried or overpaid officer.

It is true that James Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, receives a salary of $15,000 per year. And we believe he earns his salary, every cent of it. Did you ever stop to think how much of Mr. Howard's salary is taken from your individual $5 membership fee? Estimating the total membership in the American Farm Bureau federation at 1,500,000 members, which is the approximate number at present, it costs you just one cent per year to help pay Mr. Howard's salary. Now, if there is a single farm bureau member in Wright county who feels that he cannot afford to pay one cent per year towards the support of Mr. Howard's salary, or who feels that his one cent is being ill spent we would like to have him ask for his money back.

It would be difficult to point to a single commercial or industrial organization in the U. S. organized on a nation-wide basis as the farm bureau federation is, which does not have at its head an officer who is paid a salary which would amount to five or ten times as much as that received by Mr. Howard. Indeed, other organizations which have real executives to direct the affairs of their concerns pay their officers and pay them well. Every organization must realize sooner or later that it must pay for executive ability and the American farm bureau federation has long since realized the unusual ability of Mr. Howard as a leader; hence, his salary of $15,000 per annum. In a comparative way taking into consideration the service rendered by Mr. Howard compared with the accomplishments of the executives of certain other commercial and industrial organizations Mr. Howard is the poorest paid officer in the whole line-up.

GIRLS' CLUB RALLY OCT. 29TH

On Saturday, Oct. 29th, the girls' clubs of Wright county are holding an all day rally at Clarion under the leadership of Miss Hazel Spencer, the county club leader, with the assistance of Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader of girls' club work. The program will begin at 10 a. m. at the Colonial theatre, where moving pictures showing materials used in making girls' garments will be shown. Thru the kindness of W. F. Smith, proprietor of the theatre, arrangements have been made for showing pictures for part of the program. A banquet will be held during the noon hour in the parlors of the Methodist church. The girl club members will invite as their guests, their parents and the members of the board of directors of our local farm bureau. Each club president is asked to make all necessary arrangements for dishes and silverware for serving the members and guests of her particular club. Each club member is asked to bring enough for herself and one or two guests so that all visitors will be served at dinner.

A play tournament is being arranged for the recreation of the youngsters at this rally. The committee having the tournament in charge consists of Miss Violet Lukens, Miss Gladys Smith and Miss Amy Benson. This tournament will undoubtedly furnish plenty of action for the entire day. The feature of the program will probably be the so-called club stunts which will be staged by the various clubs in the county. Each club is asked to arrange a list of stunts and report to the stunt committee consisting of Miss Thora Larsen and Miss Nesa Howiseon.

The club stunts will be followed by an adrress from Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader of girls' club work. Miss Arnquist has taken a personal interest in the developement of club work in Wright county and she will no doubt have some splendid suggestions for the club leader and every director on the farm bureau board should make a supreme effort to hear Miss Arnquist on Oct. 29.

FIGURES DON'T LIE

It will be remembered a series of poultry culling demonstrations was staged in the county during the latter part of July and the fore part of August when three demonstrations were held in each township in the county.

The farm ladies at whose places these demonstrations were held were asked to keep an egg record fourteen days previous to the time of culling, also for a period of 14 days after the culling operation and the summary gives the following results:

No. hens before culling	3,521
No. hens after culling	2,605
No. hens culled out	916
No. eggs before culling	14,898
No. eggs after culling	14,457

These figures indicate that 26 per cent of the hens in the 48 flocks which were culled in the county were thrown out as non-egg layers while the egg production was not reduced less than four per cent. It may be said also that these figures were sent in by the ladies themselves and for that reason are correct. Look these figures over and remember "figures don't lie," and then judge for yourself whether or not the poultry culling work has been a success in Wright county for the 1921 season.

WOOL SHIPMENTS OCT. 8

Farmers who were unable to ship their wool on the date of the consignment last July because of the busy season or for any other reason will be glad to know that arrangements have been made for a second shipment to clean up all wool in Wright county.

Those who have not shipped their wool and would like to get in on this shipment are asked to tie their wool with regular wool twine, pack in regulation wool sacks and bring to Clarion on Saturday, Oct. 8, when the shipment will be made.

PICK YOUR SEED CORN EARLY

This is the time of year when the farmer should be reminded of the necessity of picking his seed corn before the first killing frost. This is old stuff but most of us realize the importance of having good seed corn when corn planting time arrives each year.

Every farmer should make a special effort to pick his seed corn early so that he will be able to select the early maturing ears of the best breeding type. We all realize the danger in waiting for corn husking time to select the seed corn which we expect to raise a bumper crop from the following year.

WHAT WILL YOU PAY PICKERS?

Altho no definite uniform price for corn husking has been established it seems to be quite generally agreed in Wright county and the surrounding counties that the following schedule of wages will be reasonable for the 1921 season: Three cents per bushel where the corn is standing well, and the elevator is used. Three and one-half cents per bushel where the corn is standing well and no elevator is used, and possibly four cents per bushel in cases where the corn has been blown down badly.

Representative farmers from each township in Wright county have met and discussed the price for picking this year and the above schedule is the one agreed upon after all things were taken into consideration.

LEARNING LASSIES MEET

Lincoln's Learning Lassies met with leader Isel Matson Saturday, Sept. 24. Demonstration, how to french seam, by Edna Poohlman and how to work buttonholes by Edith Waddell. On account of rain the program was not completed. Refreshments were served by hostess Marjorie Soults. Meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Edith Waddell, Oct. 1.

REPORTER.

GIVE HOGS PLENTY OF WATER

Water for hogs, while not a food, will help make fat on the hog as quickly as any other one thing fed, says John Evvard, swine expert with the Iowa Agricultural experment station. Water is necessary in digestion, since it acts as a solvent, a regulator, a transporter and a cleanser and a tonic to the hog's body.

Many foods have a large quantity of water in them, such as mangels, which have 9 pounds of water to one pound of dry matter but the majority of hog feeds are less than 25 per cent water.

Since the water is necessary in the chemical action of starches and sugars which make fats it is necessary that hogs have plenty of water if they are to get their fat in the most economical manner.

Where hogs do not get a good supply of fresh water they will worry and this reduces their flesh. Hogs have a comparatively small stomach and cannot drink large quantities of water at a time so that they should be given a chance to drink frequently.

Where plenty of water is furnished the hogs will be healthier since water carries off the poisonous waste products in the body building processes of the body. Although a hog is considered one of the dirtiest animals, he likes clean water and he must have it if best results are desired.

The rule is that if the office seeks the man isn't much of an office.

If the blue laws all pass his name will be Uncle Psalm.

THINGS TO BE DONE IN OCTOBER

Fall Plowing Pays.

When the potatoes are marketed and the seed corn is all hung, the wise farmer plans to do as much fall plowing as possible before freezing. This is mighty good pratice to break up insect nests and it is good farm management to get as much of the work out of the way as possible before spring. It also enables early seeding of grain, which means increasing yields.

A Winter Reading Course

Winter is coming when the family will have much more time to read. The home town paper will keep them informed as to local happenings, a good daily paper will tell the latest state, national and world news, and a good farm paper will give the latest ideas in the field of agriculture. Some of the breed and poultry journals also offer excellent reading matter to the farmer who specializes.

Club Members Report

All bread, canning and sewing club reports and achievement stories should be sent to the county club leader, home demonstration agent, or county agent before October 15. These should be forwarded to the state club leader at State college before October 30. In countries where there is no agent the report and stories may be sent directly to the state club leader's office. Plans for reorganization of clubs and taking in new members should be made during October.

Women Plan Program

October is the month when the women of the community should plau a definite program of work for the winter months. The State college at Brookings has for women extension specialists who are at the service of community organizations—a clothing specialist, state leader of the home demonstration work, and poultry specialist.

Weed Out The Flock

Now is the time to take an inventory of the young poultry stock and weed out the weaklings and undeveloped pullets; also cockerels not needed for breeding porposes. Pullets to be retained should be examined for lice, disease and deformities and all undesirable birds removed. The selected individuals should be transferred to winter laying quarters which have been previously prepared for them. Young stock should never be housed in a building used for the older stock with out first giving it a thorough cleaning and disinfecting.

"YOUR LIGHTS ARE BURNING, MISTER!"

"Your lights are burning, Mister—Yes, I know it," is an inscription which will be seen on more than one automobile in the coming year. At least, until the remainder of the motoring public come to realize that a car with burning headlights is not the result of an all night joy ride or accidental turning of the light switch. One driver threatened to use such a sign when told by a battery service man that long day-time trips and high charging rate of his generator under such conditions meant certain disaster for the storage battery on his car unless he burned the lights.

In that espect at least, the European name "Accumulator" by which storage batteries are known over there is more literally correct. An automobile battery merely accumulates the surplus electricity developed by the generator and when that current becomes excessive, the work done in the battery (and it is just as much work for a battery to take a charge as it is to give it off) becomes a burden to it and overheating results.

Most car owners know by this time that overheating means buckled plates destruction of certain kinds of insulation materials commonly used and short circuits. Escape from this danger may be had by burning the headlights while on long day trips, particularly when a recent test has shown the battery to be fully charged.

The Willard Storage Battery Co. strikes a timely note of warning in their latest booklet, entitled, "Willard Service; For Your Battery's Benefit —and Yours." They say never allow your battery to become overheated in service; keep all cells filled with distilled water; keep your battery fully charged in winter to prevent freezing; The battery will then take care of itself.

The Ideal Purgative

As a purgative, Chamberlain's Tablets are the exact thing required. Strong enough for the most robust, mild enough for children. They cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any of that terrible griping. They are easy and pleasant to take and agreeable in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

Generosity comes very easy to those who have nothing to give.

Belmond Local News

The duck hunters report poor luck so far, the shots scarce and the game still more so. The ducks have not yet begun their southward flight, but opinion seems to be that when they do the hunting will be good.

Wm. Starnes has been very ill the past week or two.

The public sale of W. M. Woosley, one mile north of the Harvey church, takes place today.

We make your rugs, carpets, curtains, draperies, pillows, quilts, blankets etc. clean, fresh and sanitary.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of hotel.

Let Griesy figure on your pipeless furnace.

It will pay you to inspect the line of heaters and ranges at Griesy's before buying.

Some real bargains listed in Griesy's ad this week.

C. P. Luick, who recently returned from his trip to Minnesota where he took a two weeks' vacation, left again last week for northern parts to attend to some business interests up in that country.

E. Bock was a caller at Goodell on Thursday of last week, where he went to look after some business matters incidental to the building of the new Catholic churh being ereted there to take the plae of the one which was destroyed by fire last Christmas.

NEAR EAST RELIEF GRAIN CAMPAIGN

E. E. Barclay, of Des Moines, special representive for the grain campaign of the Near East Relief, while here last Thursday made a talk at the picnic held at Shrover's grove and his appeal was rewarded by liberal donations of corn from farmers in attendance.

The townships vice presidents will receive pledges from the farmer in their township of old and new corn, wheat, oats, barley, or rye. These donations are to be taken to the elevator most convenient to the donor, on or before Saturday, October 8, 1921, which has been designated as "Grain day for Franklin County." The grain will be receiped for by the elevator to the donor and credit slips for the grain will be turned into the township vice president who will advise W. L. Robinson, county chairman, as to the amount and kind of grain and location of elevator where held.

The Near East Relief will then gather the credits at a certain shipping point, furnish cars and shipping instructions and forward grain to mills for preparation as food products for shipping overseas. All expenses of movement of grain from Franklin county have been provided for so that no expense will attach to the donations. The mills handle two thousand cars of corn free of cost, and the railroads furnish free transportation from mill to port.

Quick action on the part of our farmers who have old corn, wheat, oats or barley is necessary in order that these ships may reach the Black Sea ports before the winter, as Governor Kendall in his proclamation says: "Men, women and children are literally starving to death." We can save some of them. Those who wish to give money to buy corn products will send their contributions through the same channels.

Those who do not have old corn and are willing to pledge new corn after the 1921 crop is harvested will so specify on their pledges. Arrangements will be made for another grain day in November or December. The new corn will go to the southern ports during the winter.

No grain crop has been harvested in Armenia for five years; 400,000 of their men lost their lives during the war on the side of the allies. A majority of the balance were massacred by the Turks and Kurds. The women and children of the bible lands are holding out guant fingers across the seas begging America for bread.

Five million bushels of grain are needed to meet this awful condition. Iowa's quota is 300 carloads of corn, five of wheat and two of barley. Franklin county's quota is three cars loads. It is estimated that there are 300,000 bushel of old corn in the county. An average of one bushel out of every hundred would meet our quota. Other counties in the state are doing this and we can do likewise.

Governor Kendall has issued the following proclamation:

To the farmers of Iowa:

A terrible situation confronts us in the bible lands. It is a race with death. Men, women and children are literally starving. A corn ship must leave America before Nov. 1st, to have its cargo reach Russian Armenia before the winter ice blockade. One hundred bushels of old corn are now worth ten thousand bushels of new corn in December. The will save lives that would otherwise be lost.

I beg the farmers of Iowa to heed this call. Take your donation of grain to your elevator this week and send your credit slip to our Near East Grain Company, 521 Securities building, Des Moines, Iowa.

N. E. Kendall,
Governor of Iowa.

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Fine Suits Made-to-Order
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You are certain of obtaining the highest quality of clothes when you buy Bruner's Woolens. There are none better. Drop in any time and look over our big line. It costs you nothing to inspect these newest fall patterns.

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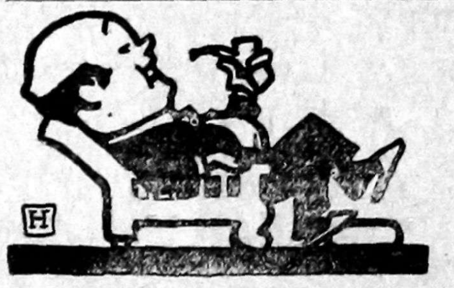

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NOW
We need the Money
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Yours for business,

WOLLE LAND AGENCY
Belmond, Iowa

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

"I don't know what ye'd do, pap," Babe said weakly. "You ought to thought o' that afore, pap. It may be too late now. I want ye to go on off and le' me alone. Ef I die, I want to die in peace. The Lord knows I never got to live in peace!"

There was a worried look in her wonderful brown eyes, and the doctor saw it. He strode forward decisively and helped Littleford to his feet. The hillman wiped away a tear with his faded blue bandana, and hung his head. He had been made a broken man in one day.

"Go out to your friend Moreland," smiled the doctor, "and wait there for a little while."

Babe's father walked unsteadily out of the room. Dale went to Doctor Braemer and whispered, "Isn't she going to make it?" anxiously.

"Certainly she's going to make it," Braemer assured him. "Go on; she wants to see you."

Dale drew a chair up close to the white bed and sat down. Babe's eyes lighted at once, and she put a hand uncertainly out toward him. Dale took the hand in his. He saw that it was a little pale under its delicate sunburn.

"Glad to see you, Babe," he told her softly. "Why do you think you're going to die, Babe?"

She smiled at him. "Why, I don't think I'm a-goin' to die," she said. "I know I'm a-goin' to live, Bill Dale. I feel like I could walk fifty miles right now!"

"But I heard you tell your father—"

"I was a-tryin' to skeer him out o' fightin' any more," she interrupted. "And I believe I 'bout done it, don't you?"

Dale was relieved. "I do. Is there anything you want, Babe? If there is, I'll get it for you if it's in the universe."

"The universe?" she repeated inquiringly. "What's the universe, Bill Dale? Somethin' to eat?"

"The world, the sun, the moon, and the stars."

She smiled at him again. "No," she said, "the' ain't nothin' I want, and ain't nothin' ye can do fo' me, I reckon."

"But I thought, as they sent for me—"

Babe Littleford's fingers held tightly to his. "It was me that sent fo' you."

She turned her face the other way. "I was so lonesome, Bill Dale!"

Robert McLaurin's wife, Patricia, visited Babe twice daily, and a friendship that was none the less warm for being unique sprang up quickly between them. Patricia declared to her husband that she was going to keep Babe—whom she was already calling by her proper name, the same being Elizabeth—and educate her. There was room in the bungalow, Patricia said; and she really needed company, because Bobby was away so much.

Babe accepted little Mrs. McLaurin's offer as soon as Bill Dale convinced her that she wouldn't be merely an object of charity. The hill pride's first law is that one must pay for what he gets—and it's probably the first law God laid down for old Adam in Eden. Ben Littleford seemed bewildered and blue when they told him of the arrangement, but he voiced no objection. Dale pressed upon him a loan of a hundred dollars, and ordered him to give it to his daughter, which he did. Elizabeth Littleford, of course, would need new clothing.

"I ain't even got any dresses at home," she whispered to Patricia, "but two."

Bill Dale was sure now that he loved Babe, and he was almost sure that she cared for him. But he was quite properly in no haste to come to an understanding. He had known all along that Babe would have to be educated! and a woman's tastes, he reasoned, might change with education. And he wanted her to have the opportunity of knowing other men of his class. If she couldn't love him with a lasting love, he didn't want her to love him at all.

Oddly or not, he never thought of Jimmy Fayne.

CHAPTER VIII.

Major Bradley and Henderson Goff.

When Bill Dale, the expert mining man Hayes and the two mountaineers stepped from a short passenger train at the Halfway switch, they were approached by the moonshiner, Heck, and a man whom Dale had never seen before. He was tall, and his bearing was erect and soldierlike, though he was every day of sixty years old. His eyes were blue and twinkling with everlasting good humor; his gray mustaches and imperial were exceedingly well cared for; his teeth were his own, and as white as a schoolgirl's, and they bore out his general air of neatness. He was, plainly, a Southerner of the old type.

"Who's that?" whispered Dale to John Moreland.

But Moreland didn't hear. He ran forward with his right hand outstretched, and so did Ben Littleford. Men could not have greeted a brother with more gladness, Dale thought.

"Hi, thar, Major Bradley!" the hillman cried. "And how d'ye come on today?"

"I am very well, gentlemen, thank you," said the major, smiling.

He shook their hands heartily. "The trainmen gave us your message yesterday," he went on, still smiling, "and we were delighted to learn that the young woman was out of danger. I trust you are all in good health, gentlemen."

They assured him that they were. Moreland turned to introduce Bill Dale and the mining man. From the moment that Major Bradley gripped Dale's hand they were friends.

"Mighty glad to know you, sir!" exclaimed the old lawyer. "I've been hearing a great deal about you, sir, over in the valley of the Doe. They seem to think there's nobody just like Bill Dale! It was Bill Dale this, and Bill Dale that; it was 'Here's where Bill Dale whipped Black Adam,' or, 'Here's where Bill Dale was standing when such-and-such happened,' or, 'Here's where Bill Dale crossed the fence!'"

"Hah-hah-hah!" sluggishly laughed By Heck, who stood leaning on the muzzle of his rifle. "Bill Dale is all right, major; ye've shore got my word fo' that."

The others laughed. Then John Moreland said they'd better be moving, or they'd be late for dinner.

When they had put a hundred yards of David Moreland's mountain behind them, the old Southerner tugged slyly at Dale's sleeve and whispered:

"Let us fall behind a little, if you please. I want to speak with you privately."

They began to lag, and soon there was a distance of several rods between them and the others.

"I heard through Addie Moreland," began Bradley, his friendly hand on the younger man's arm, "about you and what you're planning to do for the Morelands. I tell you, sir, I thanked heaven for your coming, and you may count on me to help in any way I can. The Morelands are quite friendly to me now, though up to the middle of last summer they didn't like me any too well because I made Ben Littleford's cabin my home when out here.

"It was a simple thing that brought us together. John Moreland's little nephew was lost in the woods and his mother was frantic. There are panthers, you know, and wildcats, rattlers, and copperheads. I was fortunate enough to find the boy, and carried him home. That was all. They're a fine people, my boy, and so are the Littlefords. Good old English blood that somehow wandered off. There's no purer, cleaner blood in America, sir.

"And now—how are you getting along with your plans for the operation of the coal mine?"

"Excellently," answered Dale. "We have the necessary finance; a geared locomotive and cars and light steel rails have been bargained for."

"Good!" Bradley gave Dale a hearty slap on the shoulder.

"There's something else I wanted to say, Mr. Dale," he continued, his voice grave. "You're nearly certain to have a barrel of trouble with a shyster coal man named Henderson Goff. He's a villain, sir, if ever there was one! And he's quite the smoothest article I've ever seen. He can make you believe black is white, if only you'll listen to him long enough."

"Is he—has he been here recently?" Dale wanted to know.

"He's here now," answered the major. "He's been here for three days, and he's been working devilment fast. He was up here last summer, trying to buy the Moreland coal for a song; he knows all the people, you see. As soon as he landed here on this present trip, he found out about your intentions. Then, at night, he freed Adam Ball from his tobacco barn prison, and went home with him.

"Well, By Heck followed them and did some eavesdropping—poor By has his strong points!" the major went on. "Goff learned that Adam Ball's father knew about the coal vein long before David Moreland discovered it and got lawful possession of the mountain. Then Goff made the Balls believe that they were due a big share of the proceeds of the Moreland coal! It wasn't very hard to do, I guess. The Balls, this set, at least, were originally lowlanders; they took to the mountains, I understand, to keep from being forced to fight during the Civil war."

"Goff's idea," muttered Dale, "is to get the Balls to scare me into selling instead of developing, eh?"

"Exactly," nodded old Bradley. "Then he would settle with the Balls by giving them a dollar or two a day for digging coal; perhaps he would put them off until the mine was worked out for half of that, and then skip. Anyway, Goff would come out at the big end."

"I see," said Dale.

"If there's anything that I can do, at any time, you won't hesitate to let me know?" said the major.

"You may consider yourself attorney and legal adviser for the Moreland Coal company, of which I have the honor to be general manager," smiled Dale, "if you will."

Major Bradley's voice came happily. "My dear boy, I am glad to accept! And there shall be no charge for any service that I may render."

They were not long in reaching the green valley, which lay very beautiful and very peaceful in the warm light of the early July sun. The soft murmuring of the crystal river and the low, slow tinkling of the cowbells made music that was sweet and pleasing.

Suddenly John Moreland stopped, uttered a swearword under his breath, turned and went back to Dale.

"The's a man a-waitin' on us ahead thar, Bill," he drawled, "'at ye shore want to watch like a hawk to keep him from a-stealin' the eyeteeth out o' yore head. His name is Henderson Goff, and he wants coal."

They went on. Soon they met a man who, in clothing and manner, made Dale think of stories he had heard and read of Mississippi river steamboat gamblers of the long ago. His eyes were black, and as keen as a pair of spear-points; his mustaches, too, were black, and they had sharp, upturned ends like those of a Mephisto. The major had said that he was a smooth article; he certainly looked it.

He met John Moreland with an oily smile and thrust out his hand. But Moreland wouldn't see the hand.

"Anything ye've got to say about coal," he growled, "ye can say to Bill Dale thar," pointing with a calloused thumb. "Bill he's the high light o' the whole business; and when he opens his mouth, ye can cock yore head to one side and listen fo' gawspel."

Goff was delighted to meet Mr. Dale, of whom he had already heard. Dale had nothing whatever to say. They walked on toward the cabin of the Moreland chief, with Goff keeping up a running fire of talk concerning the scenery, the climate—anything but coal.

At John Moreland's gate, Goff nudged Dale with an elbow and whispered:

"Meet me at one o'clock down there where the big sycamore lies across the river. I've got something to tell you that will interest you."

He didn't wait for a reply, but turned away with By Heck. He went to the home of the Hecks ostensibly to have his fortune told—really, to get his dinner. The old woman didn't like him, but her inborn spirit of hospitality wouldn't permit her to refuse him a meal. She felt that she was almost even with him when, after shuffling and reading the cards, she told him that it would be wise for him to look out for a big, tall, grey-eyed young man with an oak tree in one hand and a couple of cliffs in the other.

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Dale told Major Bradley and John Moreland of that which Goff had said to him at the gate. The major suggested forthwith that he go to meet the man; it couldn't possibly do any harm, and there was a chance that he would learn something of Goff's intentions.

So Dale went.

Goff was already there, waiting. He was sitting on a stone on the Moreland side of the river, whittling idly. When he saw Dale approaching, he smiled and nodded, rose and pocketed his knife.

"I want to make you an offer for that coal," he said at once.

"All right," Dale replied. "If your offer is big enough, it will be considered. But no shyster price is going to get that coal, Goff."

Goff frowned uneasily.

"You don't know coal, Mr. Dale. You don't know the business of mining—or I've got you sized up wrong. Thousands of men have gone busted trying to do things they weren't used to doing. There's a big chance, too, that the coal isn't what it looks to be on the surface. You'd better take a sure thing, and avoid a possibility of loss. I'll give you five thousand, spot cash, for that coal."

Dale shook his head. "You'll have to come heavier than that, y'know, if you get the Moreland coal."

"And an extra thousand for yourself!"

Dale laughed a low, queer laugh. "You amuse me, Goff," said he. "Seems to me you've missed your calling in life. What a peach of a king-villain you'd make in melodrama! You wouldn't have to act, either; you'd have to be just your natural self. And you make me mad, too, Goff. Because I'm on the square with the Morelands and everybody else—now, get that!"

The corners of the shyster coal man's mouth came down.

"Oh, bosh—don't pass me that virtue stuff. Every man has his price, high or low. You've got yours, and I've got mine. I'll give you five thousand, spot cash, if you'll persuade John Moreland to sell to me for five thousand, and nobody'll ever know you got a rakedown from me. It's all the coal is worth, that ten thousand. Well, yes?"

Dale was of the type that goes pale with anger, and he was pale now. He clenched his hands.

"You can't insult me like that and get away with it, Goff," he clipped. "We're going to fight, Goff, and I'm going to put a licking on you that fifteen horses can't pull off. Get me?"

He threw aside his coat and rolled his sleeves to his elbows. Henderson Goff ran his right hand quickly to a rear trouser pocket and brought back a stub-nosed automatic pistol, which he turned threateningly toward Bill Dale.

"Go easy, friend," Goff said very complacently. "There's no use in getting sore. I want the coal, that's all. If I can't get it by fair means, I'll get it in another way. Oh, I don't mind telling you; one man's oath is as good in court as another man's. If you don't take me up at ten thousand, I'll give you so much trouble that you'll be glad to sell it to me later for half that amount. The Balls think they own a big interest in that coal! There's a lot of them, too, and they can keep you from working the mine. Well, I can't waste time in dickering with you. What do you say?"

"I say," and Dale smiled an odd little smile, "that your plan appears to be perfect, except that you've overlooked one or two important details. For instance, there's the law, y'know."

"The law—now don't go and fool yourself!" exclaimed Goff. "The state couldn't afford to keep a hundred men here, month in and month out, just to protect your little mine. My patience is about gone, Dale—for the last time, what do you say?"

"I say that I'll beat you at any game you put up against me," very quietly. "Furthermore, I say that you are a coward and a scoundrel, and that you haven't got the insides in you to fight me a fair man's fight. If you'll only pocket that thing you've got in your hand, I'll mow down half an acre of meadow bush with your body."

The other turned red, then white, then red again. Bill Dale's words had lashed him keenly. His eyes became like hard black beads, and he began

And He Began to Raise the Wicked-Looking Pistol As Though He Meant to Fire.

to raise the wicked-looking pistol as though he meant to fire.

Then there was the sound of a breaking twig behind him, and a voice drawled out:

"Drap it, Mister—drap the funny little gun, or the middle o' Tarment is yore po'tion right now!"

It was the moonshiner, By Heck, and his rifle was leveled. Goff dropped the pistol. Heck grinned, advanced slowly, took up the weapon that the hillfolk call a "coward's gun" and tossed it into the river.

"Now git—cut the mustard—light a rag away from here," he ordered, "afore I let Bill Dale loose on ye!"

Goff went away rapidly.

"I wonder if you heard him say anything that would make you valuable as a witness," muttered Dale, "in the event we want to have him arrested?"

"I heerd you tell him 'at he was afeard to fight ye a fair man's fight, and 'at ef he'd pocket that thing he held in his hand ye'd mow down twenty acres o' meadow bush with his low-down body—that'd be vallyable in co'te wouldn't it?"

Dale smiled. Then he frowned.

CHAPTER IX.

A Signal Victory.

The mining man Hayes, the major and John Moreland were waiting at the gate when Dale, accompanied by the moonshiner, returned to the cabin. Dale was the first to speak. He told briefly of that which had taken place at the blown-down sycamore, and at the last of it By Heck straightened proudly.

"I be dadjimmed ef I hadn't ha' pumped him so full o' lead 'at the' couldn't enough o' men got around him to tote off his corpst, ef he hadn't ha' drapped the coward's gun," By Heck declared as fiercely as he could. "'Cause maw she seed in the cup 'at Bill Dale was a-goin' to be a right pa'tickler friend o' mine, Igod, and I has a habit o' takin' keer o' my friends. Now thar was my Uncle Bill, him what could jump a sixteen-rail fence——"

"It was a nine-rail fence, By," impatiently cut in John Moreland. "You've done told that so much 'at it's dang nigh wore out. S'posen ye go back thar to the orchard ahind o' the house and see what Cale and Luke's a-doin'; hey, By?"

Heck nodded and went toward the orchard. He knew they didn't want him to overhear what they were going to say, but it didn't offend him. It wasn't easy to offend the good-natured Heck.

Moreland turned to Dale. "Well?"

Dale turned to Hayes.

"We're going to begin the building of the little railroad at the earliest possible moment. And because I don't know anything about the work, I'm going to ask you to take the lead. Now, there may be some fighting. I don't want you to go into this thing blindly, you see. If you're going to withdraw at all, do it now."

"I'm not a stranger to fighting," Hayes replied smilingly. "I've been through half a dozen coal strikes. I think you may count on me, Mr. Dale."

"Then lay out a plan for immediate action."

"I'd suggest," acquiesced Hayes, "that we send to the little town in the lowland for a supply of picks and shovels, axes and saws, hammers, drills, and explosives. In the meantime, you and I can stake out the way for the track."

It sounded businesslike, Dale thought.

Within the hour John Moreland and his son Caleb started for Cartersville on foot, and in the older man's pocket was money sufficient to buy the things that were needed.

Dale and Hayes set out for the north end of David Moreland's mountain, and each of them carried a hand-ax for making stakes.

It was not often that the quiet Hayes permitted himself to go into raptures over anything; however, he went into raptures over the Moreland coal. It was, he declared, one of the best propositions he had ever seen. It was no wonder that Henderson Goff was determined to get possession of it, he said.

Then they went to work.

By sundown two days later they had chosen the route for the narrow-gauge railroad and set stakes accordingly. Hayes told his general manager that with a good force of men the last rail could be put down within two months.

During those two days they had several times seen Henderson Goff in company with Black Adam Ball and some of his relatives. Once they had come upon Goff talking earnestly with Saul Littleford, the big, bearded, gaunt brother of the Littleford chief. Hayes reminded Dale of this, and said to him further:

"Goff will have the Littlefords on his side the first thing you know! Maybe some of the Littlefords, as well as some of the Balls, knew about this coal before David Moreland got his mountain by state's grant at a few cents per acre. If you'll take my advice, Mr. Dale, you'll make friends of these two sets just as quick as you can."

Dale thrust his hand-ax inside his belt and turned to the mining expert.

"D'you know, I was thinking of that same thing when you spoke," he replied. "And I believe I can manage it, now that Miss Littleford's accidental wounding has given the old feud such a big blow. I'm fairly sure I can manage it so far as Ben Littleford is concerned; it's John that's going to be hard to bring to taw. He should be home this evening, if he's had good luck, and I'll tackle him as soon as he comes."

Together they started across David Moreland's mountain, walking rapidly, with Dale leading.

Darkness came down on them when they had covered half the distance. The great hemlocks and poplars loomed spectral and gaunt in the early starlight. The almost impenetrable thickets of laurel and ivy whispered uncanny things, and their seas of pink and snowy bloom looked somehow ghostly. Now and then there was the pattering of some little animal's feet on the dry, hard leaves of bygone years. A solitary brown owl poured out its heart in weird and melancholy cries to the night it loved. There was the faint, far-off baying of a hound, and the soft swish of a night hawk's wings.

Men from the core of civilization must feel these things of the wilderness. . . .

Suddenly Dale drew back and stood still. In the trail ahead, standing as motionless as the trees about him, was the tall figure of a man. It was almost as though he were there to bar the way.

The two went on slowly. The figure didn't move. Dale spoke, and the form came to life. It was By Heck; he was leaning on the muzzle of his rifle.

"It's you, is it, Bill, old boy?" He yawned sluggishly. "I was a-waitin' here fo' you. I reckon I must ha' went to sleep a-standin' here on my feet! I've got news, Bill."

"Out with it."

"I've been a-trailin' Henderson Goff all day," Heck said in guarded tones. "He's shore got them lowdown Balls to believin' they're already millionhairs."

"I knew that," said Dale. "That's not news."

"But that ain't all," By Heck went on. "Goff's got Saul Littleford, too—lock, stock, bar'l and sights. He owns Saul jest the same as I own my old spotted 'coon dawg Dime. Saul he gits him a job a-bein' mine boss, and what other Littlefords 'at will stick gits jobs a-diggin' the black di'mont at two dollars a day. Asides, all of 'em is to have a big lot o' money when the dividin'-up time comes, says Goff."

"Much obliged to you, By," Dale acknowledged. "Let's go; 'bout face, By! I'm goin' to tie a hard knot in that villainous game of Henderson Goff's."

They reached John Moreland's cabin less than an hour later. Moreland and his son had just returned from Cartersville, and Dale learned through Hayes that the two hillmen had shown good judgment and some business sense in making their purchases.

When the evening meal was over Dale drew John Moreland out to the cabin yard, where the many old-fashioned flowers made the night air sweet with their blended odors. For a moment Dale stood looking toward the very bright stars and thinking; then he told the big man at his side of Goff's plan concerning the Littlefords, and strongly urged the making of friendship between the two clans.

"The snake!" mumbled John Moreland.

He appeared to be worried about it. He folded his arms, walked to the gate and back to Dale without uttering another word. It was hard for him to throw down completely the hatred of years upon years. Had it been any other person than Bill Dale, a fighter after his own heart, who had asked it, he never would have even considered it; he would have said quickly:

"We'll thrash the Balls and the Littlefords, too!"

The younger man read something of the other's thoughts.

"With the help of the law," said he, "we might whip them all. But it would mean a great deal of bloodshed at best. The Littlefords are Babe's people, y'know. I like Babe. You

"The Snake!" Mumbled John Moreland.

like her, too, or you never would have gone with her to the hospital—now don't you?"

"I reckon I cain't deny," the Moreland leader muttered, "'at I like Babe Littleford. She ain't like none o' the rest of 'em, Bill."

Dale went on:

"All there is to do to enlist the Littlefords on our side is this: you go to old Ben and say to him: 'Let's begin anew; let's be friends, your people and my people, you and me.' He'll be glad you did it. Then it will be easy sailing for us. The Balls never would dare to attack such a force as the Morelands and the Littlefords combined. Don't you see? I admit it will be something of a sacrifice on your part. But a man like you can make sacrifices. Any man who is big enough to go down on his knees and ask the blessing of the Almighty on his enemies is big enough to make sacrifice. Come—let's go over and see Ben Littleford now; won't you?"

(Continued next week.)

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AIN'T THAT SO?

Exchange: Once upon a t'me I thought I knew men and could marry any one of them with one hand and my eyes shut But, alas, it frightens me to discover, if you permit one to make love to you he gets tired of you in the years to come; and if you don't he get offended in the beginning.

If you agree with him in everything you soon cease to interest him; and if you don't agree with him in everthing, you soon cease to charm him.

If you don't believe everthing he tells you, he thinks you are a cyn'c; and if you do, he thinks you are a fool.

If you wear gay colors, rouge and startling hats, he hesitates to take you out; and if you wear a little tam and a tailored suit, he takes you out and gazes all evening at some women in gay colors.

If you are jealous of him, he can't endure you; if you are not, he can't understand you. If you join in his gayety, and approve of his smoking, he vows you are leading him to the devil; and if you disapprove of his gayety and urge him to give up smoking, he swears you are driving him to the devil. If you are affectionate, he soon tires of your kisses and seeks consolation in some other woman.

If you are sweet, old fashioned, clinging, he doubts if you have any brains, and if you are modern, advanced and independent he doubts that you have a heart or scruples.

If you are cute and boyish, he longs for a soul mate; if you are brilliant and intellectual, he longs for a playmate; if you are temperamental and poetic, he longs for a helpmate.

And all the time he is falling in love with you, he is trying to remodel you into what you are not, never were, and never will be. Isn't this true?

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BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Last week Tuesday evening some 45 of the fr ends and neighbors of Mrs. Rob Walters surprised her at he home by gatheing to help her celebrate the occasion, which was her birtrday. The evening was spent in games and dancing, and refreshments ere served. A very enjoyable time s reported.

SPEEDERS NOTICE!

Some drivers of autos have passing the Emanuel church east of town at a thirty mile gait, making al he noise possible and d'sturbin people at worship a the church and dangering the lives of any of the little folks who were attending services or Sunday school. The officials of the church have the names of some of the parties on hand, and it is reported are in the mood to start something unless he peeding past the church is stopped. There is a law wh ch provides a stiff penalty for disturbing pub worship.

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HIGH SCHOOL ARRANGES FOR FINE PROGRAM

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fred McNutt 100; Russell Buchanan 99; Vivian Pech 99; Clair Rierson 95

In this test the 4th grade should get 58; 5th grade 79; 6th [illegible] 7th grade 94, and 8th grade 98 per cent. The test shows that in all grades the spelling ability is low. Con[illegible] pupils, in test from 4th grade to 8th inclusive, 55 per cent are above standard.

Miss Thomas attended the Normal Training Critic meeting at Ceda Falls on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

All the grade teachers are weighing the r pupils this week. These weights will be recorded upon the report cards each six weeks.

Teachers institute will be held at Clarion on Thursday and Friday of this week, hence there will be no school in Wright county those days.

Miss Leavy and Miss Brooks were absent from school because of sickness Friday. Elaine Rierson and Irvin Haupt, Senior Normal Training students, took charge of their respective rooms.

WHEN A FORD MEETS A SKUNK, WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

If you run over a skunk with your car what would you do? Lew Clake suggests burying the skunk.

Tad Lamos says bury the car.

While returning from Clarion Tuesday evening an Eagle Grove car nad a skunk to deal with.

They said the skunk suddenly appeared ahead of the car and evidenced no desire to get out of the way. It was held by one of the wise men in the car that if you do not anger a skunk, he will not molest you.

And Matt Armbruster, on be'ng interviewed, said, "It would make any skunk mad to be run over by a Ford."

George Winter and his Ford were just a few rods in the rear, so it was decided to rush over the skunk, hoping to knock him far enough out of the way that by the time he got reorganized, they would be out of range and George right in the l'ne of fire.

It worked ont just the opposite. The barrage caught the offending car, but Mr. Winter and his passengers came through the danger zone without molestation.

In the meantime there is a Ford sedan that will not circulate in pol'te society for a few days.—Eagle.

Clarence Slining of this place was somewhat badly injured in an auto wreck Monday night. Together with George Blau of Alexander and the Misses Avis and Norva Wilson of Goodell were coming from a Sunday scohol picnic. A car ahead of them stopped to pick up a couple of girls, and the boys endeavored to turn out to pass. The front of the car missed but the back struck the other car, causing the Blau car to turn over six times.

Accounts for Sale!

The following accounts are offered by the undersigned as Agents for sale to the highest bidder. The right is reserved to reject in full or in part any offer.

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Levi Tuttle, Gibbon, Minn, Doctor bill and groceries	6.38
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Martin Jensen, 1421 P. 11th., Aurora, Neb., account	32.41
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Hans Lund, Blabon, No. Dak., groceries and mdse.	87.19

The above listed accounts are guaranteed by the owners to be CORRECT and UN-DISPUTED and will be advertised for sale until sold. All bids for the purchase of the above accounts will be received at the office of the undersigned.

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Belmond Local News

Ben J. Daniels and family went to Buffalo Center Saturday, where they visited friends and relatives. They returned home on Monday of this week.

New Pianos $268 at Chambers Music House big sale this week. E. State St., Mason City, Iowa.

Mrs. Ole Le n left yesterday afternoon for Kerchi, Kansas, where she will spend the winter at the home of her daughter.

John Cantwell was a business visitor at Garner one day last week, where he has been doing some painting.

New Player Pianos $368 at the big sale this week at Chambers Music House, E. State St., Mason City, Iowa.

Mrs. Kent of Cedar Rapids returned home this week after a six week visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ruka.

Joan Sanders and James Van Nice of Ames spent the week end v'siting at the R. E. Lee Aldrich home. They were classmates at college.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenison and son Beryl and Miss Cloe Jenison were week end visitors at the Vesterby home in Mason City.

S. F. Stout of Rowan was a caller n town on Tuesday of this week, on business matters.

Mrs. Edge and daughters went to Fort Dodge on Fr'day of last week where they are spending a few days visiting at the homes of friends, and then they go on to Storm Lake to join Rev. Edge at the conference being held there.

Don't forget the Community Club food sale Saturday.

Rev. Edge has been transfered to the pastorate at Spirit Lake for the coming year, and the pastor of the Spirit Lake church, Rev. Wilkinson, will come here, his first Sunday being this coming one.

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Belmond Township Farmers Donate Labor For Roads

Meet With Township Officials And Make Proposition To Gravel Roads

TO GRAVEL TWO MILES

One of the best co-operative efforts that has come to the notice of the public for some time is that which was recently staged by the farmers in Belmond township, when, in co-operation with the trustees of the township, an agreement was made by some 12 or so of the farmers in that vicinity to donate their labor in gravelig a two-mile stretch of road.

The farmers agree to donate their labor in hauling the gravel and in spreading it on the road, the gravel to be furnished and loaded by the township. The stretch of road to be graveled is the mile north from the Hardwick place, and the first mile west from the corner.

The north and south mile will be graveled first, and the work is to begin as soon as the corn is out. The gravel will be taken from the Highberger pit north of town, where the township will load it on the wagons.

It is estimated that to gravel the two miles will require in the close neighborhood of twelve hundred odd loads, making the average which each farmer agrees to haul free about one hundred. Hauling one hundred loads of gravel free is some donation for anyone to make, and Belmond township is certainly to be congratulated upon having such a bunch of enterprising and public spirited citizens. The men figure that it is cheaper for them to donate their time and labor than to eventually have it done by the township or county and the costs taxed up to them.

CITY SCHOOLS OF COUNTY TAKES LARGE SUM

From Miss Bock's annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction is gleaned some interesting information regarding the expense of operating the several town schools of the county. Clarion leads all others in the low cost of tuition to its pupils with the exception of the Woolstock school, which would hardly be considered in the same class. The average cost of tuition per month for each pupil is as follows:

Clarion $6.09; Belmond $6.56; Eagle Grove $7.80; Goldfield $8.52; Galt $10.11; Rowan $6.10; Dows $7.43; Woolstock $3.00.

The total expense of operating these same schools is a tidy sum as shown below. The first column is the amount paid teachers and the second includes all other expense in connection with the school.

Belmond	$27,683.25	*10,780.83
Clarion	35,042	14,077.62
Dows	19,736.16	5,802.24
Eagle Grove	48,877.41	*50,306.02
Galt	3,825.00	880.37
Goldfield	18,737.37	* 5,261.12
Rowan	9,600.00	9,409.13
Woolstock	5,355.00	1,494.44
Totals	$168,856.39	$98,011.77

*Overdrafts: Belmond, $2,110.58; Eagle Grove, $855.00; Goldfield, $260.00.—Monitor.

HOME TALENT PLAY— "A CHEERFUL LIAR"

An eccentric comedy brimful of good laughs is to be put on for a Community Club benefit Friday evening, October 21st. The play, consisting of nine all-star characters, will be under the direction of Josephine Friel McAlpine. The cast of characters and an outline of the play will be given in the next issue of the Independent.

BELMOND SCHOOL NEWS

Miss Brooks was ill Monday and Tuesday and Lee Lowenberg of the senior Normal Training class substituted in the sixth grade.

Many of the Junior and Senior Normal Training students attended the institute at Clarion.

Saturday evening the entire faculty were entertained at the home of Supt. and Mrs. E. S. Fyler. The evening was delightfully spent in playing games, after which a delicious two course luncheon was served.

The bookshelves that were put in various rooms during the vacation were much appreciated by the teachers.

Miss Leavy is back to work after a week's illness.

Several new scholars have been enrolled during the past week.

Herbert Nelson has been engaged to teach the Pink Treese school during the winter term, and is now taking in the Normal Course.

There were a number of visitors during the past week. We are glad to have patrons and friends visit the school as often as their work permits.

Packard the cartoonist will be here October 20. Get your season tickets now.

The Kanawha-Belmond ball game was called off last Friday because of the weather. We have tried to get another date this fall with Kanawha, but were unable to do so. We hope to get a game with Thornton this week Friday. Watch for the street sign.

The new floor in the gym has been completed and will be ready for use in about a week. (Which is welcome news to the basket ball teams and Physical Training teams.

The first number of the lecture course will be given October 20. Season tickets are now on sale and can be secured from any high school pupil. $1.50 for the four numbers! Boost for something good. Help us go over the top with the ticket sale.

EPWORTH LEAGUE RALLY A SUCCESS

The Epworth League sub-district rally held in Belmond last Sunday marks another triumph for the young people of the Epworth League of Belmond. The program was carried out as planned and the afternoon session, under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. White, was one of inspiration. Miss Bernetas Wolle, local first vice-president, imbibed some of the Institute "pep" she recieved at Lake Okoboji last July, into the meeting and the visiting Leagues entered into the spirit of the meeting in a regular Institute way. The local League female quartette belighted the audience with their splendid singing and when it came time to adjourn for Franklin Grove for supper we were just one happy bunch. After a delicious supper served cafeteria style the crowd gathered around a huge camp fire and under the leadership of Miss Doris Bailey played games and sang Epworth League songs.

Miss Bock the County Superintendent of schools led the evening devotionals. She was ably assisted by Clarion young people. They brought out many good thoughts and used for their topic the regular Epworth League topic, "They Will be Done With My Time."

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASE FATAL AT HOLMES

A fatal case of infantile paralysis occured at Holmes last week. Gerhart, the fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Amdahl, was taken sick Sunday and passed away Thursday night. The boy was buried Friday, sympathetic neighbors standing outside while Rev. Spande, pastor of the Norwegian church of Eagle Grove conducted the services.

Gerhart is mourned by his parents, two brothers and two sisters, whose sorrow is keenly felt by their friends and neighbors.

There is a lighter case of infantile paralysis in the Morris Fraser family one-half mile south of Holmes and the home is quarantined.—Monitor.

Farm Bureau Social Held At Geo. Potts Home

Social Gathering Enjoyed By Farmers At Potts Home On Friday Afternoon

CULLING DEMONSTRATION

The Geo. W. Potts home five miles west of Belmond was the scene of a community social and a poultry culling demonstration on Friday afternoon of last week.

The meeting was planned originally for a social of the ladies of the community and was arranged to include a poultry culling demonstration.

The county agent was present and talked for about an hour and gave an actual demonstration of the culling operation. The hens which were used in the demonstration were furnished by several of the neighbors. The demonstration was followed by refreshments being served by the good housewives of the community.

COUNTRY CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Clarmond Country Club held its annual business meeting at the clubhouse Tuesday evening, and elected John L. Lundblad, president; Wm. Tyrrell, of Belmond, vice president; Geo. W. Young, Jr., secretary; Hal Smith, treasurer; and Messrs M. F. Birdsall, Dr. W. S. Steele, Mr. Klemme, of Belmond, and Dr. St. Clair, of Clarion, directors.

The club has decided to close its membership list shortly, and the members have been given to understand that if they have any friends who wish to join, now is the time. There is room for about thirty additional members to complete the one hundred which is the club limit, and when these have been secured, no more will be taken except as a member sells his membership and drops out. Financially the club is in good shape, the property easily being worth every cent that has been paid for memberships. Plans are under way to make it a social center at which different social activities will be promoted, and it is the belief that within a year or two the most of the club memberships will be selling at a premium. Several winter parties are being planned, including dances, one a masquerade and a big Hallowe'en party.

FARM HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE MONDAY

The A. A. Johnson home at the edge of East Lake near Kanawha was destroyed by fire on Monday of this week, the house and barn, and all the adjacent buildings being consumed by the flames. The family were engaged in butchering, and it is thought that the leaves caught fire, for the whole place seemed to be afire before they realized it. The stock was saved, but the buildings and most of the things in them are a total loss. It is not known whether Mr. Johnson carried insurance on the buildings destroyed or not.

COMMUNITY CLUB FOOD SALE CLEARS $40

The food sale of the Community Welfare club held last Saturday afternoon in the library basement, was a splendid success from every standpoint and resulted in the ladies of the club clearing something glike forty dollars. The sale was very well attended and the foodstuffs on sale were disposed of as soon as they were labeled and placed on the tables. The good cooks of the city evidently have a far-reaching reputation, for their products at the sale Saturday were snapped up in such short order that at four o'clock there was little or nothing left.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

News: The outstanding feature of district court is the rumor that John Berg, Belmond banker, will not stage a legal battle for freedom from the indictments hanging over him, but will plead guilty and throw himself upon the mercy of the court. It was understood that he was to enter his plea Tuesday afternoon (last week) and he was here with friends, but returned to Belmond without making a plea. It is rumored that in the event he does plead guilty without a trial, he will receive a sentence and any move toward a parole will come only after he has been incarcerated.

The grand jury is in session, with T. A. Davenport of Belmond as foreman, and fellow members are John Soren, Ole Melhus, Clarion; R. H. Lester, Goldfield; F. M. Meyers, Rowan; A. N. Rolfe, Eagle Grove; O. G. Christianson, Kanawha; J. C. Brown, Clarion, clerk.

Peter Nelson of Dows, indicted for illegal manufacture of booze, entered a plea of guilty and was fined $200 by the court.

The case of the state against N. H. Murphy, who was alleged to have disposed of mortgaged property, was dismissed, Murphy having made a settlement with the complaining witness, E. G. Gould, who also dismissed a civil suit against Murphy.

The real business of the present term is yet to come, only the default cases having been handled up to adjournment Wednesday afternoon. The following judgements were entered against defendants in this manner.

P. Trees vs. S. Sarber, settled at plaintiff's costs.

H. J. Klemme vs. W. A. and Jessie Parsons, $4,964.87, and interest and costs.

Cash Market vs. Ed. and Mary Murphy, $139.50 and interest and costs.

Independent Grain co. and Lumber Co. vs. Amos Thompson, T. O. Thompson and H. A. Oakdale, default and judgement against Amos Thompson, $330.03 and interest and costs.

In Severe & Sams' suit for possession of a boar pig against J. G. Freese attachment proceedings pending, defendant defaulted and costs were aginst him. Mr. Freese bought the boar but the sellers reserved show rights and had to go to court to get possession of the pig when the time came to show him as provided in the original sale agreement.

In the John Brooks Hogan vs. Thomas Brooks et al suit for possession of Cornelia land or its equivalent in cash, defendants were given until Monday to plead.

Ross & Harris vs. R. G. Shaver, judgement for $1,437.50 and interest and costs.

George H. Steele et al vs. Ray P. Morris and Alfred Swenson, judgement for $2,174.40 and interest and costs.

Jones Harness Co. vs. Jno. Sharp judgement for $134.37 and interest and costs.

Belmond Savings bank vs. Ernest and Theodore Wege, judgement for $566 and interest and costs.

Tuesday the board of supervisors held a rehearing on drains Nos. 9 and 18.

W. S. Weston of Webster City, court reporter for Judge McCall, is a leading canidate for postmaster of his home town.

Sarah Mantle of Goldfield has been appointed executrix of the estate of her late husband, H. R. Mantle, without bond.

Sept. 30th was a busy day in the county treasurer's office. It was the last day in which to pay the second installment of taxes. In addition to the personal callers there were the usual mail orders.

Several cases were settled prior to the opening of court. Among them are Vestweber vs. Middleton et al, Fisher vs. Frank, Kirksville bank vs. Frank, Russel Music Co. vs. Springfield Insurance Co.

Judge McCall of Nevada convened the October term of court Monday with one of the heaviest dockets ever recorded. The petit jurors will not be required to report for duty

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GOV'T. TESTER EXAMINED THE LOCAL HERDS

Total Of Three Hundred Head Are Tested For Tuberculosis By Expert

SEVERAL HERDS DISEASED

Total Of Twenty-nine Cows Found Tubercular Are From Eight Herds

A number of the herds of dairy cattle in this vicinity have been tested the past week or two for tuberculosis, and the results have been more than surprising in some case.

One farmer is reported to have had ten cows in his herd condemned as being tubercular, while another had four who reacted to the test. Several different men had one and two cows in their herds which were found to be infected with the deadly tuberculosis.

When an animal is condemned, it is killed, the owner being reimbursed by the state and government for practically the value of the animal. The herd of Mike Luick, numbering some thirty-seven in number, were found to be O. K., as were the herds of several other farmers.

The only trouble with this testing seems to be that it is not compulsory; the owner of a cow can have the animal tested or not, as he desires, and some of them appear to be afraid that they might lose a cow if they had the test made. Regardless of the fact that they may contract tuberculosis if they don't.

After a herd has been tested, the owner is not permitted to buy or sell any animals for a certain length of time afterwards. No cream or milk can be sold for a week after the test if any animal is found to be diseased in the herd.

COMMUNITY CLUB HOLDS FINE MEETING

The Community Welfare club held their regular monthly meeting at the limbrary basement September 30. Over 80 were present. The business meeting of the club voted to take charge of the tubercular seal campaign in November.

Mrs. Schultz introduced Mrs. Max Mayer of Iowa City who gave an interesting lecture on Child Welfare.

Refreshments were served by the committee in charge, Mrs. W. Tyrrell, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. Tiara, Mrs. Frank Barry, Mrs. Mitte Anderson, Mrs. Mike Luick, Jr., Mrs. Preston, Mrs. O. Jenison, Mrs. C. P. Luick, Mrs. Thiltgen.

In the evening Mrs. Mayer lectured on the "Good American." Carol Tyrrel played an instrumental solo and those present sang America.

Mrs. Earl Martin will have charge of the next meeting, the subject of which will be dress forms.

MRS. EDGE GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY BY AID

The ladies of the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church gave Mrs. J. H. Edge a farewell party at the home of Mrs. F. E. Snyder on Monday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Edge and her husband have been assigned to the charge at Spirit Lake for this coming year. About 35 guests were present at the party, refreshments being served. As a token of their esteem and friendship, the ladies presented Mrs. Edge with a silver meat fork.

"Lefty" Ray began his new duties the first of the week at the Case Hotel, as clerk.

JOHN BERG ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

Belmond's defaulting cashier, John Berg, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of larceny Monday afternoon. Judge McCall fixed Tuesday next, October 18, at 1:30 p. m. as time for pronouncing sentence. Bail bond is to remain in full force until that time. By agreement with County Attorney Rogers, the second indictment on the same charge against the defendant has been dismissed. It has been known for some time that friends of the accused had been laboring with him to bring about the above plea.—Monitor.

EMPIRE CONSTRUCTION CO. REPAIRING PAVEMENT

The Empire Construction Co., the firm which paved the streets of Belmond, has been on the job this week making repairs on the pavement, filling the cracks, etc. Under the bond of the company made at the time the paving was contracted for, they are required to keep it in repair for the period of five years from the date of the contract, which was two years ago.

WM. STARNES

Wm. Starnes was born in Kent Co., England, Aug. 6, 1848, and died at his home in Belmond, Iowa October seventh, 1921.

The parents of Mr. Starnes moved to this country when he was about four years old and settled in New York later moving to Elgin, Illinois, and in 1865 the family moved to Iowa and settled on what is known as the old Sullivan farm north of town.

On March 1, 1881, Mr. Starnes married Miss Ida Munson and they began housekeeping on a farm two and a half miles southwest of Meservey, where they lived until moved to Belmond six years ago last February.

Mr. and Mrs. Starnes were the parents of three children, two sons, Joel of Klemme, Iowa, and Wm. B. of Belmond, survive their father. He also leaves besides his wife and sons one brother, Geo. A. Starnes of Belmond, Iowa, and three sisters, Mrs. Carrie DeMaris of Bruno Minn., Mrs. Eliza French of Cherokee, Iowa, Mrs. Effie Rankins of Oregon, and Mrs. Ella DeMaris of Miltonville, Iowa.

Mr. Starnes was a member of the Thornton lodge I. O. O. F.

About two years ago Mr. Starnes was taken sick and since that time he has been a great sufferer altho he has been able to be about the home the most of the time, until the last few weeks when he has been confined to his bed.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Sunday of this week, Rev. S. U. Leinbach in charge.

RECEPTION FOR MINISTER

A reception for Rev. Wilkinson, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, will be held on Friday evening at the church, the reception to take place at seven thirty. All are invited to attend, meet the new minister and his family, and bid them welcome to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson drove to Minnesota last Saturday to their son Harry, and when they returned Monday morning of this week they brought back ten bushels of the finest potatoes that the writer has ever had the pleasure of eating. We acknowledge a gift of some of them, and we are here to say that they certainly are "some spuds."

R. H. Rierson of Belmond, administrator of the estate of Eddie Rierson, who was recently killed in an automobile accident near Humboldt, has served notice on the North Iowa Gas & Electric Co. at Humboldt that a petition will be filed asking for $500,000 damages from the company because of the death of the young man.—News.

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40 AND 8 TO MEET IN HAMPTON OCT. 7TH.

The local members of the "40 and 8," auxiliary of the American Legion have practically completed their plans for the big festivities on October 7th when they will initiate a big class of legionaires into the auxiliary. The main feature of the day will be the parade at 2:30 in the afternoon.

It is probable that some of the candidates will do a few amusing stunts on the streets, but the initiation proper will take place at the high school building. All candidates are requested to meet at the Memorial hall promptly at 1:00 o'clock. Any member of the American Legion is eligible for membership in "Le Societe Des Hommes 40 et 8 Chevaux."

A football game between Hampton and Britt will be an added attraction on the program.—Chronicle.

The Mason City Daily Globe Gazette is fast becoming one of the leading papers of the Northwest. It carries the full leased wire Associated Press, complete markets, lots of state news and gives daily all the important happenings in this territory. The price is only $4.00 per year. 3tc

THIEVES BROKE IN TO STEAL

Garner Leader: About 1:30 o'clock Thursday night last Night Police John MacNichol, noticed a light in the Larson Meat Market. This was entirely unusual and he investigated. He found that a couple of fellows were prowling about the place, using a flashlight for illumination. Mr. MacNichol, thinking perhaps it was Oscar Larson or some of his help, tried the front door and while he was in the alley, the would-be robbers made their get-away out the front door. John called Mr. Larson and when they arrived at the market, the front door was wide open. The crooks beat out of town in an easterly direction, leastwise there was a car traveling at top speed in that direction when Mr. MacNichol and Mr. Larson arrived at the market. It has been the custom of the place to leave what change there was on hand in a certain place in the market and judging from the way the fellows were searching, they had a good idea of the general location of "Scoops' hiding place. Due to the watchfulness of Marshall John, the Larson Market suffered no loss.

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SANITY AND SURFACED ROADS

Grundy County Dispatch: Grundy county has started to gravel its high ways and is now on the way to surfaced roads. Gravel is the only solution for the mudhole that can be applied by the farmer. It is serviceable, economical and sane. Advices from Tama county indicate that county has abandoned most of its ideas for pavement and is now considering gravel. There has been some agitation for a paved road between Toledo and Traer but the cost of the project has turned the thoughts of many to gravel.

Hardin county faced the two possibilities during the war and after a fight decided in favor of gravel for surfacing and now that county has many miles of it which is proving satisfactory. The pavement idea was a product of the boom times a few years past when money was as loose as it was plenitul. Pavement was an hallucination of this abnormal state of affairs and those with foresight visualized at once the burden it would put on the shoulders of the rising generation, if it would not also be a heritage of those yet unborn.

Under present conditions, pavement will not give a return commensurate for its cost and there is no reason to believe that the rural communities will be in position to use it advantageously for several decades at least. Gravel is the means at hand for the needs of the day, and where is has been applied and used it has stood the test and met the requirements. Around the lakes in the northwestern section of the state such roads stretch for miles and are the pride of the countryside. Along the Lincoln highway thru the counties of Greene, Boone and Story, there are miles more of this kind of highway that roll in a long even plane.

Where the roadbed has been graded before it is surfaced, rain may fall for hours without eroding it. There are no mudholes because there is neither the mud nor the holes. Where the county has pits at its disposal the cost is less sthan a dollar an acre in assessments and six or seven miles can be surfaced with gravel where one can be constructed by cement. The cost of upkeep is negligible and the farmer or the townsman has a road that is a match for the worst season.

The Independent thoroly endorses the sentiments expressed in the foregoing as to graveled roads. It is the opinion of his paper that gravel is the only logical solution to our road problem. Were it put to a vote, there is little doubt but what the majority of motorists would favor riding on a good gravel road. The tires get a firmer grip, there is not the danger of skidding, there is more variation to the riding, and a good graveled road is always in good shape, regardless of the amount of rain that may fall on it. If a road is properly graveled nothing short of a cloudburst will spoil it.

The stretch of graveled road east of Belmond, past the Emanuel church, is, the Independent is willing to bet, the finest example of graveled road in Wright county. Level as a floor, without a dip or a bump in it, garded to perfection, this road is the delight of every motorist who has traveled over it. Roads like this are the kind that we need. They will stand the traffic, will be in good shape after any rain, and they cost but a fraction of the paved road.

This is no time to add additional financial burdens to the farmer. He has about all he can stagger along under right now without having an assessment of several thousand dollars piled upon him for paved roads. The average farmer will vote for graveled roads, but he will not vote for paving, and can you blame him? If the money that is spent on one stretch of paved road, were expended on a system of graveling, three times the miles of roads could be put into shape for the same amount of money.

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CLIPPINGS

Berns Missman made the trip to Belmond all alone Saturday where he went to visit his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Missman drove down Sunday and brought him home.—Klemme Times.

The wrestling match held at the theatre last week Wednesday night was the best match ever seen for a long time. The main event was the match between Martin Jensen and Hans Willer, both of Klemme. Jensen won both falls, the first in about 24 minutes and the second in fifty-seven minutes. The time shows that the mateh was good. Both men were clever and gave a good exhibition. Jensen stated that this was his last match and will not appear again to wrestle anyone. Willer therefore holds the championship of the county.—Klemme Times.

Vic Cleveland of Belmond was a pleasure and business caller here Monday.—Kanawha Reporter.

Miss Laura Brooks and Mrs. Joe Stearnes were Belmond visitors yesterday afternoon.—Klemme Times.

Mrs. R. C. Bras, who is visiting her parents at Belmond, will come to Clarion today for a visit with Mrs. H. A. Duer and other old friends. Her son Friend Bras is employed in a Ft. Dodge jewelry store and doing well. —Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. I Rosecrans and David Tyrrell, all of Belmond, were the guests at the W. S. Pritchard home Sunday.—Garner Leader.

Some of the younger children of Clarion who have a liking for African golf had their little game rudely interrupted this afternoon when Dan Leanord sneaked up behind them and captured the boys as well as their boes. "Aw shucks, Dan," one of the children said, "we haven't played enough with the dice to get them paid for." Dan learned they had bought them on the installment plan from a youthful friend after they had learned they couldn't buy them at a drugstore.—News.

Friends of County Superintendent Blanche Bock will be pleased to know that the Board of Supervisors, in recognition of her excellent work as head of the countyls educational system, has advanced her salary to $2,500 per year, out of which she is to pay her expenses while visiting the county schools. The deputy superintendent, Miss Blanche Agard, is to receive $110 per month as salary.—News.

IS IT YOU? WAKE UP!

Where is that man in your town who is so wrapped up in self as to have forgotten the dear little lady eighty years young, who toiled for you in childhood days, who cared for you when suffering, who comforted you when childish troubles seemed mountains, who wiped your tears away, clothed you from her own scant earnings and with her own hands sewed and fashioned your garments, exerting herself to the utmost for your rearing that you should grow to be a good man.

Spared herself no pains for your comfort and stinting herself that you might have enough. Now that you have a home and plenty, your family, comfort and happiness, your car for joy rides, your business ability to progress and prosper I want to ask you, oh man, why have you forgotten this dear old grandmother?

She stays at home alone, doing her own garden work, caring for her household necessities with a smile on her face, but oh such a longing for just a letter from you man, just a boy grown old, for you are her boy still, to her loving heart and you are only a boy still or you would never be so careless of this dear one.

I said to her, "It seems as if he surely would write to you once a month, grandma." "Oh I'd be satisfied if he would write once in two months," said the little lady with a chuckle, "he promised to write me but no letter ever comes."

What a little thing to ask but it means so much to her. Boy, wake up. You don't know how few letters you may be able to write if you wait much longer. The joy one letter would bring means a new lease on life because someone she loves appreciates; joy because her boy has written it, thinks of her and wants to give happiness in gratitude for the love and care she has bestowed on him all these years. Wake up, man, don't delay another moment.

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MESERVEY SECTION

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Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. And Mrs. B. Frey Observe The Fittieth Year Of Their Life Together

MANY OF FAMILY PRESENT

The 22nd day of October was a happy day for Mr. and Mrs. B. Frey of Meservey, Ia., when surrounded by their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends, they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

It was a beautiful day, the weather adding to the happiness of the occasion.

A short service was held at the Reformed church at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. H. Pannkuk, pastor of the Reformed church, officiated. He chose for his text Psalm 126.3: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." The pastor spoke of God's mercies toward them in the past and of their trust in Him for the future. A few musical numbers were given by two of the grandchildren, the Misses Geitz and Grace Johanna Pals. A gift of seventy-five dollars in gold was presented to the celebrating couple by the children and their families. The invited friends also presented them with a token of love either in money or otherwise.

After the services the guests were invited to a bountiful dinner which had been prepared in the basement of the church.

It was a glad day. The impression made upon old and young will not easily be forgotten.

Mr. an Mrs. B. Frey were born, raised and married in Germany and came to America about 30 years ago. They settled in Meservey where they have resided ever since their arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Frey lost one child of eight children by death a few years ago. Seven children, four daughters: Mrs. T. Lieuwen, Mrs. John P. Pals, Mrs. Harm J. Groen, Mrs. H. Suntken; three sons: Joe of Lyon Co., Ia., Bert and Henry of Meservey; 52 grandchildren, and 8 greatgrandchildren rejoice with their parents in God's goodness. In a material way the Lord has also blessed them.

Mr. Frey is seventy years of age and his wife is seventy-two. Both are enjoying good health. May the Lord bless them in the days which are still before them.

GARNER PAPER RUNNING GOODELL SECTION

The Garner Leader came to our desk this week with a two-page section devoted exclusively to the news and advertising of Goodell, and the Leader made an attractive feature out of it. The Goodell section is run as a part of the Leader, instead of as a sperate insert as the Independent carries the Meservey section. It will no doubt result in much additional circulation to the Leader as well as business and will place the Leader in a commanding position in that territory. The running of these sections for the smaller towns around is a move that we believe will be done more and more, for it furnishes the small town with newspaper representation.

Take advantage of the offer made and get the Home News a whole year for one dollr. Read the offer made in another column.

See Heinie and have him order the Home News for you for a year at a cost of only one dollar.

The Message Bearers gave a good program on Sunday evening at the Evangelical church, and considering the short rehearsal that they had the program was exceptionally good. The offering amounted to the splendid sum of $19.28.

SCHOOL NOTES

School reopened again Monday. Some of the pupils are still husking but the majority are back on the work.

Prof. Klinker missed his train at Boone and did not arrive until Monday morning.

The school will have some fine note books to place upon display later, when we have Parents' day.

Basket ball games are being scheduled with Rowan, Sheffield, Ventura, Belmond and other schools.

Prof. and Mrs. Sifert autoed to Mason City, Saturday.

Supt. Neese and family, of Ventura were visitors at Meservey Sunday for a short time.

Prof. Macy Campbell, of Cedar Falls Normal College will speak at the school house auditorium Wednesday evening, October 26, tomorrow.

Supt. Newcomb and Mrs. Newcomb will be present tomorrow evening, Wednesday, October 26.

A flag raising was given Tuesday. It was a beautiful and inspiring program.

"Somebody tossed it
And somebody rolled it
Then they tossed it, and tossed it,
And rolled it and rolled it.
And it grew and it grew."
Until? Until it became?
Well? You know I promised not to tell. "So don't you tell."
"Oh, no! I never will."

Prof. E. A. Klinker had the misfortune to fall from or with a step ladder while aiding in the fixtures in the primary room. He had two bones broken iin his wrist. He is able to be about.

GOING UP!

An Englishman went to a baseball game and both sides made one run each in the first inning. The Englishman watched the scoreboard intently, as each team failed to make a run inning after inning. The game had gone sixteen innings and the figure one and the zeros following had left their impression on the mind of the Englishman. Going down the street after the game, a small boy stopped him and asked what the score was. "Oh," said the Englishman "I lost all track of the game; it's away up in the millions."

GOT EIGHT CENTS FOR HIDE AFTER HE PAID FREIGHT

Adair, Ia., Oct. 21—A. J. Leeper a farmer living south of town shipped a hide to Omaha market a few days ago thru a local gent.

When he called for his remittance at the agent's office he was handed four 2 cent stamps in full settlement.

An itemized statement showed that the hide weighed sixty pounds and brought 1 cent per pound or 60 cents; from this was deducted 52 cents for freight, leaving a balance of 8 cents due Mr. Leeper on this transaction.

The company paid him in 2-cent stamps.

Leeper is busy figuring just how many hides he would have to sell at this rate to buy a pair of shoes.

MESERVEY REGISTER HEAD TO BE CHANGED

Beginning with the issue of this week, the Meservey Register Section is changed to Meservey Section.

This is in accordance with orders from the United States Postal Department, which has advised that it is illegal to run the Meservey insert under the Register heading.

The publisher regrets very much that this must be done, for he wishes to give the people of Meservey a paper as near homelike as possible, but when Uncle Sam says No that ends it.

The Meservey Section will be exactly the same thing as the Register has been, except that the heading will be changed. We hope that the Meservey readers will accept the change in the manner that it is made, because it had to be done. We want you to consider the Meservey Section just as much your home paper as tho it was headed the Register, and we assure you that we will do our best to give you a home paper.

THE HOME NEWS ONE YEAR FOR $1.00

Your last chance! No more sample copies after this week. If you want the home news from now on you will have to do one of two things: Either mooch a paper from your neighbor, or subscribe for yourself.

And in order to give you a chance to obtain your home news every week, we are making you an offer than you have not had or seen since the days of long ago. We will make you the following offer, and if you do not take advantage of it then you don't know a good thing when you see it. We offer you—

THE BELMOND INDEPENDENT ONE YEAR FOR $1.00!

That is one-half of the regular price! And the offer holds good for just seven days—from the first day of November to the seventh day of November.

Not before and not after those dates can you get your home news for that price. That week is the Subscribe For Your Home Town Paper Week, and we are doing our part to help you do yours. Go see Heinie any time in those days; tell him you want to get the Home News and that you will pay him one dollar by the first day of December. We will give you a month to put up the one dollar—and at this price you will agree that it ought to be cash in advance. But we will give you thirty days credit. We are after the circulation, and in order to get it we will make these unusual terms and price. This holds good to NEW subscribers only.

SEE HEINIE—From November first to November seventh. Remember the dates and get your subscription in within those dates.

YOUR LAST CHANCE- THE HOME NEWS ONE YEAR FOR ONE DOLLAR- CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO TAKE IT?

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Frederick were callers at Latimer Saturay evening.

Mrs. Ellen Peck, Mrs. Chris Larsen Mrs. Anna Pekerack and Miss Wilma Foughty were shoppers at Hampton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Peters and baby and Mrs. Frank Peters were callers at Dows last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen visited with relatives at Waterloo last week.

Mrs. Wm. Butler, Arthur Butler, Miss Eva Whetstone and Miss Jessie Bernard were visitors at Ames the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Miss Gertrude Berminghausen and Miss Lille Corwell were Latimer callers Sunday.

John Bell and daughter Nellie were Belmond callers Thursday.

Mr. Carlock left Saturday for Fargo, N. D., expecting to return in a few days.

Carl Greeman is our new station agent at the depot, commencing last Tuesday. Mr. Knipp who has been filling the vacancy left for his home at Downing Mo.

Miss Lillie Cornwell was a Hampton caller Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Azeltine of Galt visited at the home of their daughter Mr and Mrs. Myrtel Meyers several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Petters and daughters Alice and Ruth were Hampton callers Thursday.

Mrs. Theo. Beenen, Anna Beenen and Theo. Beenen visited at the Will Beenen home at Renwick last Sunday.

The first number of the lyceum will be given by the Bierkamp Sisters next Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the home of relatives.

John Conrad returned here Tuesday after spending the summer at Gordon Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoffer and children visited at the Fred Frohling home in Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and their daughter were Sunday visitors with relatives at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jessie and Nellie were visitors at Mason City Thursday.

Oscar Walsh was transacting business at Belmond Thursday.

Several of our young people attended the dance at Dows Friday evening.

Misses Alma and Ruth Johnson visited at Latimer the last of the week.

Rev. Mohr was a caller at Iowa Falls Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ammerman visited at Belmond one day last week.

Will Foughty was a Mason City caller last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Borne spent the last of the week with relatives at Spirit Lake.

Theo. Beenen was a business caller at Rowan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth and daughter spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and daughter spent Sunday with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pals have been visiting at the Will Tinkey home at Osterdock.

Arthur Thahmos of Iowa Falls visited at the F. D. Rodemeyer home last Sunday.

After several weeks illness Mrs. Caroline Ammerman passed awey at the home of her son Jacob, Her maiden name name was Caroline Ratmeyer and she was born near Piermont in Lippe Waldick, Germany in the year 1851. When four and a half years old she came to this country with her parents who settled at Forestown, Ill. Later she came to Iowa and resided at Ackley several years and in 1887 she came to this vicinity. In the year 1874 she was united in marriage to Lueppe Ammerman. This union was blessed with seven children of whom two died in infancy. In 1901 her husband passed away with whom she had lived for twenty-seven years, this leaving her a widow until her death. Mrs. Ammerman passed away on Oct 20, 1921 at the age of seventy years and five months. She leaves to mourn her death five children, George, William Jacob and John all of whom reside in this vicinity, and one daughter, Mrs. DeVries who lives at Breckenridge, Minn. Besides 20 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren and one brother, two sisters, three half brothers and one half sister and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 o'clock by Rev. Hiengia, pastor of the church, and burial was beside her husband in the Alexander cemetery. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community in this sad hour of grief.

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE

"They say it's not polite to be helped twice, Mr. Flaherty, but ye'll take another piece of my cake won't 'ye?"

"Indade Oi will that Mrs. O'Brien. Shure, it's the height of politeness to ate a sicond slice of such cake as this."

CHURCHES

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service at 10:45 a. m.
Y. P. A. at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching at 8:00 p. m.
Bible class study, Monday 8:00 p. m.
German prayer services Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
English prayer services Thursday at 8:00 p. m.
You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.
Rev. A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

EDITORIAL

We have never been able to see any sense just why young men must go out and destroy property on Hallowe'en. Our tragedy of a few years ago has not been forgotten and it should be remembered that innocent persons are liable to be shot down like dogs.

Hallowe'en can be observed and a great deal of fun had without destroying property in the process. The fun derived in wrecking someone's chicken coop or in tipping over anything that comes handy is a fun that is difficult to see and that contains an element of personal risk and danger which should make the young man hesitate long and carefully before going into it.

That the innocent may suffer with the guilty has always been the case and was the case three years ago, when a tragedy occured that should never have been.

Plenty of fun can be had by the boys on Hallowe'en without the necessity of destroying somebody's property in the process. Property destruction under any circumstances is in excuseable, and Hallowe'en does not set aside a day or a time when the destruction is permissable any more than at any other.

Have your fun boys, but don't destroy some else's property in having it. The chances of your being hurt, innocently or otherwise, are too great to make it worth while.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloss and daughter of Ames visited at the home of their daughter Mrs. Frank Nissen and family Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Sloss has been with the state agricultural college fr the past 15 years and is now custodian of grounds and buildings. The college is much larger this most people imagine. It has 4500 students besides the disabled soldiers who are being sent there by the government. The grounds cover many acres.

COUNTRY EDITOR WRITES HEADLINES IN VERSE

Poetic license may in the future be one of the requirements for a successful newspaper writer or editor if the example of Will Wells editor of the Sisseton Weekly Courier finds favor with the profession.

Of all the state papers received by the state historical department, Well's sheet is in a class by itself. Its headlines are written in rhyme. A recent story telling of an escape from jail appeared under this headline:

THIS ROGUE BROKE JAIL
And Set Full Sail for Other Pastures New. But Langford's Mayor Took Up the Trail And Caught Him in a Slough.

Over the Couriers local news column appears the following:

THE HOME TOWN NEWS
And People's Views, Is Printed As It's Wrote, The Gentler Sex, the Men Folks Next and Other Things of Note.

There is a variety each week to the headings and always a tang of mystery which holds the reader to the story. One week when property ads were in the majority in the want ad columns this heading appeared:

DEALS IN DIRT
May Not Cause Mirth. They're Newsy Things To See
A Lot or Farm, They Both Have Charm, To This You Will Agree.

Ten Years Ago In Meservey Were Only

Would The Girls Now If They Di... Any M...

WATER WORKS

The two big water... water works have been... and it is expected that... have city water works.

One of the merchants... follows:

Mens caps 25 and 5... now 19c.

Mens socks 15c va... cents.

Ladies hose 15c value... one-half cents. (Imagine young ladies wearing ... cent hose at this time... ing. They must be ... and cost around at least ... pair.)

Eilert Dirks left for ... ley to begin his school... Pannkuk accompanied h...

E. S. Brower buys ... Meat Market. J. J. Wil... Brogan have a lease ... barn.

The Register had quit ... in giving the city council... officials credit for doing... in connection with the ... system. (My ... ed since then. ... public official now re... anything he might do i... way but the press and ... remembers the mistakes ... have made. If you don't ... just try and hold one of ... jobs that have no pay cor... the office. The public sch... the ones to receive the m... but if the public would... that when they hinder ... they are hindering thems... must support the schools ... way providing they are... So it is up to all to get ... of our public schools inst... to hinder it in doing the ... children.

LIZZIE'S LAST JO...

Times: Ed Jacobs, our ... ed" hardwear dealer, is ... owner of a new "Lizzie." ... "darb," and has a winter... mountable rims and all oth... mas trimmings. Ed is as ... a kid with a new tin wag... Liz" has passed away, or ... in a critical condition at the ... pital. Ed. Henry Suckow ... Mathews took one wild ride ... on City here a week or two ... poor old Lizzie out in the ... world while they kept the ... burning singing to some yo... so it is said. Old Liz de... severe cold on the raod h... "we sma' hours" which l... oped into pneumonia, for ... were already pnuematic. ... crippled her left hind leg ... high culvert which fractu... differential bones. She was ... in the upper story and her to... a few stitches by the car do... groaned and wheezed, he... pulse was weak, she was... shape. So lo, and behold, ... her remaines for a new re...

Paul Dickman autoed to ... Minneapolis on Saturday to ... articles left here since last ... Thompson and Anderson ... their drainage contract. Mr. ... is on an elevator excavato... basements in the Twin... reports much unemploy... men going into the ea... to eat their meals and ... out without settling wi... The police as a rule ar... the offender having no ... up for the night, getti... meals and lodging ...

... fully Gu... ARNES... ...mond, Iowa ... The judge re... an oath before... if he tears off... eration he ge... Shor... ...CT. Sale P... romptl... HOGS ...and 12 o... ...lt hogs and are ...at Wonder I... Sentinel. W... ...ite you to co... ...ed ...TTLE ...fers and ... that wil... ...beral terms w... ...S, Owner F. B. She... Attractive ...FFER ...ions to the ...endent ...ing Offers ...GENCY ...d, Iowa

Meservey Barber Shop

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unable to carry at this time and I will run a business.

who owe me call and settle.

A. Kofoed

Meservey, Iowa

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Miss Jennie Meinderts, Correspondent, Meservey, Iowa.

Miss Freda Schroeder of Latimer is a guest this week at the home of Henry Hiteland.

Mrs. Boelman, of Belmond came up on last Friday for a short stay at the home of her brother-in-law, R. Boelman, and wife.

Thursday evening Mr. Jordon and Mrs. Stadtlander were called to the Lambert L. Pals home near Belmond by the illness of their infant daughter. The baby died some time during the night.

A. C. Typer of Hampton was in town one day last week getting a new rear axle put in his auto. He also attended to some business matters connected with his farm north of Meservey.

Dr. F. S. Agler

Physician & Surgeon

Meservey - - Iowa

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To the person of small means this Bank offers security of principal, certainty of 5 per cent compound interest return and availability of funds when needed.

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It's the quality behind the price that counts.

See the goods---judge the quality---look at the style---the fit---will they give long and satisfactory service?

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SUITS---the same quality that cost $50 to $60 last year---$35 to $40 now.

A fine stock of Men's and Boys' Coats, Mackinaws and Work Clothes---all A1 qualities. You'll like them.

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Where a Dollar Does Its Duty

Mason City and Manly, Iowa

Albert Wendell and wife were at Mason City on Friday of last week where they were attending to some business affairs.

Mrs. A. D. Brogan returned last week from Whittimore, where she had been visiting at the home of her parents.

Quite a number of the local people attended the Granville sale north of Klemme last week.

L. O. Kimball has completed his tile hauling job here and expects to put his big truck to work hauling gravel on the county road east of Swaledale.

R. J. Hurd returned to his home at Williams last Thursday.

Four cars of northern potatoes have been shipped in this year, part of the last car having been stored.

Things have been somewhat quiet around town lately. If you will get out some clear, still morning and listen you will be convinced that the farmers are not fishing these days, but are picking corn.

Wm. Messelheiser and family motored to Mason City on last week Thursday to do some shopping.

Joe Stadtlander and wife were at the Lambert L. Pals home near Belmond on Thursday evening.

Lee Stacy and T. D. Rankins of Belmond were here on business Friday.

Jim Russell of Clarion was a caller at the J. F. Hartfelder home Friday.

GOSLO—the latest and best device for preventing auto accidents. 4tfc

Rev. Schlesselman and Grandpa Schlesselman left Wednesday evening for a visit with C. Yarver and family at Erie Michigan. Grandpa intends to spend the winter there with his daughter.

Mrs. Henry Groen and daughter Jennie of Belmond were here Thursday visiting at the home of relatives and friends between trains.

Andrew Nelson of near Klemme was a business caller here on last Friday.

A. H. Kuhlers and family and Mr. and Mrs. VanOstin and son John motored to Mason City on Wednesday of last week where they called on Mr. Noteboom who is at the Park hospital and not improving as well as his many friends had hoped.

Fred Blau has had quite a severe attack of the quinsy but is rapidly improving at this writing and his friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

O. Strasburg and Fred Birdsel autoed to Dows on last Thursday afternoon where they attended the big doings and the wrestle at that place.

Mrs. E. Standtlander spent the first part of the week at the home of her son-in-law Lambert Pals and family near Belmond.

Bert Frey was a caller at Hampton last Tuesday where he attended to some business matters. He was accompanied by Alfred Meints.

Mrs. H. Labbs and children Howard and Greta were callers at Dows on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Demerritt are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy who came to their home on Sunday Oct. 16.

Henry Koenen of Latimer was a visitor at the home of his brother A. Koenen and family on Wednesday.

Herman Louen was a Mason City caller on Thursday where he attended to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander were Sheffield callers on Wednesday of last week.

C. E Brogan was a Mason City caller on Wednesday where he was attending to some business matters.

E. A. Strasburg and wife and their daughter May were in attendance at Dows Thursday afternoon driving down in their car to attend the big doings there and to take in the wrestling match.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Pals and A. Kuhlers and wife were at Mason City on Monday.

Mrs. George Langlitz and her mother Mrs. Willard were at Mason City on Monday of this week where they attended to some business matters.

The Misses Kate, Anna and Alma Gruis and Miss Mildred Gealow autoed to Mason City to do some shopping on Monday.

For Sale—Big type Poland China boars, weight about 200 lbs.. $25 each if sold by Nov. 1st.—P. H. Pals, Meservey.

FOR SALE

Big type of Poland China boars, eligible to register.—C. F. W. Paul, Route 2, Thornton. Phone 5304 on Meservey exchange. 4tfc

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulebus celebrated their third wedding anniversary on Monday of this week. They took the day off and went to Mason City and Clear Lake to see the sights and have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiteland and daughter Arlene spent the day Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hiteland's sister, Mrs. Henry Altman, and family who reside near Latimer.

Mrs. J. Ruiter spent the first part of the week at the home of her parents near Latimer. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koenen.

A. E. Muller and family spent this week Sunday at the home of M. J. Kernan near Goodell.

For Sale—30-ft. steel windmill, complete, at half price.—P. H. Pals, Meservey.

Wm. Boelman and family of Ackley were the guests of friends and relatives here Monday.

Fred Bucke and family and Mrs. Fanny McKee of Mason City were Sunday visitors at the home of Fred Schulter.

W. E. Jones and wife are the happy parents of a fine 12 pound baby boy who came to their home on the 23rd of October.

Luke Wessel of Rowan was here on Saturday visiting at the home of his grandparents. "Cherry" says that there is no place like Meservey.

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Meservey, Iowa

M. J. Thoe of Belmond was a caller here on Saturday on some business matters.

S. P. Fischer and wife were Mason City callers on Sunday where they visited at the home of relatives and friends.

H. A. Koefed and family spent the day Sunday at the T. M. Koefed home near Thornton.

Mrs. Loats, Mrs. S. Packard and little son and Henrietta Pals of Belmond were guests at the Lambert Pals home on Friday.

A. J. Nissen was at Mason City on Tuesday of this week where he was attending to business affairs.

Harm Boose and son Henry of near Klemme were business callers here on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hartfelder, Mrs. Henry Grosz of this place and Mrs. Hartley Blewitt of Thornton were callers at Mason City on Saturday of last week.

Joe Frey of Sibley came up on last Friday to attend the Golden wedding of his parents, Burtus Frey and wife.

Miss Esther Reverts who has been spending the week's vacation with the home folks at Stout, came back Friday to continue her duties here.

Miss Dora Jacobs spent the week end with home folks at Belmond.

C. E. Brogan was a business caller at Des Moines the latter part of the week pertaining to some land deals.

You can have all the Meservey news and the Belmond Independent delivered to you each week for only two dollars.

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When in need of Auto Accessories, call on us. We carry a good stock of tires, parts, etc., at a good price. Bring in your car if it isn't working good and let us put it in good shape.

G. E. Raecker, Prop.

Meservey, Iowa

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when placing your grocery orders tomorrow morning. There is an absolute assurance of quality and service when you trade at the store where all are pleased. A light, clean store, handling nothing but guaranteed goods is bound to grow.

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Yankee Doodle "Can't Rip" Husking Mitts

Seltz & Mayer Shoes Poultry & Eggs Wanted

Hulsebus-Muller Co.

Phone Local 41 Meservey, Iowa

ROWAN NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh spent the week end at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen at Clarion last week.

Mrs. Henry Hansen was a Dows caller Friday between trains.

Miss Mary Forristall, who is assisting at the J. F. Howell home, spent Thursday night with her sister, Miss Esther, of Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph were Belmond shoppers Friday.

The Misses Osterhus and McCutcheon were Fort Dodge shoppers Saturday.

Egar Bingham and L. A. McCallum returned to Clarion Monday for jury duty.

Clarence Ball of Dows spent a few days last week with his father, Charlie Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Steffens moved into the Clint Kercheval residence last week.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Olson, who started for the west last Monday that they had arrived at Colorado Springs where they intended to visit a few days. They stated that they had had a fine trip and the weather was beautiful.

Miss Nora Shaffer and Miss Dorothy Steffens are visiting relatives and friends at Audubon this week.

John Hansen, of Coulter, visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs Theo Hansen several days the past week.

George Miller, of Hampton was an over Sunday guest at the Ed. Miller home.

Miss Celia Finn of Belmond, spent Friday night with her friend, Miss Mary Forristall.

Will Boorks, of Waverly visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson and children, of Waterloo and Mrs. Will Mullins, of Aberdeen, S. Dak. Motored to Rowan Sunday from Waterloo to visit at the homes of R. Virden and George Pritchett. Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Mullins are sisters of Mr. Virden. Mrs George Pritchett returned to Waterloo with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson to spend the week while the rest remained in Rowan to visit at the Virden home.

Mrs. Viola Tibbets, of Dows visited at the home of her brother, O. E. Ballou and family over the week end.

Quite a number of our Rowan folks attended the dance at Dows last week.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Best of Clarion, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval.

Walter Allen, of Sioux Falls S. Dak. has been visiting at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Allen. He accompanied a car load of potatoes which he had for sale.

Mrs. Roberta Berryhill, of LaPorte visited at the homes of R. R. Duffy, W. H. Whitten, Will Duffy and Chas. Berger several days the past week returning home Saturday.

Miss Elfrieda Whitten finished a successful term of school near Meservey last Friday and is spending a two weeks vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitten. She will teach the same school the winter term.

Mrs. Geo. Jenison of Belmond was a Rowan business caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Connons and daughter Thelma and sons Kermit and Bob of Wesley called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holiday Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuns of Forest City came Thursday to visit their daughter Mrs. Earl Patton. They went on to visit a son Monday.

Friday evening about 14 friends gathered at the Earl Patton home to honor the birthday of Mrs. Kuns. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Aldinger spent Sunday in Clarion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Strait.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond visited relatives in Rowan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller attended the funeral of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson of Belmond on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are old neighbors of the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson and Mrs. Chaster Bailey were Dows callers Monday.

A crowd of ladies will meet at Earl Pattons Friday to make dress forms. Picnic dinner at noon. Come for all day.

Mrs. Eugene Burt has been suffering from lagrippe the past week.

Mrs. Wilbur Lineweaver returned from Latimer Monday where she has been helping care for the sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey.

Earl Sellers had the misfortune to get a piece of steel in his eye. It took medical aid to remove it.

Wm. Shaffer of California has been visiting his aunt, Miss Nora Shaffer.

Rowan School News Notes.

A few players in the town team of the girls' basket ball came out for practice Thursday night. They showed some promising results for the near future.

The "Star" Literary society gave a program Friday afternoon which was a decided success Among those present from outside of school were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hinkley, Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mrs. A. C. Rietz, Mrs. Frank Kercheval, Mrs. L. A. McCallum and Mrs. Albert Emerson.

Saturday night the Rowan boys' basket ball team played at Blairsburg. One of the best players failed to get there and as a result the score stood 15-5 in Blairsburg's favor.

Harry Steffens started to school Monday after his long illness with typhoid fever.

Irene Weber is out of school on account of poor health.

Hazel Utz has been out of school the past week threatened with typhoid fever.

Don't forget the return game with Williams in the Rowan gymnasium Friday night Oct. 28 at 8 o'clock. It will be a double header and as this is the first game played here this year our boys and girls are full of pep. This will be a hotly contested game so let's turn out and boost for our teams and help them to win. Remember the night the hour and the place.

A man was taking pictures at the school house Friday. Each room was taken separately and the basket ball teams came in for their share of posing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy and family were entertained at the Rutsatz home near Belmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patton entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kuns of Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drury and daughter and Mrs. Herb Hadley and daughter motored to Des Moines on Thursday to visit at the home of A. E. Drury.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion visited at the Fred Brooks home on Sunday and also at the home of Mrs. Smith's mother Mrs. M. Snyder.

RED CROSS MEETING

Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Morton, Mrs. Alice Bann, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Geo. Richards of Clarion met with the Rowan officers of the Red Cross at the bank. Wright county has hired an assistant to Miss Liddle the county nurse. The supervisors have appropriated a certain amount for this work and Clarion chapter with her auxiliaries assumed $800 of the expense $100 of which of the expense $100 of which is to be paid by the Rowan branch. There are over 1200 schools in the county and Miss Liddle could not handle the work alone, making it necessary to secure some help for her. It is felt that good may be done to a greater number of people thru the schools than any other way. Parents won't you co-operate with these nurses for the welfare of your children? All the nurses can do is to tell you the needs of your children and then it is "up to you."

A membership drive is planned for the weeks from Nov. 11 to 26th. It is the aim to get one member from each family. 50 cents of your dollar stays right in our treasury to help in this home welfare work and the other 50 cents goes to headquarters to help in the foreign fields. You can not estimate how much good your dollar will do. You may pay it at the bank if you wish.

Miss Liddle was in town Monday of this week in the interest of the Junior Red Cross. Scales are to to be purchased for the school on which the children may be weighed once a month thereby giving the nurses a chance to watch for any who are underweight and determining the cause. That is what these nurses are for, to find out if any of your children are under normal in any way and finding the reason why.. It may be some very small thing that has been overlooked by the parents and physician but may mean a life time of regret to the child if not taken care of at the proper time. Let us each one co-operate with these faithful workers and give the children of our county the best chance possible.

Mrs. Chris Jensen of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Welsh and family, returning Monday.

Mrs. Lord of Minneapolis is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. V. E. Munson and with other relatives and friends in the vicinity.

Misses Florence Lent and Grace Hubbel have finished their six weeks curese at the dress making school at Iowa Falls and returned home. They report a very profitable time.

Frank Snyder sold out his share in the drug store to his partner, Fred Hackley this last week. Possession was given at once.

D. W. Whitten, F. M. Myers and Fred Hackley attended the wrestling match at Dows Thursday.

Rowan Methodist Church News Notes

The pastor will speak on the subjects "Seeing Things Thru" at the morning service and "Some Facts That Need to be Faced in Our Town" at the evening hour. The citizens of the town are invited to hear these topics discussed. There were fine audiences at the services last week.

Dr. J. J. Bushnell, superintendent of the Algona district, conducted the First Quarterly Conferencelast Saturay evening. There were a goodly number of the members of the board and church present. The doctor was very much pleased with the way activities are flourishing in the Rowan charge.

At the evening service last Sunday Miss Jean Kirvink and Rev. Tomkinson sang the duet "Whispering Hope" in a pleasing manner. Miss Ida Jourdan of the Shesler Home at Sioux City delivered a fine address on the social work of the Home Missionary society of the Methodist church. The Epworth League held a social half hour before the service which was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Walter Whitten's section of the Ladies Aid held a very successful chicken supper last Thursday, netting over $30. There was a splendid company of people present and all enjoyed the delightful social visit afterwards. Every group of the Aid society have done splendidly in these events.

Mrs. Earl Patton's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Kuns of Forest City attended the morning service at the Methodist church last Sunday. Mr. Miller of Hampton was present in the evening.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Morning worship at 11.

Sunday school at 12.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

At the evening service there will be the mission work presented on the screen and the topic will be "In Far Shinsi." These pictures will be colored and some of the best that will be presented this winter. We would like you to invite all your friends and come Sunday evening.

The Junior Endeavor will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon. All the children are invited to come at 4 p. m.

The mid-week meeting at the church Wednesday evening at seven thirty.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Chas. Emerson on Wednesday afternoon. Leader Mrs. Fred Sheldon.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Streveler on Thursay afternoon. A good attendance is desired.

The Rowan Cong. church Sunday school desires that all of its members and all the friends to be present next Sunday and be sure and invite and bring someone with you.

There will be a good program Sunday evening at the church, and be sure that you come for the seven thirty p. m. service.

There have been two barrels filled and sent to help the needy this winter, and we are thankful for the missionary spirit that has been shown in this by all who were able to help. These clothes will help to keep someone warm this winter.

We are glad to know that the Seniors and Junior Endeavors are growing and be sure you keep coming and don't forget to invite that young friend of yours to come along with you each Sunday to the Senior Endeavors, and also the children for the Juniors on Wenesday afternoon after school.

We invite all the parents and the children to attend all of the above services as we need you and your help and we feel that you and your family cannot get along without the help of the church and school in our community. Let us co-operate and work together for the best interest of all concerned and build up our community for the interest of the Kingdom.

STEAL HERD OF HOGS

Thieves backed a wagon up to the pigpen of F. J. Thoman, of the Fairfax neighborhood, Cedar Rapids, and stole about a dozen hogs, according to the report made to Sheriff Thomas Avery by Mrs. Thoman.

Mr. Thoman is away from home and his wife does not know the exact number of hogs in the pen, but she thought a dozen. The pen was cleaned out. The sheriff has been unable to obtain a clew.

The Mason City Daily Globe Gazette is fast becoming one of the leading papers of the Northwest. It carries the full leased wire Associated Press, complete markets, lots of state news and gives daily all the important happenings in this territory. The price is only $4.00 per year. 3tc

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Belmond Local News

Mrs. J. D. Baker has been enjoying a visit the past week from her cousin Mrs. Davis, who resides in Wisconsin.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Mrs. Harry Veeders' parents from Mason City and her mother's brother and sister and Mrs. Veeder's aunt of Rockford were visitors with her over Sunday.

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GOSLO—the latest and best device for preventing auto accidents. tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ryburn of Rock well spent Sunday with C. S Robinson. Mrs. Ryburn is a sister of Mrs. Robinson.

Come in and hear the Victor November records. We have all the latest Victor and Edison records.—Schultz Drug Co.

GOSLO

Mrs. Nancy Justus went to Kansas City last week Thursday where she will spend the winter at the home of her daughter. She was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Mac McGuire of Dubuque and J. J. Justus of Hudson, Wis.

Take a box of Webster's Famous Fudge 64 cents a pound, with you to the Community Club benefit play Friday night.—Schultz Drug Co.

GOSLO

Mrs. R. C. Morse's mother Mrs. Schultz, returned from a visit with her son at Rochester, Minnesota last week.

Your choice of any hat in our window at $5.—Ida Tyrrell.

The M. E. Bazaar will be held on the first Saturday in December, the third. Lunches will be served thruout the day.

A few good ladders for sale.—R. D. Kenefick.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Groh came down from Lyle, Minnesota to spend the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Groh of this place.

On Saturday any hat in our store will be sold at half price.—Saturday only.—Ida Tyrrell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kimmel of Manley were visitors on Sunday at the Pfaltzgraff home.

For Sale—Second hand overcoat, size 37.—Star Cleaner, Belmond, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fosen of Klemme spent the day Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle.

Mrs. J. B. Robins returned last week from a visit in the southern part of the state

The Priscilla club met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. S. Fyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Strieby drove to Mason City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell were visitors at Mason City on Sunday of this week.

Mrs. M. H. Hanson who has been very ill at the local hospital the past few weeks is recovering slowly. She has not gained as fast as had been hoped.

Watch for the Luick carload of potatoes on the Great Western today or tomorrow. Green Mountain No. 1 at $1.40 a bushel.

D. K. Brown and and Mr. Nolan of the American Express Co. were in town last week one day on business with the company.

W. E. Jenison, Geo. Bryan and wife were visitors at Kanawha last week Wednesday at the home of Mr. Bryan's sister.

Dressmaking and tailoring, all kinds of sewing done. Satisfaction guaranteed. Galliger residence. Phone 116.—Mrs. M. J Bensch

It is reported that Mark Baker, a former resident of this place and son in law of Mr. and Mrs. John Lieuwen is in line for the postmastership at Kanawha.

The big days at Dows last week drew a large crowd from most of the towns around.

The people of Thor in a long letter to the Humboldt Republican take the measure of the Eagle Grove baseball fans and managers for a deal which they claim was handed them at a celebration at Eagle Grove this fall.

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Community Club Benefit Play

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You will will enjoy the show much better if

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Homemade Candy

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Wanted—Job on farm by year by a married man. Experienced. Call this office.

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Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Gotlieb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

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The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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You have noticed how small amounts spent, make large sums.

Small amounts saved also make large sums.

You have the first chance at them, why not save them and deposit them in this bank at 5 per ct. interest.

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Big Money Raising Sale Still Continues

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Men's "Cordcraft" Corduroy
Suits Norfolk Style, guaranteed
$14.95

Men's Dress Shirts
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79c

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All Trunks, Suit Cases and Bags at Half Price

Space does not permit quoting our extremely low prices in all lines, but a call will convince you of our extraordinary bargains.

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Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McBride from Jasper Wyoming, and their son Phillip came down to attend the funeral of Earl Peterson Monday.

For Sale or Rent—Two houses. Also second-hand soft coal heater and one hard coal heater. One nearly new top buggy and one second-hand lumber wagon, in good condition. Inquire at the Independent office.

The Progress club held their annual gathering Tuesday evening of this week at the home of Mrs. Earn Luick.

NOTICE—It has been reported that I caught two certain men in my chicken house stealing chickens. This report is absolutely untrue.—Henry Hartwig. 2t*

Mrs. Hughes of Story City was here Monday to attend the funeral of Earl Peterson

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

Mrs Harold Wallace has been spending the past week or two visiting with relatives at Goldfield

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

David Luick came home Saturday to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Luick. He reports college life at Ames as being fine

When in need of a doctor you would employ the best—wouldn't you? You should use the same judgement in selecting your tailor and cleaner. We are not satisfied unless you are. Try the New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28.

F. H. Brooks of Rowan was in the city last week one day attending to some business matters.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Manely from Mason City were visitors at the home of the Misses Mary and Nellie Barry last week.

Miss Nellie Barry spent the week end with friends at Fort Fodge.

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each of the four rural routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or write. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

M. C. Barry was a business caller at Clarion on Monday of this week in connection with matters at the district court.

Doctor E. H. Phillips, Osteopathic Physician. Masonic Building, Garner, Iowa. tfc

Miss Maye Tracy spent Sunday at Humboldt at the home of friends.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading territory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

Mrs. Louise Veeder and Miss Mary Madigan went to Rochester Monday where they will both undergo an examination at the hospital.

List your public sales with the Independent; reserve your dates. And don't forget that the Independent is headquarters for the best farm sale bills in the country, and that your sale advertised in the Independent is reaching the entire territory from Rowan to Meservey.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Klemme moved into their new home on Fourth avenue northeast last week.

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Carpenter Shop, repairing done R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

Wm. Terrill of Mason City was a visitor with friends here one day last week.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

Strayed—Two Durham cattle, both heifers, one white and one red with white feet and legs. Both two year olds. Phone 1315.—Henry Busick. 492t*

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

Miss Nellie Bell of Alexander and her father were business callers in town last Thursday.

We have some used clothing, almost new—overcoats and suits,—for sale. One suit nearly new for $14.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of hotel.

Oscar Walsh of Alexander was in town on business last Thursday.

A few of the local people drove to Clarion Saturday afternoon to witness the foot ball game there between the high school teams of Clarion and Mason City the latter winning the game thirty-five to seven.

ROBINSON'S

Green Tea, per lb.	50c
20 oz. Loaf of Bread	10c
Small Loaf of Bread	5c
Good Bacon, per lb.	25c
2 cans good Salmon	25c
No. 10 Karo, dark	50c
No. 10 Karo, Light	60c
No. 5 Karo, dark	25c
Black Tea, 1 lb.	40c
Rolled Oats, 5 lbs.	25c
$1.25 Broom	75c
6 bars Good Soap	25c

SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Picnic Hams, 15c per lb.

We Buy Butter and Eggs

Car of Potatoes Arrives Saturday

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Fancy King Davis

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A Few bushel left at

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Come in and see some nice apples.

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Sizes up to 11 carried in stock all the time and widths from EE to AAA. We have both wide and narrow ankle shoes in these sizes.

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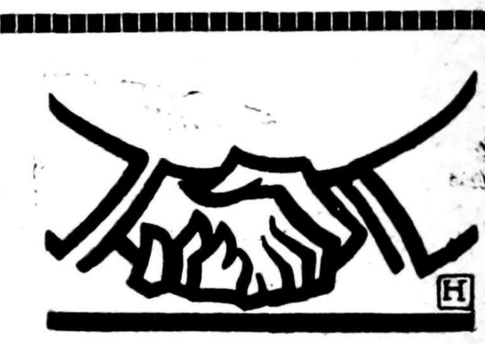

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Opportunity!

That intangible and mysterious thing about which so many essays have been written, so many sermons preached and so many poems inspired. It is not a stranger to some people. It knocks at every persons door. It is not in disguise--not a winged meteor--its not an Archangel that suddenly awakes you. Opportunity is what you do when it is shown to you. It comes to you if you will.

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...are feeding over forty lots of ...on different mineral mixtures ...ear. What is the truth about ...al feeding? You will be inter...n these mineral fed pigs. Come ...e them with your own eyes ...raw your own conclusions.

...swine feeders' day has al...been well attended. Over 800 ...d our cattle feeders' day this ... This year the swine feeders' ...ld on November 15. Tuesday ...a day filled brimfull of pro...results that are practical and ...ay be applied on the home ...

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...e and be with us and see the ...or yourself. See how they have ...n the different methods of feed...nd management.

...N GROWERS CENTER AUTHORITY

...e board of directors of the U. S. ... Growers is in session in the ...go office. The president, secre... and treasurer have been em...red to "negoiate and execute con... with representatives in the ...s markets to arrange direct sales ...ills, and to make use of all legit... means to promote the sale of ... raised by members. Arrange...s made with any agency to sell ...n must be terminated within 30 ...s after the next annual meeting ...he U. S. Grain Growers.

...N'T KNOCK YOUR ORGANIZATION

...f the farm bureau is all wrong ...the county agent is an avaricious ...ow it may be well for you to go ...m and confidentiallly, quietly and ...y tell him that he is a curmud... Explain to him that the policy ...he farm bureau is absurd and ...osterous. Then show him how to ...rm his ways and you might offer ...ake charge of the corncern, perfect ... organization get everybody to ...rking and get tarted on the road ...he millenium.

...o this, or if for any reason, you ...er not, take your choice of these: ...out, or get in line. You have ...o do one or the other. Now take ... choice. We prefer that you chose to get in line with the rest of your neighbors. If you are a mem ber of an organization in Heaven's name be loyal to it, and stand by it thru thick and thin. But if you must villify, condemn and eternally disparage, why get out and condemn to your heart's content. You cannot injure the organization strong enuf to break it. I pray you, so long as you are a member of the farm bureau do not condemn it. Not that you are injuring the institution; not that, but when you criticise the concern of which you are a par, you injure yourself.

CLUB RALLY A SURE GO

Plans have been practically completed for the county wide club rally which will be staged in Clarion next Saturday, Oct. 29, and the girl club members are now looking for ward with a great deal of pleasure to this eventful day.

The county agent and Miss Hazel Spencer, county club leader, with the assistance of Miss Josephine Arn quist, state leader of girls' club work in cooperation with the teachers of the rural schools have planned a county wide rally to include all girls' clubs which have been organized since the work began last year.

Thru the kindness of W. F. Smith, manager of the Colonial theatre, ar rangements have been made to hold the program in the theatre. Moving pictures illustrating the club work in its various phases will be shown at the theatre.

A liberal premium list has been arranged for the articles shown by the girls. The premium list follows:

Utility bag, 25; buttonholes (four) 25; nightgown, 50; bungalo apron, 50; underskirt, 50; slip, 50 bloomers,50; underwaist, 50; apron (any kind), 50; school dress suitable for slim girl, $1.00; school dress suitable for stout girl,$1.00; outfit (three piece underwear, nightgown and dress), $3.00; made over wool dress $1.50;

Club receiving highest number of premiums, $3.00; club receiving second highest $2.00.

GRAIN GROWERS START MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Necessary legal steps have been taken and plans complete for launching an active membership campaign in Iowa in the interests of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., the new farmer-controlled cooperative grain marketing company, according to A. L.Middleton of Eagle Grove and Frank M. Myers of Fort Dodge, state directors in the organization. Mr. Middleton will have active management of the organization work as Mr. Myers, serving as secretary of the U. S. Grain Growers, spends most of his time in Chicago.

Plans as being formulated call for an intensive campaign in the surplus grain producing sections of Iowa during the fall and winter months. Several solicitors will be trained in the principles of the organization and sent into the field to sign contracts with co-operative elevators and with the growers. Where no co-operative elevator is located a local grain growers association will be formed.

Txelent progress has been made in organization work in the following states: North Dakota, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, South Daketa, Kansas, Indiana and Oklahoma. Latest reports from national headquarters indicate that over 15,000 farmers affiliated with the movement. North Dakota stands in first place with 4,500 grower members, but the campaign has been in progress in the state for several months. Illinois is second with approximately 3,500 members and Nebraska third with 2,000. Missouri with 1,300 and Oklahoma with 1,400 are staging an interesting battle for fourth place.

Development of the farmers' finance corporation. a financial subsidiary of the U. S. Grain Growers and the consummation of permanent contracts with selling agencies will be held in obeyance until the first annual convention next March.

A Prouounced Success

The unform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the relief and cure of bowel complaints, both children and adults, has brought it to almost universal use, so that it is prac tically without a rival and as everyone who has used it knows, it is without an equal.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

REASONS FOR GRAIN GROWERS DELAY

Reason for delay of organization work in Iowa by the U. S. Grain Grwers, Inc., farmer-owned coopera tive grain marketing company, was due to the fact that the statutes of the state have no provision for the operation of the national non-profit non-stock organization and in reality the U. S. Grain Growers was a new type of corporation for state officials to consider, according to A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove, state diretor, who speedily is completing plans to launch an intensive mebership campaign among the ooperative elevators and grain growers of the state, with the assistance of the organization com mittee, representing the different farm organizations. State and national leaders of the U. S. Grain Growers have received friendly co-operation from Iowa officials in securing a permit to operate. Inidently, Iowa has the 19th state in which the U. S. Grain Growers has met all the repuirements to do business and practically completes the admissions contemplated in the heavy grain producing states of the middle west.

Two outstanding reasons for optimism at the start of the campaign in Iowa, Mr. Middletown pointed out, were the statment that more than 30,000,000 bushels of grain are now under contract in the nine states where organization work has been carried on and that membership has been constantly increasing for the last 30 days. Memberships are coming in at the rate of 299 a day. Approximately 20,000 farmers have accepted the growers contract to date. Illinois holds the lead with over 5,000 and North Dakota a close second with 4,500. Nebraska is approaching the 3,000 mark with Missouri and Oklaoma battling for fourth place with approximately 2,000 members.

Never in the history of the cooperative grain marketing movement have prospects for success been so bright as at the present, according to directors of the U. S. Grain Growers, who held their regular quarterly meeting at national headquarters recently. Much of the time during the three day session was devoted to a study of what has been accomplished since the corporation was organized in April and to laying plans for the immediate future.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

GRAPE KETCHUP—Something new in the line of ketchups which will provide a novelty to be added to the housewive's fruit shelves this winter is grape ketchup. The receipe is given as follows:

4 lbs. grapes, 2 T cinnamon, 1 T each of cloves and allspice, 1-4 t cayenne pepper (if desired) 1 cup vinegar, 1 t salt, 1 1-2 lbs. sugar. Wash and stem the grapes and steam them over water until soft. Put thru colander discarding only skins and seeds. To the portion which passes thru the sieve add spices sugar, salt and vinegar and let simmer for 15 minutes. Bottle and seal. Use whole spices tied in a cloth while cooking and remove before bottling . This will give a better color than ground spices. For making ketchup, grapes of the acid variety are preferred to very sweet ones.

ALSO GRAPE CONSERVE—Fine for winter use is this conserve made either with nuts and raisins or with oranges and raisins. Ingredients consist of 5 lbs. sugar, even lb. grapes, 1 lb. walnuts and 1 lb. raisins. Method: wash grapes, remove from stem, separate pulp and skins, and cook pulp after removing seeds by putting thru sieve. Chop skins raisins, walnuts. Mix with pulp and sugar. Cook until mixture thickens and put into glasses.

THIS ONE WITH ORANGES—This time use 6 lbs. grapes, 4 lb.s sugar, 2 lbs. raisins and 4 oranges (both juice and rind.) The method is exactly like that described above.

A DARN BY MACHINE SAVES TIME—Sheets towels, table linen and knit underwear may be darned by machine neatly and strong. Use 50 thread for towels and 100 for table linen. Tie up machine foot so that it is about 1-15 inch from the reed. This allows the work to be drawn forward and back. Stitch forward from 1-4 inch outside the hole across open area to within 1-4 inch of the outside of the hole on the other side. Continue until all the space is filled in with threads extending one way—called "warp" threads. In the same manner put in the cross or "woof" threads.

ARTISTIC PICTURE HANGING—A few go a long way is the general rule—that is, don't hang too many pictures in one room. The living room should contain pictures which guests would enjoy while the bedroom may be hung with the family portraits and photographs of a more personal nature. The shape of wall space should be considered and pictures or prints of similar shape or ones which seem to belong to that space should be chosen. Unless a picture is hung with screws directly on the wall, see that the wires up to the moulding are parallel with the sides of the picture rather than forming an angle at the moulding. Hang them as nearly as possible opposite the level of the eye when you are standing. Whenever possible, hang them so that they are under a side light. A plain side wall is better than a figured for setting off pictures.

GETTING RID OF TUBERCULAR COWS

Republican: Humboldt is getting rid of tuberculosis. The authorities have just closed a two weeks' testing campaign under the direction of W. A. Seidell of the animal health commission, and County Agent Pickard, Humboldt county. Forty herds tested totaling 881 head of cattle. From this number 66 reacted as tubercular animals out of twenty herds. Thus it will be seen that 50 percent of the herds subjected to the test were found to contain reactors. About seven percent of all cattle tested were found to be tubercular. This percentage is 3 percent less than was found last year, at which time 443 head were tested and 44 were found to react.

Two carloads of these reactors have already gone out, one from Rutland and one from Bode. The rest are being held under quarantine and will go out soon.

TURNING DOWN ADVS. EVERY WEEK NOW

Every week the Republican is turning down advertising orders from merchants at a distance. They are down because they conflict with the home business men. These advs. that are refused space in the Republican appear in many of the county papers and are thus distributed to a large number of readers.

The refusing to accept advertising that conflicts with home business is question that will be slowly threshed out by publishers of Iowa. Every year, however, the number of small papers that carry the advertising of every respectable firm placing an order and paying the bill, increases We believe it will be but a short time until practically every paper in Iowa will accept business from every responsible source

In this portion of the state the Fort Dodge merchants are the ones that are trying to break into the country press surrounding Fort Dodge. As a rule county seat papers have turned down the ads. from Fort Dodge but the papers in the smaller towns make a handsome thing off the Fort Dodge merchants. However, of late, Fort Dodge advertising has appeared in the county seat papers of Pocahontas, Clarion, Lake city and some of the better towns that are not county seats, like Manson, Rolfe, Luverne, Gilmore City and Livemore.

We believe that practically every paper in northwestern Iowa will, that is not objectionable.—Humboldt Republican.

The only time some men give the appearance of being clean is in the first ten minutes after leaving a barber's chair.

READ THE WANT ADS

$22.50 Dresses $22.50

Now is your opportunity to secure that Dress you have been thinking about.

We have selected 50 styles from our high grade dress stock which we have priced at a remarkable low price considering the styles and quality. You will find in this group Tricotines, Pierot Twills, Canton Crepe and Charmouse, in fact all the latest models.

Styles are with long, short and wide flowing sleeves, many are faced with Georgette, Crepe or Satin; long lines with flowing panels, flare sides, jet beads, colored beads, ribbon motifs, fancy braid, fagoting, in fact every idea that is unusual and new with the most effective ideas in combinations are used in their construction.

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Fine Program Is Given By School Literary Society

High School Holds Enjoyable Program At Methodist Church Friday Night

CHOOSE SCHOOL COLORS

The Meservey High School Literary society gave a splendid program on Friday night of last week at the Methodist church, which has been rented by the school for the holding of programs, etc.

The program was well attended and was very interesting to the audience, many comments of a favorable nature being heard of the way the various participants handled their parts, some of which were rather difficult. The program as given was as follows:

Song, America .... Audience
Story .... Esther Reverts
President's Address
... Agnes Fischer
Quartette—Anna Pals, Evelyn Thomas, Peter Koenen, W... Witt.
Original Story ....na Pals
Speech: Subject, Our Health ... Miss Clark
... Doctor Woodard
Speech ....
Song, Star Spangled Banner ..... Audience

The following high school colors were chosen: Black and Old Gold. ... by President. A free will offering was then given. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served to the high school students in the school building and various games were played. A good time was reported by everybody who was present.

POTATOES SOLD AT $1.45 A BUSHEL

Several carloads of potatoes were brought into town last week and sold at prices from $1.45 to $1.55 a bushel, prices which are much lower than they are in some of the other towns around. At these prices it did not take long to dispose of them, and one local dealer made the remark that he could have disposed of half a dozen carloads if he could have gotten them. Some of the potatoes were sold to out of town parties who found out that they were being sold here at prices below what had been asked in their home towns.

FARMERS BUSY PICKING CORN

Most of the farmers in this part of the country are busy now picking their corn, which is reported as being of fair yield. The snow flakes flying around last Friday reminded the farmers that Old Man Winter was on his way.

AUTO TRUCKS GETTING ALL THE HAULING

Very little poultry and eggs have been shipped out of here this summer by train, the auto trucks are getting the business. The railroads must soon realize that their war-time freight rates must come down if they expect to compete with the auto truck for the business.

Y. P. A. Meets.

The Y. P. A. met at the home of Rev. Schesselman on Tuesday evening Oct. 4th. About thirty were present. The evening was spent by first having the monthly business meeting, after which was given a short program and various games were played and etc.

Honor should be given to the hostess for the dainty luncheon which was served and which everybody did full justice too.

A fine time was reported by all present.

CHURCHES

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service at 10:45 a. m.
Y. P. A. at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching at 8:00 p. m.
Bible class study, Monday 8:00 p. m.
German prayer services Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
English prayer services Thursday at 8:00 p. m.
You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.
Rev. A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

ALEXANDER NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Scott and family of Latimer visited with relatives in town last Sunday.

Archie McCallum of Thornton is visiting at the home of his brother, Bernard McCallum, at this place.

Miss Jessie Beanard visited with relatives at Eagle Grove the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son Frederick visited with relatives at Belmond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Latch of Lu Verne spent Sunday with relatives and friends at this place.

Theodore Beenen and Corneil Stoffer were Belmond callers Saturday.

Lucius Ashley of South Dakota was calling on old friends in town the ... of the week.

Miss ... Mrs. Earnest Horten and ... callers at Astella of Clarion were ... Mr. and Mrs. ...er Sunday.

... daughter Leona of ...inkle and their relatives at this ...ton visited ... Thursday.

Jap Riis of Coulter was a business caller in town last Friday.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a bazaar and chicken and waffle supper in the vacant hardware store next Saturday, Oct. 15th. Supper will be served from 5:30 until all are served for 20 and 35 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter B... ...ohlen were Clarion visitors last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Kausian of Ackley visited with relatives at this place the past week.

The Dorcas society met at the John Bell home last Wednesday and held their annual business meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: Mrs. John Murphy.
Vice pres.: Mrs. Otto Kieslick.
Secretary: Mrs. Clarence Murphy.
Collector: Mrs. Kate Starkey.
Treasurer: Miss Jessie Bell.
Visiting committee: Mrs. W. P. Aldinger, Mrs. Fred Larsen, and Mrs. Chas. Seegar.

Miss Gertrude Berninghausen was a visitors with relatives the last of the week at Eldora.

KADUSE—RUITER

On Tuesday, October 4th, occured the marriage of Mr. Dan Kaduse and Miss Zena Ruiter, the Rev. Pannkuk of the Reformed church of Meservey officiating. The ceremony took place at 5:00 p. m. at the Reformed parsonage.

Both young people are well known in the community and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for much happiness and prosperity in their life together. The Register joins with them in extending congratulations.

MESERVEY'S BALL TEAM LICKS KLEMME BUNCH

The ball teams of Meservey an Klemme crossed bats Sunday in the Meyer pasture and the result was that Klemme was defeated by the lop-sided score of 13 to 8. The game was a good one and contained some exciting moments.

Clarence Wiles of Klemme was in town one day last week.

Fishing is reported very good at Clear Lake now. Don't miss your last chance.

SUBSCRIBE FOR YOUR HOME TOWN PAPER

The Register comes before you this week for the second time. It is not all that we want to make it, nor that we expect to make it; it takes time to get things in the order that will permit you to do things as you want to do them. But as the weeks go by we promise to improve your home paper, to make it more attractive and more newsy.

But we must have your help, remember; upon your co-operation depends the success of the venture both to you and to us. All those who were on the lists of the former Register have been transfered to the lists of the present one, and you have been given credit for your subscription if you were paid in advance, whether it was for one month or two years. A good many of the subscriptions, however, expire in the near future, and the publisher hopes that those whose subscription runs out will renew their subscription to the Register.

The question of paying the two dollars need not worry you; we are willing to "take a chance" on you for any time up to a year, for we realize that two dollars right now cannot always be scared up. We have no doubt but what you will agree that the two papers are worth the two dollars—which does not pay for the paper alone in a year's time—and that you will think the two are worth 50 cents more than the one paper before. If you know that your subscription expires in the near future, just see Heinie, or drop him a card, saying you want your home paper and the home news, that you will scare up two dollars within the next twelve months, and Heinie will see that you get what you want.

And if you are not a subscriber, and want to have your home paper and home news, just do the same thing: SEE HEINIE! Because unless you do the Register will not be coming to your door every week. You have received a sample copy the past two weeks, and you may get a couple more—just to show you that the Register is going to be a worth-while proposition—but after that, if you get the home news you will have to borrow your neighbor's paper—and you don't want to be a "moocher," do you? Subscribe for the Meservey Register! See Heinie!

MISS MEINDERTS HAS THE NEWS

Miss Jennie Meinderts at the telephone office has charge of the news end of the Meservey Register, and she will greatly appreciate the matter if those who know the news will phone her, or tell her. To get all the news from any locality is a job beyond the possibilities of any one person, and if you will co-operate with Miss Meinderts the Register will have more of the home news than if she has to get it alone.

The Register invites each of the societies and clubs of Meservey to have the news of their meetings printed regularly.

TILING ROAD IN WISNER TOWNSHIP

The mile of road first sauth in Wisner township is being tiled on both sides of the road. This is the first step in the right direction for better roads. The mile has at times been in very poor condition. Thanks to the Franklin county officials.

A cemetery is not a place where a person wants to stay, but there is some satisfaction in knowing that the place will be taken care of when you do have to go there to stay.

The Cemetery society and Sexton of our cemetery are to be commended on the condition in which this place is kept. Some time ago a lady from Indiana attended a funeral here and made the remark that she did not think it were possible to keep such a neat condition except in the larger cities.

Our slang vocabulary has grown considerable the past few years. We now hear the following in many conversations:

"You tell 'em!" "I'll tell the world!" "That's grapes," "Oh man!" "Hello kiddo!" "That's Jake!" "Oh boy!" and many others that are unprintable. None of these phrases helps us in our conversation, but show a lack of concentration of mind on the subject spoken of, and very often is an indication of a loose screw or water on the brain.

SEE HEINIE FOR THE BUSINESS

H. F. Rief, better known as Heinie, is the business manager at Meservey for the Register. Heinie has full charge of the business end there, and will take care of your wants in the advertising line, attend to your needs in job work printing, and take your subscription for the Register at any time.

Heinie will help you fix up your ad, and see that you get your printed letterheads, envelopes or bills on the dot, and that you get a good job. See Heinie for business.

TRADED ONE SHEEP FOR HAIRCUT-SHAVE.

A. Wilkinson of Adams township is one of Wapello county's up to date farmers. He enjoys riding in his auto and having his hair shaved at the neck.

He dropped into one of Ottomwa's barber shops the other day and inquired the price of a haircut and shave. When the gentleman barber gave him the imformation wanted, he exploded. "It takes five bushels of oats or the price of a sheep to pay the bill," he said.

The tonsorial artist declared he would be willing to accept the sheep.

"It's a bargain," said the farmer.

Mr. Wilkinson went back to the farm and came in again today, bringing the sheep and delivering it to the shop, took his seat in the chair, asked for the haircut and shave, remarking, "Sheep are more plentiful in Wapello county than money."

The barber expects to rave quite a heavy trade in sheep with the farmers before next spring, if his razors and soap hold out.

Everybody at the school is busy taking the tests this week.

Mrs. Johanna Rozeboom returned home Saturday after a five weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. K. Pals and family.

E. Noteboom is being treated at the Park hospital in Mason City.

Most auto accidents happen in the fall of the year. Enclosed cars are given as the reason.

AT ANY RATE, HE SECURED A MIGHTY FINE APPETITE

One of our local business men made a trip to Twin Lakes one day last week, expecting to come home like a conquering hero with a good number of ducks. But eith hreis aim was poor or someone had taken the shot out of the shells, because the ducks are still flying.

"CURFEW SHALL NOT RING TONIGHT"

Emmetsburg has passed a curfew ordinance which requires that all the young people under 18 years of age must be in their homes by 9:00 o'clock in the summer and 8:00 in the winter. We believe this is somewhat severe, but some of our young people appear to have very poor reasoning power when it comes to distinguising between what is proper and what is not. But this is not all; parents appear to be indifferent and allow their children to remain out until late hours and sooner or later have the shame that they could have avoided had they taken more interest in their young people instead of allowing them to run as they pleased.

GOT 99 CENTS FOR CORN

H. T. Halverson of near Leland, is not one of the farmers who is bemoaning the present conditions. He was in the office Friday to renew his subscription to the Summit, and incidently in asking about the weather, the times and the conditions under which most of us are existing, said that he was one of those who was satisfied—even to the prices.

He recently sold 1,800 bushels of last year's corn and about 300 bushels of oats that brought him more than $1,900.00. This statement brought out the fact that he got 99 cents per bushel for the corn and 52 cents per bushel for the oats—and this when others have been delivering corn and oats at less than half that price.

But Mr. Halverson did not deliver the corn and oats as might be the supposition—he delivered the hogs. Last fall he had fifty-eight pigs, and he just recently sold the last of them, as hogs, to which he had fed the corn and oats and from the process of selling the grain through the medium of pork realized the prices above stated.—Forest City Summit.

"COUNTRY CLUB" IS DESTROYED

The fire alarm was sounded about four o'clock last Friday morning. Soon a large crowd gathered but there was no excitement over the fire till it was found a tank car of gasoline stood on the siding just north of the box car on fire. The box had been removed from the trucks and set beside the tracks at a point at the west end of the stock yards. A stove was placed in it and it was supposed to be used as a place of shelter for coal heavers. Instead of serving for this porpose only it had become a habitat for those handy with pasteboards and spotted ivories. It was familiary known as the "Country Club" where "African Golf was played when most people were supposed to be asleep. Just how the fire started is not generally known. It may have been caused by a hobo, a party of poker players or a crap game. Be this as it may, the car burned up and those who sought its shelter once will do so no more. To make matters worse both strings of hose had been wound up wrong end to on the hose carts and even some of the sections were missing. Had this been a real fire this negligence might have been a serious affair. As it was the man power was able to push the gas tank out of danger before it ignited. But not so with a car load of coal. After the tardy arrival of the hose the fire in the car of coal was readily put out. Would it not be a wise act on the part of those in authority to see that the hose is properly wound, that the proper wrenches are in their proper places and that all taps on the hydrants are in good working order.—Corwith Hustler.

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PAVED ROAD FR... GAR...

Signal: The pa... Garner was complete... October 1st, and we ... ed with the longest ... paving in the state. ... of concrete was sprea... the job was comp... work was finished. ... contractor, treated a... and the visitors to c... all the men to the hou... had been living all s... of the house and Carl H... their picture.

This job was begun ... and finished on October ... six and a half miles of ... completed in this time. ... time was lost for lack of ... on account of weather ... probably not more than ... told. Some time was lo... of the water supply ru... and within the last three ... eral days were lost be... heavy rain. For the tw... miles at this end of th... was taken from the di... town but during the dr... the summer the water g... it necessitated getting ... the head of Clear Lake t... job.

The company had a ... run on the whole job a... six weeks ahead of the ti... in their contract. They m... ord finish as they got neare... where the haul of materia... One of the last few days ... 730 feet of pavement an... they laid 720 feet. The ... amounts to about $289,0... doubt if a nicer job of p... ever been laid anywhere. T... face is smooth and every i... is that the contractors have... the best job of it that they k...

The last concrete run wil... open for traffic before Oct... If the weather is warm mos... time until then it can be ope... but if there is much cold we... will be another week before ... mile will be open. In the m... workman are grading the ban... sides of the concrete. This ... extended about three or four ... each side on a level with th... crete, so that anyone can dr... the paving at any point if it ... sary.

When this paving is opene... traffic, we will have almost a ... plete stretch from Garner to C... City. There is a short break ... Clear Lake which will undoub... be paved in the near future. A... er short break east of Mason ... which will probably be paved ... long, and a break of two o... miles at the town of Nora S... This is thru the town of ... Springs, and probably the boa... supervisors will have this paved ... if the town doesn't.

This is an immprovement that ... section of the country may we... proud of. Over 100 miles of ... crete road practically paralle... Milwaukee railroad as it c... Iowa. This stretch here is nea... miles, the road across O'Brien ... ty is nearing completion and th... another piece between Hull and ... Valley of several miles.

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MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Miss Jennie Meinderts, Correspondent, Meservey, Iowa.

Miss Dora Jacobs was a caller at Mason City on Saturday.

Mrs. Smith of Mason City was a business caller here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brogan were callers at Mason City Thursday.

Peter Pals Sr. was a visitor at the S. Schulte home in Alexander Tuesday.

T. Lieuwen and wife and Mrs. Harm Groen were Mason City callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis autoed to Ackley Thursday, on their way home they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Abbus, who intend to make a short visit with relatives and friends here.

Dr. F. S. Agler
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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Barkema of Alexander were business callers here Tuesday.

Wm. Enabnit of Kanawha visited here with his sister Mrs. A Kolb Thursday.

Dr. Gayler motored to Mason City Thursday afternoon on business matters.

C. J. Wendell and Frank Hofferman were Mason City business callers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halfpop were shoppers at Mason City Wednesday of last week.

Miss Ollie Pals autoed to Alexander to visit friends Monday evening after school hours.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ostendorf and daughter Jennie were Mason City shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barkema of near Belmond were here on business matters Thursday.

Mrs. F. Frohling left Thursday for an extended visit with her son and family near Ackley.

R. A. Rankins and Mr. Stacy of Belmond were business callers here Wednesday afternoon.

M. W. Butz and Theo Wendell were Mason City callers Thursday pretaining to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Halfpop were visitors at the home of their son and family near Thorton on Wednesday.

Miss Rella Corbin of Hampton has been visiting at the home of her cousin Mrs. H. L. Ables and family.

Marvel Brogan who is attending school at Charles City came home Friday to spend Sunday with her folks.

Mrs. Dorenkamp and daughter Esther were Thornton callers Thursday, Mrs. Dorenkamp is having dental work done.

Mrs E. Bachman and children of Goodell and Mrs. Leo Wilkins and children of Klemme were here Thursday visiting their mother Mrs. Meinderts.

H. Fischer, Harm Groen and Hans Kofoed motored to Mason City Thursday afternoon on business matters in the former's new "Lizzie". Mr. Fischer was back of the wheel.

For Sale—1 good second hand washing machine (may be run by engine) for $6.00.
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1 gasoline engine $15.00.
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Fred Lemke and Fred Schluter motored to Mason City Saturday afternoon. Bernard Ladasser accompanied them home and while here intends to visit a number of other friends.

Simon Fischer and wife and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rief autoed to Mason City Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lambert Pals and Mrs. E. Stadtlander were Sunday visitors at the home of the former's son, Lambert Pals and family, near Belmond.

The Misses Myrtle Bell, Gertie and Alice Wilkins of near Klemme were here Sunday visiting their friend Miss Jennie Meinderts.

Bert Lauen and family of Alexander spent Sunday with Mrs. Lauen's mother, Mrs. Meinderts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boelman and Mr. and Mrs. R. Boelman autoed to Mason City Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. Noteboom who is very ill at the Park hospital.

Peter H. Pals and family autoed to Iowa Falls on Saturday where they spent the day with his cousin, John Freese, and family.

Mrs. Andrew Nelson of near Klemme spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Meinderts.

The Misses Viola Thomas and Alma Ralston were Mason City callers on Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Whittie of Parkesburg came Friday to visit her sister Mrs. B. Standtlander and family and with other relatives.

Fred Schluter and H. Rief attended the Masonic lodge business meeting at Thornton Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostendorf and daughter Jennie and Miss Esther Reverts and Lydia Pannkuk were Mason City callers Saturday. While there they called on Mr. Noteboom who is in the Park hosptal and very ill at this writing.

C. E. Brogan and famly were Mason City callers on Thursday of last week.

Miss Alma Witt who is attending school at Clear Lake came home on Friday to spend the week end with relatives here.

L. B. Clark of Des Moines was here last week attending to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Backman and children of Goodell and Mrs. Backman's mother, Mrs. Meinderts, were visitors at the Lauen home near Alexander Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus and Alma, Herman and Louise Witt motored to Blairsburg on Sunday where they spent the day visiting with relatives and friends at that place.

C. J. Janssen and family autoed to Hampton to spend the day with C. H. Mellonbrook and family.

Heiko Janssen had a foundation put in for a new barn which he expects ... up in the spring.

A. H. Kuhler and family drove to Thornton on Sunday where they transacted business.

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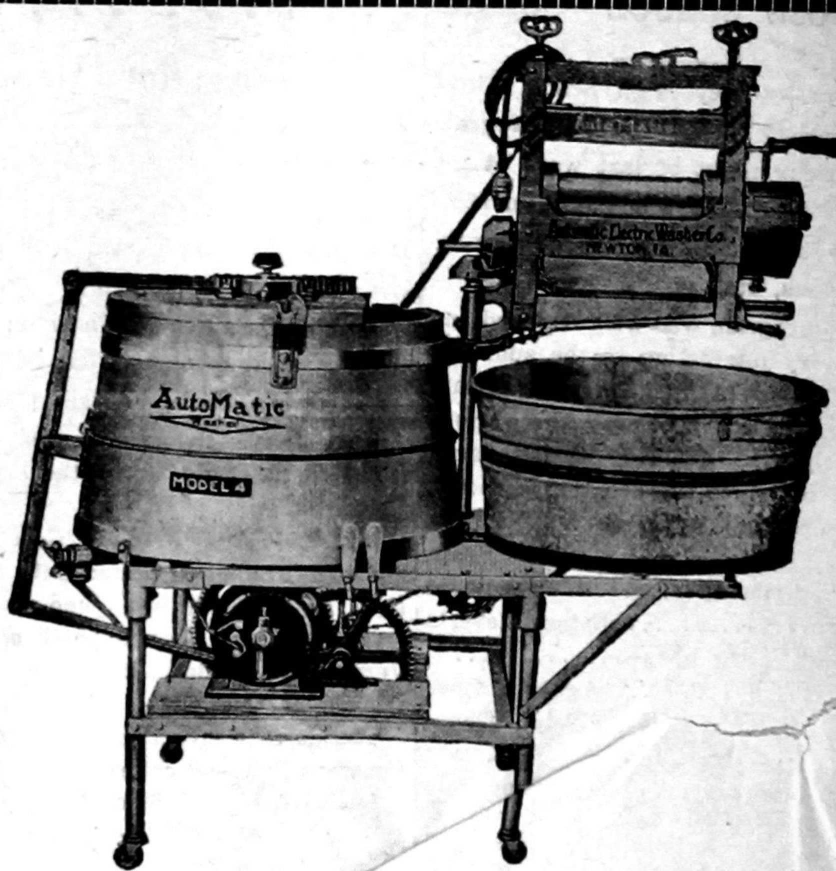

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ROWAN NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Yeoman have returned from their Minnesota trip, where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Art Walker.

Mr. A. R. Campbell is the new night operator at the Great Western Depot. He is taking Donald Farran's place.

Joe Simons and family were Dows visitors Saturday.

Rev. Tomkinson, Rev. Bonnell, G. R. Sheldon and R. Virden attended the Masonic doings at Dows Friday evening.

R. H. Keith and family went to Dows last Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Allen and little son, who have been visiting relatives and friends here, started Friday for their home at Bruce S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris, and Mrs. Edith Ross accompanied them to Mason City, where they took the train.

Mr. Wm. Tresidder returned from Clarion Saturday evening.

Fred Webber attended the hog sale at Eagle Grove, Thursday and visited old friends there.

Over thirty ladies spent the day with Mrs. Wm. Duffy last Friday. They enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and completed six dress forms, leaving at a late hour, voting Mrs. Duffy a royal entertainer.

Little Johnnie Howell is still very ill. A trained nurse from Hampton is in attendance.

Mesdames Guy Stumph and son Roscoe Robinson were Clarion shoppers last Monday.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks who has been visiting relatives at Waterloo returned home last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Butler and children who have been visiting here returned to their home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last week.

Mrs. G. W. Whitten and Gladys and Miss Evelyn Whitten went to Pomeroy, Thursday, to visit at the Clifford Snow home Mr. Whitten autoed over Sunday to bring them home.

Mrs. Mary Williams was a Fort Dodge caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris, Mrs. Edna Allen and Mrs. Kate Conn autoed to Thornton last Wednesday to visit at the Bert Harris home.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson and children went to Bristow Thursday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hearn.

Rev. J W. Bonnel and wife left the first of this week for their home at Miles, after visiting their many friends in Rowan.

Mrs. J. S. Farren, Frances and Bobby spent the week end at the Chas. Lynch home in Lnaeboro.

Mrs. Jesse Harris entertained the following gests at dinner last Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Edna Allen: Mesdames Roy Hyde, Gay Fletcher, Tom Ross, Howard Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Goelz of Belmond spent Sunday at the O. F. Braden home.

Mrs. Hugh Whitten and Mrs. Dannie Whitten were Clarion callers on Thursday afternoon.

The annual church dinner at the Methodist church last Thursday was a success. The following officers were elected in the Ladies Aid:
President—Mrs. Walt Whitten.
Vice pres.—Mrs. Earl Sellers.
Treas.—Mrs. Bert Pelley.
Secretary—Mrs. Florence Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Liming and Glen were Belmond business callers last Wednesday evening.

The Misses Wilda and Frieda Whitten and Mrs. Wm. Rietz were Belmond callers last Saturday.

The following relatives of Mrs. Wm. Ferguson planned a surprise on her birthday: Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and sons Glenn and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hills and baby of Clarion, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bangs of Dows were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Sime Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box were Iowa Falls callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carmon and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden were at Belmond Saturday evening.

Those attending the teachers meeting at Clarion from here were. Supt. and Mrs. Holiday, The Misses Osterhaus, Cowley, Draheim, McCutcheon, Kervink, and Mrs. Jessie Agnew of our local faculty, and the Misses Wilda Whitten, Blanche Box, Dolly Riley, Cecila, Hazel and Mildred Azeltine who are all rural teachers.

Miss Wilda Whitten spent Thursday night at the Harry Brooks home.

Mr. H. J. C. Box, Sime Heath, Ray and Ed. Azeltine attended the foot ball game at Hampton Friday.

Mrs. R. H. Keith entertained in honor of Rev. Bonnel and wife last Tuesday evening. The members of the school faculty were among the invited guests.

Roy Hyde took his little daughter May to Belmond Saturday to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett were Dows callers Saturday.

Hubbard McCallum of Waterloo came Saturday to visit relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval were at Galt Saturday to be at the bedside of Mrs. Keroheval's aunt, Mrs. Herb Aldrich.

Gene French is here with a carload of potatoes, and to visit his brother, D. A. French.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey and Mrs. Chris Klemensen of Latimer were Rowan callers last Thursday.

Mr. Ramsey has rented the Robinson farm four miles south of here for the coming year.

There were two runaways in town last Friday. Tom Lindsay's team broke loose in front of the bank and ran several blocks, stopping in the north part of town after upsetting the wagon. Murtel Myers team also broke loose and ran some distance No serious damage resulted.

Relatives of Mrs. Herb Aldrich near Galt were called to her bedside Saturday. She had been a great sufferer for several years. She passed away Saturday evening. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Conn and two children of Coulter, Mrs. Kate Conn and Mrs. Dan Fletcher went to Fort Dodge Sunday to visit relatives there.

Mrs James Coulter returned from Highmore S. Dak. after an extended stay at that place.

Mr. Geo. Limings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Liming are visiting here this week.

The Misses Florence Lent and Grace Hubbel returned to Iowa Falls. Sunday after spending the week end with their parents.

Mr. Wm. Baines, Mrs. Hannah Whitten and Laural, Mrs. Wm. Tresidder and Miss Angie Baines autoed to Hampton last Friday.

Miss Pearle Whitten has been ill the past week, threatened with typhoid fever.

Wm. Bailey, Sr., was a Belmond caller Monday.

Clarence Jennings has been suffering severely with rheumatism of the muscles of the heart.

Messrs. E. Bingham, L. A. McCallum and J. Aldinger went to Clarion Monday for jury duty. Mr. Bingham was excused for the week.

Mrs. Fred Smith and daughter of Clarion visited at the home of her mother Mrs. M. Snyder, Saturday.

Saturday night the young people from Galt came to Rowan and had a dance in the hall. The young people from several adjoining towns attended. The Dows orchestra furnished the music.

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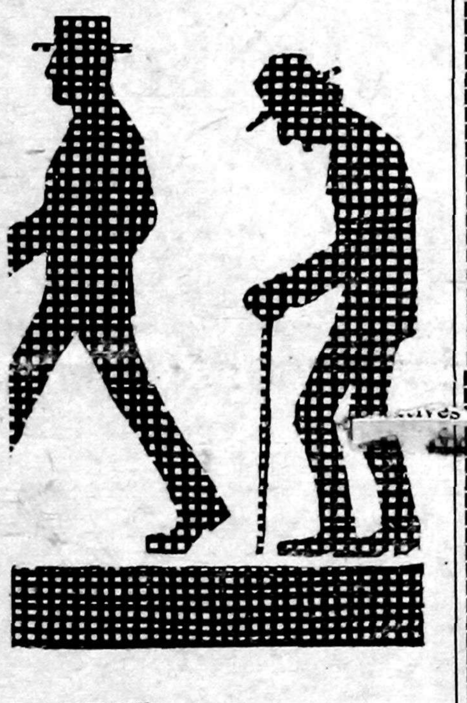

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Men's Work Shoes $1.98 $2.50 $2.95

Children's First Step Shoes Black and White or Colors $1.15

Children's School Shoes $1.95

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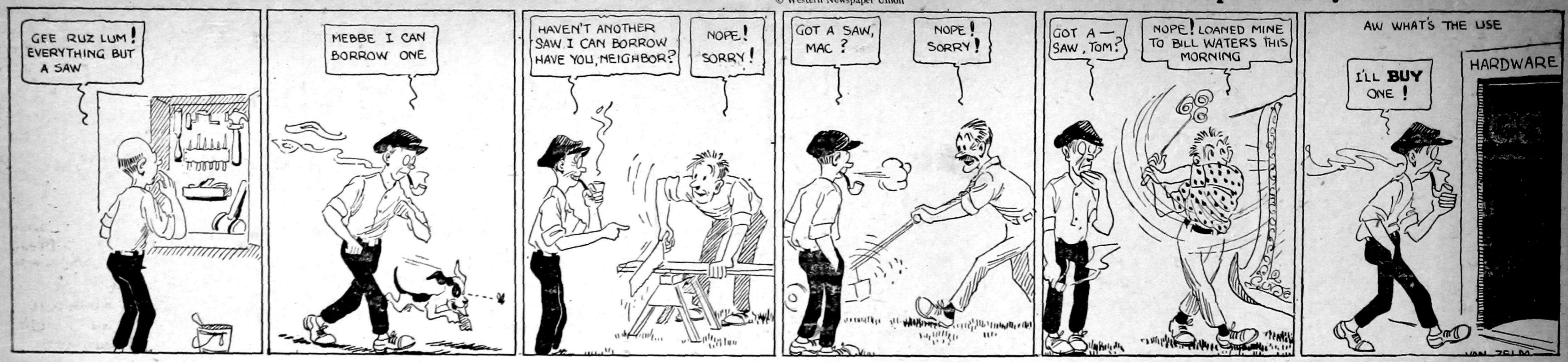

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

Miss Esther Peterson returned to her home Saturday from a pleasant visit with friends at Belmond and Clarion.

Mrs. Gerhard Olson of Britt was a caller here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Soderberg and family of Clarion were Sunday guests at the L. J. Kalvig home.

James Shaw returned home Thursday from a visit with relatives and friends at Belmond.

Vic Cleveland of Belmond was a business caller here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rietema are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Melvin Johnson, who is attending Waldorf College at Forest City, was an over Sunday visitor with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Cora Hall and son Harold returned home Sunday from a visit with relatives at Webster City.

P. R. Gilligan of Titonka was a business caller here Wednesday.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Adelaide Hauge is boarding with Mrs. S. O. Windecker while she helps take the tare at the beet weigh-house.

Farmers are busy nowadays hauling beets. The beets are a very good yield and good quality.

S. O. Windecker sold eight pigs Saturday which were hardly seven months old and averaged 197 pounds. How is that for spring pigs?

Henry Fitz of Clarion shipped two carloads of hogs from this place to Chicago Saturday.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Tom Thompson Wednesday and a full attendance is desired as this is the annual business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kessler and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter drove up from Iowa Falls Sunday and spent the day at the S. O Windecker home.

Mrs. Lockwood and daughter and Mrs. Cutler drove out from Clarion Thursday and spent the day with Mrs. Orpha Anderson.

Torence Scott and wife have taken a three months old baby to raise.

Geo. Baxter was a business caller in Clarion last Thursday.

Martin Paulson had a very close call last Thursday. He opened the car door to a load of large tile and a tile rolled down, striking him on the head, cutting a large deep gash, which required several stitches to be taken to close the wound.

GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Mamie White is home from Hampton and improving nicely.

Thursday last Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Avery and Mrs. Ed. Hughes were Mason City callers.

The Goodell high school base ball team defeated Klemme high Wednesday, 13 to 10, at Klemme.

Supt. Nelson and the teachers are putting some pep into the school this year.

Miss Dow spent Sunday with her parents at Armstrong.

The walls of the new Catholic church are nearly completed.

The Misses Avis and Norva Wilson who were hurt in the auto accident are improving nicely.

Mr. Walter Beier of Goodell and Miss Zanaide Cooper of Toledo, Ia., were united in marriage on Oct. 4 at the home of the bride in Toledo. Mr. Beier graduated from the State University in June 1920. For the past year he has been engaged in the banking business at Manse, Ia. Miss Cooper graduated in June 1921 from the State University at Iowa City. These estimable young people have made a fine record for themselves thus far in life and we bespeak for them a happy and successful life. After the wedding Mr. Beier and his bride spent some time in Des Moines. They are expected to visit Goodell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Beier attended the wedding of their son at Toleda Oct. 4.

E. P. Hubbard is enjoying a visit from his brother who is a traveling salesman.

The T. R. Burgess family is quarantined for scarlet fever. The daughter is the only one that has it. The two oldest children are staying with Mrs. C. Christensen so they will not have to be out of school.

Miss Maude Griggs attended the funeral of an old acquaintance a Mr. Gibbs of Klemme, Sunday.

GOODELL LECTURE COURSE

A fine list of atractions have been planned for on the following dates:
The Bierkamp Sisters Trio Entertainers Oct. 28, 1921.
Sterling Entertainers Dec. 16, 1921.
Homer C. Boblitt, Jan. 17, 1922.
Maitland Entertainers Feb. 2, 1922.

Adult season tickets $1.25, Children under 12 years 65c.

The Bierkamp Sisters Trio will be here on Oct. 28 to entertain the people of Goodell. The cut below will introduce you to this excellent trio of musical entertainers.

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Julius Ahrenkeil was entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Avery.

Mrs. John Hughes of Garner was in town Sunday to attend the celebration of her mother's, Mrs. C. Christensen, birthday.

Mr. McNutt who has managed the hotel for the past 18 months will soon vacate and the management will be taken over by Wm. Kirkwood of Klemme who will be assisted by his mother.

Earl Jenison and family visited at the home of her parents Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Christensen autoed to Lake Mills last week. Her sister, Mrs. Stacy, retaurned with her to spend a few days here.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg, Miss Selma Sandberg, Mrs. Engeseth and daughter Pearl and Amos Hanson drove to Frost, Minn., and back.

Mrs. John Allsworth and sister Mrs. Markle returned Friday from Appleton, Minn., where they were visiting their sister, Mrs. Swain.

Last week Tuesday Mr. Matson and family accompanied by Miss Dorn autoed to West Bend to view the grotto which is being built at that place.

Miss Dorn who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matson for the past two weeks returned to her home Thursday.

Chris Deiger is improving his place by erecting a new hog house.

Mrs. George Hall and brother Roy Clark were visiting friends and relatives in and about Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Okrueg visited Mrs. Jake Hegland Thursday, at the hospital in Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning Sandberg of Iowa Falls visited Mr. Sandberg's parents over Sunday.

ROWAN NEWS ITEMS

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Rowan Congregational Church Notes
The Sunday morning worship 11.
The Sunday school 12.
The Christian Endeavors 6:30.
Evening service 7:30. "Shrines" Stereoptican slides.

We need you and your friends at these services Sunday, Oct. 16.

The W. C. T. U. will hold an open door meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Braden Thursday evening, Oct. 13. There will be a good program. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone. "Let's go!"

The Cong. Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Gladys Whitten on Thursday afternoon of this week.

"Barrels at the Rowan Cong. Church"

There are two barrels at the Cong. church for the purpose of being filled with clothes for the needy. Here is a chance for you to help someone this winter with the old clothes, or any other wearing apparal in your attic. We would like to fill these barrels and send them to the needy as soon as possible. We can do missionary work in this manner. If the church is not open when you bring your donation for the barrels you may call at the manse for the key.

There was a large attendance at the Ladies Aid supper last Saturday evening.

There will be stereoptican slides at the Rowan Cong. church Sunday evening at seven thirty, the 16th. These will all be colored slides on "Shrines." These are good. Be sure and see them, and invite your friends to come.

Rev. Nye was a caller last Thursday at Hampton.

There was a large attendance at the Rowan Cong. church Sunday evening, Oct. 2, to see the colored slides "Under Ceylon Palms," which were very interesting to all. The slides were educational and gave up a vision of what the Congregational church is doing in other countries as well as our own. There will be other such lectures given during the winter months showing what God is doing in the Dark Fields at home and abroad.

The Webster City association of the Cong. churches and Ministers met at Eagle Grove last Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. Nye, pastor of the local church was in attendance and delegates Mrs. D. Virden and Albert Emerson. Wednesday evening Rev. Paul L. Corbin, D. D., Shausi, China, gave a very interesting address on the work among the Chinese. Dr. Corbin is one of our missionaries in China.

The Junior Endeavors will meet at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

The mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at seven thirty.

Rev. Bonnell of Miles, Iowa, former pastor of the Rowan Cong. church, preached Sunday morning and also at the Union service Sunday evening.

Mr. Bonnell and his wife have been visiting old friends in Rowan the past week.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

A large congregation greeted the Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church, last Sunday morning as he opened the new Conference year of work. The year opens with much promise of success. The different departments are already organized and planning great things. At the annual meeting of the Ladies Aid society last Thursday the following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. Walt Whitten
Treas: Mrs. Florence Fowler
Sec.: Mrs. Bert Pelley

Plans are being made for a bazaar in December, and other projects later.

The usual services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday.
Public worship at 10 a. m.
Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

At the evening service the pastor will commence a series of sermons on the "World Series" base ball games The subjects will be given as follows:
Oct. 16: "Sacrifice hits."
Oct. 23: "Stealing bases."
Oct. 30: "Dying hard on third."
Nov. 6: "Home base."

Baseball fans and all interested in good clean sport and recreation are cordially invited to these services. There will be lots of good sayings, and special music, and a good time generally. Start in with the first sermon and stay by the stuff until the end.

The Epworth League held a fine social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Azeltine last Friday evening. All voted it a good success.

Plans for the coming Lyceum season were completed last Monday evening when the guarantors met at the mank. One of the best programs that has ever been put on in Rowan will be given this winter, the first item being given on Saturday, Nov. 13. Get your tickets early and help the guarantors to make this thing a success.

The Rev. and Mrs. Tomkinson attended a county meeting of the Sunday school association at Clarion last Monday. Mr. Tomkinson is district president. The S. S. association are planning an active propaganda this winter.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL

The Ladies Aid society will hold a business meeting in the church parlors on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. All members are urged to be present.

Services next Sunday as usual, Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m. and the morning worship at 11:00. The lecture which was to have been given by Prof. Critchley on the Passion Play has been put off for the present. We promise the public to give it some time later and in its stead the pastor will preach a blackboard board sermon on the Two Ways. While this is a little change that we had not anticipated in he program for next Sunday we believe that noone will be hurt by it.

We are glad to note a gradual increase in the attendance at all the services and we hope to see it continue.

Miss Mabel Baker will sing at the evening services next Sunday and the silver offering for the Board of Missions will be received.

Mrs. A. S. Hinman and Mr. T. A. Davenport represent us this week at the meeting of Webster City association.

Who Said Prices are

Not Coming Down?

Your a lucky woman if you need a suit. For here is just the right suit for you--at just the right price, as you will see.

They're smart-tailored models in all the new shades and fabrics. Some are fur trimmed and others with silk embroidery and all are silk lined. We consider them one of the best values we have offered this season as they are priced at only

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20 A, Improved Farm. Just the kind you are looking for. $1,350 binds the deal. Balance back on land.

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City Property

4 room Cottage at your price. Paved street and Sidewalk $1,560
5 room House at your figure $2,600
Large roomy house and a bargain for your convenience at $6,700
All above, and more, in Iowa

Land's Sake! Just Get Land Now

W. H. WOLLE

Belmond, Iowa

Belmond Local News

List your public sales with the Independent; reserve your dates. And don't forget that the Independent is headquarters for the best farm sale bills in the country, and that your sale advertised in the Independent is reaching the entire territory from Rowan to Meservey.

Oscar Walsh of Alexander was in town last week on business matters. Mr. Walsh, who has been residing at Hampton, has purchased the store stock of Mr. Veeder at Alexander and will run the business from this on. He was getting some announcements printed at the Independent.

Miss Beach of St. Paul was a visitor a couple of days last week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stacy and Lee W. Stacy.

Lee Stacy drove to Dows on Thursday morning of last week, where he took his cousin, Miss Beach, to catch a train for her home.

A number of local farmers were in attendance at a sale of pure bred hogs held at Klemme last week.

The old familiar sight of wagon loads of sugar beets is again a frequent sight on the streets, the farmers having commenced hauling to the dumps. All beets raised in this vicinity this year are going to the plant at Mason City, which took over the acreage of the local plant for this year.

The local bankers were in attendance last week Wednesday at the bankers' convention held at Eagle Grove. A good program and an interesting meeting are reported.

J. B. Tiara, C. O. Leonard, Chas. Gealow and Menno Frohling were among the local farmers who attended the Oscar Swansal pure bred hog sale at Klemme recently.

Wanted—Job on farm by year by a married man. Experienced. Call this office.

It is reported that some of the enthusiasts of the city are endeavoring to form a rifle club, and expect to secure rifles from the government with which to practice.

The Congregational church at Dinsdale, Iowa, of which Seth Huntington of Belmond is the pastor, was destroyed by fire last week, the church burning entirely down. For the present services will be held in the community room of the school. Seth has the sympathy of his local friends in the loss but they know that it will be but a short time before Dinsdale has a bigger and better place of worship under his guidance.

NOTICE.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week the public library will not be open until four o'clock, owing to the absence of the librarian who is in attendance at the annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association at Ames.

The country club was the scene of many games Sunday. The links were pretty well filled, both men and women players, and the shots executed were in some cases remarkable—very much so. But it looked like a lot of fun at that.

Mrs. E. H. Sands has been visiting the past week or so at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Perrington at Popejoy.

Claire White came up from Fort Dodge on Saturday of last week to spend the day here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White.

Rev. Wilkinson, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, delivered his first sermon on Sunday of this week, and seems to have made a very favorable impression. Mr. Wilkinson is moving his family here this week, the family consisting of his wife and four children. Rev. Wilkinson is a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman and will make friends fast in his new charge.

The first snow of the season came to town last week Friday, when a few little flurries of the beautiful were floating around in the air. The weather man changed the tune right after that, and it got warm, until Sunday was almost a perfect day. About five o'clock Sunday it turned cold in short order and since then the weather has been chilly.

The Independent has disposed of the plant of the Meservey Register, and will start shipping it to the new owner this week.

The two sons of Wm. Moellering of Rowan were in town last week on business connected with the big sale of pure bred stock which they will hold at Rowan on the 29th of this month. The Independent is printing their catologs.

Howard Wolle was home from Sioux City last week a few days, having a tussle with a siege of the grippe. He returned the last of the week to his duties at the telephone company at that place.

F. P. Dibble was a caller on Thursday of last week at Mason City, where he was attending to some business affairs.

Mrs. Geo. Brady and son Cleon spent last week Friday calling on friends at Mason City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Courtney and family and Miss Carrie Courtney and cousin from Dubuque were at West Bend and Mallard on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Klemme came down from Mason City last week to spend a day or two visiting here at the home of her brothers.

Cato Griesy and Adolph Skovlin were enjoying the fishing pleasures of the Minnesota lakes a few days last week.

The Progress club met at the A. C. Lieuwen home, south of Alexander, last week. A fine time is reported by those present.

W. H. White and son Joe were at Clear Lake on Tuesday of this week attending to some business affairs at that place, where Mr. White has a cottage at the lake.

Mrs. A. E. Chamberlin and children and Mrs. H. C. Claussen are visiting at the home of their grandmother at Neola, Iowa.

Glenn Veeder has gone to Mason City where he will be employed this fall and winter at the sugar factory of that place.

Rev. Wilkinson, the new pastor of the Methodist church, went to Spirit Lake on Monday of this week to help his family move to Belmond.

Miss Mamie Allen of Burt, Iowa, is visiting at the home of relatives here, and expects to make this her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson have gone to McCallsburg, Iowa, where they expect to spend the next few months at the home of relatives.

C. H. Tyrrell and son of Rock Rapids were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell last week. Mr. Kirby of Spencer was also a guest at the Tyrrell home a day or so the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart of Alleman, Iowa, were recent visitors at the W. T. Gfeller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann of Eagle Grove were guests last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings.

The F. P. Dibble and E. M. Lathrop families drove to Mason City on Friday of last week where they spent the day.

The Southwest division of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church held a 5:00 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. E. S. Fyler on Wednesday of last week, the dinner being 25 cents. The idea was to raise money for the annual bazaar of the Aid which will be held in the near future.

The teachers of the local school and some of the Normal Training students attended the teachers institute held at the county seat last week.

The ball game scheduled for last week Friday was postponed on account of the cold weather. The high school teams of Belmond and Kanawha were to have fought it out on that date.

Mrs. Sanders of Gal was a guest over the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenzel are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, who arrived at their home on the 6th of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thayer were visitors at the L. W. Wendell home at Nora Springs last week. Mr. Wendell who has been very ill is still in a serious condition.

For Sale—Large size hard coal stove in good condition. Phone 150.—C. H. Pullin. 1tc

Mrs. Herb Aldrich died at her home at Galt the first of the week, funeral services being held Wednesday, interment being at Rowan. She was a relative of F. C. Aldrich here.

Vic Cleveland was a caller at Kanawha one day last week looking after business interests.

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. Marvin Christie on Wednesday of this week.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brady and family, Mr. and Mrs Glen Baker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Christie and family took a picnic dinner and motored to West Bend Sunday where they spent the day seeing the famous grotto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Christie spent Sunday at Forest City.

Mrs. Marvin Christie and daughter, Miss Goldie, were visitors at Ft. Dodge Saturday.

C. P. Luick returned the first of the week from a trip to points in the northern states, where he had been the past week or ten days on some business matters.

Thirty-eight members of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church met with Mrs. McBurney last Thursday to study Japan. Mrs. Bailey was the leader and Mrs. Martin the Mystery Box leader.

For Sale—1 good second hand washing machine (may be run by engine) for $6.00.
1 gasoline engine $7.50.
1 gasoline engine $15.00.
1 cream separator $20.00.
All bargains.
Townsan Hardware, Phone 34, Belmond.

A gentleman from near Rowan, who has recently returned from a trip to Minnesota, is reported as describing the forced sale of a farmer in that country, in which the neighbors all were present but every one of them flatly refused to bid on a single article, and the sale had to be called off. The landlord then told the farmer to go ahead an do the best he could to meet his bills. An idea which it would seem any landlord ought to know enough to see without forcing a sale.

Have you got a job for somebody? If you have, tell the Independent. Hardly a day goes by but what there is someone calls to inquire if there are any jobs to be had. Just now a married man and wife want a place on the farm. The Independent will be more than glad to act as agent for anyone who has a piece of work to be done.

Harry Wolcott of Des Moines has gone to St. Paul where he will teach in the high school at that place this coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Loomis and C. W. Trees returned recently from their trip to points in the Dakotas and Montana. They left here on the first of September and got back on the 26th. They transacted business at Wibeaux, and visited friends and relatives there and at other points in that vicinity. They state that there are thousands of acres of wheat in that country which has not and will not be cut, wheat almost shoulder high. The pastures are so short, the grass so dead and burnt, that hundreds and thousands of cattle will and are now starving. To ship them to points where there is feed would cost more than the animal is worth. In North Dakota they saw wheat that wasn't worth the cutting, eight to ten inches high. But the roads up in that country they pronounce the best that they have ever seen, all grravel, level and smooth, for mile after mile. C. W. says that Perry stepped on her for 55 miles and hour, which is proof that they must have been good roads because Perry is noted in Belmond for his careful driving. They made the trip in Mr. Loomis' Cadillac, and averaged over 11 miles to the gallon of gas on the entire trip.

A number of local people were at the county seat last week and the first of this week, in attendance at the district court.

We make your rugs, carpets, curtains, draperies, pillows, quilts, blankets etc. clean, fresh and sanitary.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pietch are rejoicing over the arrival at their home on Monday of this week of a fine baby girl, who has been named Elaine Elizabeth.

Boars for Sale.

Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Gotlieb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

J. P. Byers left the first of the week for the state of Washington, where he will spend the winter at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Klein. He expects to visit a son in Oregon this winter also.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

The sale of Johnson & Wright last week on aluminum ware was very well attended, the store being crowded with customers seeking the bargains offered in their ad last week.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

Mrs. Pat Dillon suffered a very severe and painful accident one day last week, which will incapacitate her for some time. She was engaged in papering, and in some manner slipped from the bench she was using and fell. The knee and ligaments of one limb were badly sprained and injured so that she is compelled to remain in bed, and it will be several weeks before she can be about again.

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Stephen Hardwich is home for a few days vacation at the Geo. P. Hardwick home. Stephen has been engaged in photoplay photography in which he is making a fine success.

Carpenter Shop, repairing con R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

Over at Hampton they are having a merry little battle between the barbers, over the prices of shaves and haircuts. Some want to bring them down and others want to keep the prices up. An item from the Hampton Chronicle concerning the fight may be found in another column of this issue.

A. L. Luick was a visitor at the county seat one day last week, where he was called on some Red Cross work.

We Make Old Clothes New And New Clothes Too!

If you have a good Suit or Overcoat that don't fit you, bring it to us. We will make it fit you or buy it in on a new one.

NewBelmond Tailor Shop

F. J. Tuffree, Prop.

Phone 28

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

Wanted—4 or 5 school children to room. $1.00 per week. Mary Gealow Phone 316.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

For Sale—Big type Poland China spring boars. Priced to sell as I need the rom. Phone 3717.—O. D. Jenison.

For Sale—One second hand gas engine; also one second hand washing machine. Townsand Bros. Phone 34.

Farm Wanted—Wanted to hear from owner of a farm or good land for sale, price reasonable.—L. Jones, Box 551, Olney, Ill. 1t*

Louis Galer, an old time resident of this community and a son of the old settler, "Doc." Galer, died at his home in Tuscan, Arizona, on October 3rd, and the remains were shipped here by express consigned to D. C. Packard, for interment in the Franklin Grove cemetery beside his father. Funeral services were held on Saturday.

We make your rugs, carpets, curtains, draperies, pillows, quilts, blankets, etc., clean, fresh and sanitary.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. South of hotel.

ROBINSON'S

20 oz. Loaf of Bread	10c
Small Loaf of Bread	5c
Good Bacon, per lb.	25c
2 cans good Salmon	25c
No. 10 Karo, dark	50c
No. 10 Karo, Light	60c
No. 5 Karo, dark	25c
Black Tea, 1 lb.	40c
Rolled Oats, 5 lbs.	25c
$1.25 Broom	75c
6 bars Good Soap	25c

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The Savings Account means more for the future of the family than almost all the advice the world can offer. It means a right start upon the right course. Give your family the assurance of permanent financial protection by opening a Term Savings Account, paying 5 per cent annually, with us. One dollar will do it.

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Qt. 11c
Pt. 6c
Cream—
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Pt. 35c
1-2 Pt. 18 1-2c

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Milk and Cream
M. G. LUICK, Prop.

From the City Market
Milk—
Qt. 8c
Pt. 5c
Cream—
Qt. 60c
Pt. 30c
1-2 Pt. 15c

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

ONE BILLION LIFTS HOPES

The buying power of the consuming public will be steadily increased during the next six months. The worst of the depression is over. Confidence is being gradually and surely restored. Optimism for better farm markets is thoroly justified. The trough of the depression is passed. Unemployment is exaggerated. The livestock business is the key to the whole agricultural situation. Stockmen will regain confidence when the War Finance corporation puts millions of dollars of credit into their industry—advances fully warranted on the basis of feed supplies and future markets. The return of a prosperous livestock industry means profitable markets for grain and forage.

COTTON ADVANCES STIMULATE

Recent advances in cotton have already restored the buying owner of 27,000,000 people and the stimulating effect is seen everywhere. The livestock industry will experience a revival similar to the cotton industry. The farmer who goes confidently ahead now will benefit. Feeding will be done at a profit.

The War Finance corporation has plenty of confidence and plenty of credit, and is anxious to put both into the agricultural industry of America quickly and largely. The individual farmer may avail himself promptly of War Finance corporation credit to any extent which his business deserves by applying thru his co-operative association or thru his local bank. Forms may be secured upon application to the district committees, or directly of the War Finance corporation. Washington, D. C. The government charges 6 per cent for the money and the bank or co-operative organization lends it to the farmer at any rate not exceeding two per cent above that paid the War Finance corporation, i. e., from six to eight per cent.

These advances will enable the farmer to hold his goods until they may be sold in an orderly fashion on a stable market. The loans may be rediscounted for any period up to one year, and may be renewed for the second year, or even the third year. There is a minimum of red tape connected with this $1,00,000,000 in credit for the farmer. The government is anxious to lend it and to aid agriculture in attaining stable and profitable markets.

These assurances came officially from Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation, at a cnference called by President Howard with state farm bureau representatives in the general offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago on Sept. 28th. They constitute one of the most heartening developements for American agriculture since the depression began in the spring of 1920.

GROWERS GET LOAN OF FIFTEEN MILLION

The first line of credit authorized by the War Finance corporation under its new power to assist agriculture goes to the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., for co-operators in the northwest. J. M. Anderson, vice president and chairman of the sales committee, of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., in Washington last week, obtained favorable action on an application for $15,000,000 the funds to become available at once. This will enable the U. S. Grain Growers' sales committee adequately to finance grain marketing for thousands of members in the northwest who insist upon using the new co-operative machinery without delay. The grain is being handled thru the Equity Co-operative Exchange, St. Paul, under authority of a resolution passed by U. S. Grain Growers' executive committee authorizing Mr. Anderson to complete arrangements for handling the grain of members of the nortnwest.

Mr. Anderson Mr. Schilling and U. L. Burdick, all directors in zone 2, at a recent conference decided to advance growers sixty-five to seventy-five per cent of the present market price. This will enable growers to hold their grain until the market reflects the true value. Prices have been unduly depressed by the unprecedented dumping of grain on all markets this fall. The determination to withhold northwest grain from the terminal markets for the present is keeping with recommendations made by such students of world conditions as Secretary of Cemmerce Herbert Hoover.

LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION SHORT COURSES

Approximately 25 per cent of Iowa's livestock was being marketed by the Livestock Shipping associations at the close of 1920. Fully 50 per cent of the Iowa farmers have at one time or another participated in co-operative shipments. Co-operative livestock shipping is not a new venture.

At the close of 1920 shipping associations in Iowa were handling fully 25 per cent of the livestock market shipments, on the farm to market route, a total of approximately 50,000 cars with a valuation of $103,837,000. These figures are based upon figures furnished by associations. The average volume of car shipments for 342 associations in 1920 was 77, and the average valuation based on 1920 prices was $2,076.74. This means then that the average association did a business of $159,885.88.

The volume of business would no doubt double if carried thru to its logical conclusion. Even in its present condition it represents a business considerably larger than that of the world-famous California Fruit Growers' Exchange.

The membership roll of these associations ranged from 50 to 200. Based on these numbers it is certain that over 100,000 or over half of the farmers of the state have at one time or another participated in co-operative livestock shipments.

The peculiar feature of the co-operative shipments, that of several owners of stock being included in one car, has developed many problems. Among them comes a satisfactory method of marking and selling of each man's stock; prorating the returns and the charging of each owner's account with the proper expense items as freight, insurance, feed and manager's fee. Few associations have been able to develope a method of keeping such accounts in a satisfactory manner.

Managers and executive boards of associations are realizing the need of simple and accurate accounts; a growing volume of business and a large active membership also demand such accounts. Numerous requests have been made to the Farm Bureaus for assistance in this work.

In answer to this call the marketing agents of the corn belt states have developed a uniform systef of simple accounts for live stock shipping associations. These accounts will be presented during one day of the conference as announced in last week's paper. Each man in attendance will be given forms and will actually enter a shipment in the new account book. Other business organizations demand that accurate checks be kept on their finances. It is now being demanded by this new marketing organization. Managers and officers desiring to attend the course at Fort Dodge on Oct. 20 and 21, or Mason City on Oct. 25 and 26 should register at once on blanks which may be secured at the farm bureau office. Watch the papers for further details and information. Full details may be secured at the farm bureau office.

FALL WEB WORMS ACTIVE

The fall web worms which are attacking the shade trees at this time of the season can be controlled, say the entomologists at Iowa State College, if the nests are cut out of the trees and burned. Recent reports from various parts of the state show that these worms are very active

Web worms attack the trees in the spring and then break out again in the fall and proceed to lay eggs which will hatch in the spring. The second brood do considerable more damage than the first brood.

Where trees are small the webworms can be controlled by spraying. For this purpose lead arsenate at the rate of two pounds of powdered form or four pounds of paste to fifty gallons of water.

Where the worms have attacked the trees in a large swarm burning off the roups might do more damage than the worms would if left. Where this is the case many of the worms can be eliminated by taking a long pole with a bristle brush on the end and insert into the nest and wind around so that the nest will be easily pulled down.

According to the entomologists many parasites which kill these worms are found eating them so that another year less damage is expected. However, anyone having the fine shade trees that are attacked by web worms had better take measures for their control.

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Sale

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Consisting of 17 spring boars, 1 yearling boar and 12 open gilts.

These hogs are an exceptionally fine lot of lengthy, well built hogs and are worth your closest consideration. Two of them are grandsons of Great Wonder I Am, and the balance are sired mostly by Trailfinder Again by The Sentinel. We guarantee them to be exactly as represented in our catalogue, and invite you to compare them with the best.

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Consisting of three yearling bulls, four heifers, and one cow with bull calf at foot. A fine lot of animals that will make a good addition to your herd.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

CHAPTER VIII. — Returning to the Halfway Switch, Dale meets Major Bradley, lawyer, and real friend of the mountaineers, whom he engages as counsel for the company. A man named Goff, of evil repute, tries to bribe Dale to betray the Morelands by selling him the coal deposits, and telling them they are of little value. Dale attempts to thrash him, but Goff draws a revolver. Dale is unarmed.

CHAPTER IX.—Goff enlists the aid of a turbulent crowd, the Balls and Torreys, to make trouble for Dale's company. The Littlefords and Morelands agree to forget the old feud and dwell in harmony.

The mountaineer didn't answer.

"You won't throttle the cause born in David Moreland's good heart on account of a little personal pride—I know you won't!" Dale said earnestly.

Moreland straightened.

"You mean well," he said slowly. "I think you're one o' the very best men in the world, Bill Dale. You often make me think o' pore David himself. But I'm afeared ye don't quite onderstand, Bill. I've seed my own son die from a Littleford's bullet. To go and offer to be friends with a man who might be the same one 'at killed my boy is a pow'ful hard thing to do. I'm afeard ye don't quite onderstand."

"It was a terrible thing, I know," said Dale. "But it was the fortunes of war. The Littlefords have endured the fortunes of war in exactly the same way. Come with me; let's go. I need your help; I can do very little without your help. Come, John Moreland!"

The hillman replied slowly: "Well, I'll go with ye over thar. But Ben he'll haf to make the fust break at a-bein' friends, 'cause I'm purty shore I never will. As soon as I git my hat, Bill."

He went to the front porch and took from a chairpost his broad-rimmed headgear. Then the two set out.

They crossed an ox-wagon road, a sweet-scented meadow, the river by means of the blown-down sycamore, another sweet-scented meadow and another ox-wagon road, and entered the cabin yard of the Littleford chief. Here, too, many old-fashioned flowers were in bloom; a cane fishingpole, slender and white, leaned against the porch; it made Dale think of Babe. . . .

"You wait out here," whispered Dale, with a hand on his companion's arm. "I'll go in and see if I can persuade Littleford to make the advance. I'm pretty sure I can."

He started forward when a hound rose from the stone step and growled warningly. At that Dale halted and sang out:

"Hello, Ben!"

The front door swung open, creaking on wooden hinges, and Babe's father, bareheaded and with a lamp in his hand, appeared in the doorway. He knew the voice that had summoned him.

"Come right in, Mr. Dale," he invited with the utmost cordiality. "Come right in!"

He scolded the dog away, and Dale entered the primitive home. He was shown into the best room, where he dropped easily into a roomy old rocker that was lined with an untanned sheepskin. Ben Littleford put the lamp on a crude table, drew up another chair, and sat down facing his visitor.

"I hope ye ain't jest happened over fo' a minute or two on business," he drawled; "I hope ye've come to spend the night wi' me, anyway."

"I'm here in the interests of peace," Dale began, looking at the hillman squarely. "I want you Littlefords to be on good terms with your neighbors, the Morelands. John is out there at your gate now; he is waiting for you to ask him in and say to him: 'Let's begin anew; let's be friends, your people and my people, you and me.' You want that, don't you, Ben? Babe did, I'm sure."

Littleford frowned, laced his big fingers together and twirled his big thumbs. Now that he was once more at home, with assurance that his daughter would entirely recover, he was no longer weak; he had all his old courage and all his old, stubborn hill pride back.

"I'll ax John in," he finally decided, "but he'll haf to make the fust break at a-bein' friends. Me axin' him into my house is a purty durned good start toward friendship, ain't it?"

He arose, took up the lamp, walked to the front door and opened it, and called into the night:

"Won't ye come in, John?"

"I reckon I will, Ben," was the lazy answer. "Fo' a minute, anyhow. But I reckon I cain't stay long."

Moreland followed Littleford into the best room. Littleford put the lamp beside the worn leather-bound Bible on the table, and they sat down. They looked steadily at each other, and Dale saw plainly that both were ill at ease. Surely, thought Moreland, he had done a great deal when he had come into his old enemy's house. Surely, thought Littleford, he had done a great deal when he had asked John Moreland into his home.

Came a silence that was heavy. Each was depending upon the other to make the advance. The two clansmen stared at each other more and more

The Two Clansmen Stared at Each Other More and More Sharply.

sharply, and soon shadows of bitterness began to creep into their eyes.

Then Major Bradley, guest of Ben Littleford, strode into the room with a patrician and soldierly air, and he understood the situation perfectly.

"Gentlemen," he urged, "shake hands. Be friends."

They didn't. Neither seemed to have heard the major. It angered Bill Dale. His knowledge of these feudists, these grown-up children, was not yet very thorough. He went to his feet. John Moreland, too, arose.

"We'd as well go, hadn't we?" Dale clipped, and there was disgust in his voice.

"I reckon we had," agreed Moreland.

They walked out of the cabin, leaving Major Bradley and Ben Littleford gazing silently after them. At the gate Dale caught John Moreland's sleeve and halted him.

"Why on earth," he demanded, "didn't you make the break?"

"Bill Dale, I went into his house!"

Dale put his hands on one of the weatherbeaten gateposts and looked over to where a bright star burned like a beacon light above the pine-fringed crest of David Moreland's mountain. He continued to look at the star, his face gray, until it glimmered.

Then he began to blame himself; he was the hope of a benighted people, and he had foolishly lost his temper at a crucial moment! He wondered whether it was yet too late, and turned his eyes toward his silent companion. He saw that John Moreland was looking toward the beacon star—

The voice of Ben Littleford came to them plainly because the night was so very still; he was reading from the Gospel according to Saint Mark, preparatory to his bedtime prayer. The two at the gate listened intently. The way in which the illiterate giant stumbled over the simplest words was pitiful. . . .

The hillman closed the Good Book and placed it on the table beside him. There was the low shuffling of feet as half a dozen persons knelt at their chairs. The prayer which followed was much like John Moreland's own bedtime prayer; it had in it less of supplication than of thanksgiving.

And—in the tail of it there were words that were like bullets to the mountaineer at the gate—

"—Bless the good man who is with us here tonight, and all o' our kinfolks, and all o' our friends, and all o' our inemies—and 'specially the Morelands. Aymen!"

Dale's hand came down hard on John Moreland's shoulder.

"You told me he wouldn't do it!"

The old clan leader hung his head, like a man suddenly broken. He replied not a word; he seemed amazed into speechlessness. He had been wrong in his estimate of Ben Littleford; he had lied about a man who had just asked the good Almighty to bless him. John Moreland choked a little and started toward the cabin. He walked as though half blind across the porch, and entered without knocking, and went in to Ben Littleford with his right hand outstretched.

"Le's begin anew," he said huskily. "Le's be friends, yore people and my people, you and me!"

Littleford arose and groped for his old-time enemy's hand, found it and grasped it in both his own.

"You're better 'an I am, John Moreland," he said—"you're a d—d sight better 'an I am."

When Dale left them, they were talking over a great bear-hunt that they had taken together a score of years before.

The moon, full and as bright as new gold, had risen just under the beacon star when Bill Dale reached the doorstep of the cabin that was home to him. He faced about. The broad green valley lay very serene and very beautiful there in the mellow light. There was no sound save for the gentle murmuring of the crystal river.

"You wonderful place," he said softly, then added: "My own country!"

CHAPTER X

The Barbarian Princess Goes Home.

Miss Elizabeth Littleford beheld an interesting sight when she alighted from a northbound afternoon train at the Halfway switch. Just below the long siding a shorter siding had been put in—the railway company had been hastened, no doubt, by the great influence of old Newton Wheatley—and from it had been unloaded a small geared locomotive, a dozen or so of little coal cars opening at the bottom, and miles of light steel rails with kegs of spikes for them.

Out toward her home a crew of men worked like bees at the building of a trestle of round timbers that had been cut from the nearby woods; she at once recognized these men as Morelands and Littlefords, and she knew it meant peace! They didn't recognize her, because of the distance and the clothing she wore, and because they were too busy to pay any particular attention to her.

Farther out toward Doe river another crew of men was at work clearing the way for the little narrow-gauge. She heard the sounds of the ax and the saw, the hammer and the steel, and once there came to her ears the great dull roar of exploding dynamite as a cliff was blown clear of its foundations.

Miss Elizabeth Littleford smiled happily. And she had not been happy for a long time. Patricia McLaurin, with whom she ha dbeen staying, had been kindness itself, but the mother of Bill Dale, her Bill Dale, had snubbed her—and besides the longing for the old home hills was riotous in her blood. So she had come back, run away at less than a moment's notice—as had Bill Dale before her, and how good it seemed to be at home! She would have gone to see the men, had it not been that she feared she would be a bother.

There was another interesting sight when she had reached the crest of David Moreland's mountain. In the upper end of the broad valley, midway between the "settlement" and the opening of the Moreland coal vein, two large buildings were well along in their course of construction.

She put down her bundle of clothing, shaded her eyes with her hand, and tried to find Bill Dale among the builders. But the distance was too great; a man down there was but a mere speck. . . . Before she went on, she removed her shoes and stockings. It was hard for Babe Littleford to become accustomed to wearing useless shoes and stockings in warm weather!

When she had reached the foot of the mountain, she didn't take the bypath her people had been wont to use in order that they might avoid contact with the Morelands. There was no need of avoiding contact with the Morelands now, thank goodness!

Then a voice hailed her from the laurels out at her right, the voice she loved better than any other—

"Hello, Miss Littleford!"

Babe stopped and faced him, and she blushed furiously when she saw him. He was coming rapidly toward her with his hat in his hand, and his brown hair was rumpled and damp with perspiration. She saw that he was in boots and corduroys, the clothing of a timber-jack, and he looked bigger in them; about his waist there was a cartridge-belt, from which hung a big and dependable looking revolver in a leathern holster.

"Hello, Mister Dale!" she mimicked.

He shook her hand, then he dropped to a moss-covered log that lay beside the narrow trail.

"Sit down here beside me," he said; and he added: "I've been going hard all day, and I'm pretty tired."

She let fall her bundle and her shoes and stockings, and obeyed.

"Why did you come back, Babe?" he asked as though he were displeased.

"'Cause," she answered—and she corrected herself quickly, "I mean because."

"No reason whatever," smiled Dale.

"Well," and her clear brown eyes looked at him squarely, "I come back because yore mother she said I would be a burden to Mis' McLaurin, that's why."

"Mrs. McLaurin," said Dale; "not Mis' McLaurin."

"A burden to Mrs. McLaurin, and I ain't a-goin' to be a burden to nobody!" vehemently. In a softer voice, she went on, "Mrs. McLaurin and her husband and her folks has done made up friendly, Bill Dale. Mrs. McLaurin's pap—I mean her father—he brung 'em a big lot o' silver things. . . .

"Bill Dale, I had a big time! Everybody liked me but yore own maw—I mean yore mother. My goodness gracious—they dress awful fine, don't they? Why, silk ain't nothin'. But whar all o' their money comes from, I shore cain't see. Say, I showed some o' Pat's friends how to dance our old hill dances, and the whole town was crazy about 'em when I left. Jimmy Fayne is awful good-lookin' and rich, ain't he, Bill? He liked me better'n any of 'em, 'less it was Pat herself. You know Jimmy, don't ye, Bill?"

Dale nodded, frowned, and turned his sober gaze toward the toes of his high laced boots. Yes, he knew Jimmy Fayne, and he held him in contempt. The pampered son of a wealthy cotton speculator, weak, devoted to high nights, remarkably handsome to romantic and unsophisticated girls but not to men and women who had cut their wisdom-teeth—that was Jimmy Fayne.

Babe Littleford was speaking again: "I 'cided to come back here, Bill Dale, because I thought they might need me here as well as because I was afeard I would be a burden to Pat—I mean afraid I would be a burden to Pat. Seems like I cain't talk proper at all! I've tried and tried. I've spent half o' my time jest a-tryin' to talk proper. Pat, she'd put down words I mustn't say on a sheet o' paper, and I'd study 'em. Afeard, shore, pap, 'cause, ain't, hain't—and all o' them. And she'd put down the right words with 'em so's I'd know.

"Yore mother was the last to come to see me, Bill. 'So this,' she says to Pat, 'is the "barbarian princess!"' I didn't know what that meant, but I 'spect it's somethin' bad. I went into the house, because I didn't want to say anything, and her yore own mother. But I listened, and I heard her say the rest, and this is it:

"'What will you do when the in-innovation wears off, Patricia?' she says. 'She'll be a burden to you, Patricia; you'll have a half-savage person tagging after you, like a lady bear!'

"That's what it was she said, Bill Dale. . . . I'm shore they do need me here, and I ax ye this, Bill Dale: Are you sorry to see me come back?"

"Perhaps they do need you." Dale slowly stripped the tiny leaves from a fern. "But that is not sufficient reason to warrant your staying here. Of course, I'm not sorry to see you, Babe. But you must go back to Patricia very soon. If you had been a burden to Patricia, she would have told you."

Babe put out a foot and idly rolled an acorn across the path with one bare big toe.

"But I—I don't think I want to go back," she protested. "I'd rather stay here, a heap rather."

"But you must go back," declared Dale, "You really must."

Ben Littleford's daughter was silent. For a moment she absently watched the playful antics of a little boomer squirrel on the side of a nearby hickory. Then she arose.

"Look," she urged—it was one of the charming wiles of her—"Look at my new dress. Me and Pat made it, every stitch of it. Don't you think it's nice?"

"Sure, it's nice," Dale agreed. "But any dress looks nice on you, Babe. If only you'd stick with Mrs. McLaurin and let her educate you! You shouldn't have cared anything about what my mother said; my mother doesn't always see things in the true light. You'll go back, won't you?"

She bent toward him and asked pointedly:

"Bill Dale, what makes you so anxious fo' me to go?"

"Because," readily, "I want you to have an education."

"What makes you want me to have a education, Bill Dale?"

"Because you'd be such a splendid woman, if you had an education."

Babe Littleford pursued with child-like eagerness: "And what makes you want me to be such a s-splendid woman?"

Dale lifted his gray eyes and answered her frankly:

"Because I expect to marry you some day."

Babe Littleford blushed deeply. Her eyes were glad, filled with rejoicing. If he didn't love her now, at least just a weeny-teeny bit, he wouldn't be thinking of marrying her some day, certainly, and this conclusion made her happier than she had ever been in all her life before. She wished wildly that she could hug him with all her might—and she had a big notion to do it. But what would he think of her?

Well, there would come a day when she would surely hug him with all her might. She would simply break his blessed bones, almost.

"Will you go to Patricia tomorrow?" he asked.

She really believed that she ought to go. But the thought of leaving him was more hateful than ever, now that she knew he meant to marry her. She strove to change the subject—

"See that little, teeny flower over there—that little, teeny, blue one?" she asked, pointing. "That's a dayflower. It's the purest blue of any. They call it a dayflower because it don't last but jest one single day." And again, pointing: "See that little, teeny, purple flower over there at them twisted laurels? That's called Job's tears, and they don't last but one day, neither. That little red, spidery thing is bee balm. Over yander at the hick'ry is monkshood. I l'arned the names out o' a book Major Bradley loant me. Hadn't we better be a-goin' toward home? It—it'll be a-comin' dark purty soon, won't it?"

Said Dale, "Will you go back to Patricia tomorrow?"

"I—I've been a-wonderin'," murmured Babe. "Which is proper, Bill, bust or burst?"

Dale spoke quickly. "Burst for you, bust for me. Will you go back to Patricia?"

Beaten, Babe Littleford drew a long breath and smiled.

"Yes, Mister Dale," she answered resignedly. "I will. I'll go whar—where you want me to go, ef—if it's to Torment. Now tell me how it comes that I find my people and their inemies as thick as m'lasses in a jug, while we walk on."

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When Dale returned to John Moreland's cabin from having seen Babe Littleford safely to her father's door, he found Major Bradley and By Heck waiting at the gate. Heck had some important, bad news, he said.

"Better not tell me about it until after supper," replied Dale. "I'm as hungry as you ever were, By."

They went in to sit down to one of the best meals Addie Moreland had ever prepared. When they had finished eating, John Moreland led the way into the best room, where they took chairs. The major produced cigars. By Heck, swollen with a feeling of greatness, lighted the wrong end of his weed, faced Dale, and began to unburden his mind of its weight of information.

"Well, Bill, old boy," he began—and then stopped to wonder why his cigar wouldn't smoke as well as the major's. "Well, Bill, old boy," he went on, finally. "Henderson Goff, he's shore been as busy as a one-armed man in a bumblebee's nest. I cain't see, igod, what's wrong with this here seegyar. He's went and brung about twenty-five Torreys from two places knowed as Jerus'lem cove and Hatton's hell, to help work his mine when he gits it. They're all a-puttin' up with them Balls. The Torreys is part Injun, Cherokee Injun, and I've heered it said 'at they was as bad or wuss'n rattlesnake broth."

Major Bradley blew a little cloud of smoke upward. "More of the game of bluff, perhaps," he suggested.

"I'm inclined to think so," thoughtfully said Dale. "Well, we'll avoid trouble as long as we decently can; and when we can no longer get around it, we'll call in as much of the law as we can get, and meet it half-way. Eh, Hayes?"

"Sure," nodded the mining expert.

Dale was on his way to the new siding the following morning, when he met Henderson Goff. Again Dale was forcibly reminded of stories he had heard and read of Mississippi river steamboat gamblers of the long ago. Goff stepped out of the trail, smiled and spoke with apparent good humor. Dale passed him without a word.

Then the shyster coal man called out, "Ready to sell yet?"

The Moreland Coal company's manager halted and faced about with a puckering of his brows.

"For a fair price, yes."

"Just what would you call a fair price?"

"Oh, somewhere between two and three hundred thousand," promptly.

Goff sniffed, and the corners of his mouth came down.

"You don't want much. You won't get it from me!"

"I don't want it from you."

Dale turned and went on. He was sorry that he had stopped to talk with the fellow.

That afternoon he again met Goff in the trail. The bare sight of the shyster made him very angry now, and his right hand fell upon the butt of the big revolver on his hip. Goff was about to sidestep in the laurels, when Dale caught him roughly by the arm.

"See here," he said sharply, "you've about cut your little swath. We've had enough of you. You can't get this coal at any price, and the sooner you get yourself out of this country the better and safer it will be for you. To be plain, I'm pretty apt to thrash you the very next time I see you. Now move on!"

Goff went off laughing wickedly. "Oh, all right, Dale; go ahead and build the little road for me!" he said.

Late that night every sleeper in the valley of the Doe was awakened by a great, rumbling explosion, which was followed almost immediately by another great, rumbling explosion. Before the reverberations had died away, Bill Dale had dressed himself and was standing on the vine-hung front porch, and he was only a few seconds ahead of John Moreland.

Then there came the tearing sound of a heavy explosion miles to the eastward.

"Do ye know what it is?" inquired the mountaineer.

"They've stolen our dynamite from the tobacco-barn, and blown up the office and supplies building and the commissary building; also they've blown up the big trestle near the siding," Dale answered.

"'At's my guess, too," said Moreland.

Within the next half hour Dale and Hayes, Major Bradley, and the menfolk of the Morelands and the Littlefords had gathered around the wreck of the two big, unfinished frame buildings. Dale blamed himself much for having left dynamite unguarded in the tobacco-barn—but nobody else blamed him for it.

"It's time to let the law in," he said when he had viewed the jumbled mass of broken planks and timbers by the light of lanterns. He turned to stalwart Luke Moreland.

"You get on my horse and ride to Cartersville for the sheriff. Tell him he can get the best posse in the world right here, if he needs one. It's the proper thing, isn't it, major?"

"Yes," said Major Bradley, "it's the proper thing. You've got a real grievance now. But I fancy Goff had nothing to do with this; he is shrewd enough to know that a thing like this would cook his goose. Goff has been playing a bluff game all along, you know. Some Balls or some Torreys, perhaps a mixture of both, have done this without Goff's knowing anything about it. I'd have Sheriff Flowers arrest several of the Balls and several of the Torreys, and try to scare them into turning state's evidence to save themselves."

The major finished in a low tone, because of the probability for eavesdroppers, and in this he was wise.

"We'll do that," Dale decided.

He faced Hayes, his right-hand man, and began to give orders like a veteran general manager. The men were to take their rifles with them to work in the morning, but they were to fire no shot unless it was in defense of life or property. In the morning every available wagon in the valley was to be sent to the little sawmill that was in operation ten miles toward the lowland for more building material.

By Heck joined them then. He guessed just what had happened, plucked at Dale's sleeve and whispered:

"Sposen I takes a sneak or two toward them lowdown, walnut-eyed, knock-kneed, dadblamed Balls and Torreys and finds out what I can find out; hey, Bill?"

The answer came readily: "Sure, you be detective. But be careful that you don't lose anything for us, y' know, if you don't gain anything."

By Heck and his rifle disappeared in the darkness of the mountain night.

A little after work-time that day, Bill Dale started alone on the way of the narrow-gauge railroad for the siding. He wished to see for himself just what the damage had been to the trestle, and he hoped to meet Goff, or a Ball, or a Torrey, and learn something that would be to his advantage.

Before he had covered two miles, he had seen two of the enemy skulking through the woods, and he recognized them for Torreys from Jerusalem Cove and Hatton's Hell; he knew it by their very swarthy skin, their high cheekbones and their coarse black hair, the outcroppings of the Cherokee Indian blood in them. They looked cunning and wicked. Dale loosened in its holster the big revolver that Major Bradley had persuaded him to carry for his own protection. John Moreland had taught him how to use firearms.

At a point near where the little stream that flowed past the Halfway switch emptied into Doe river, where Doe river turned almost squarely to the left, Dale halted abruptly. He had seen a man dart behind a scrubby oak some thirty yards ahead of him; quite naturally, he concluded that the fellow meant to waylay him, and he, too, stepped behind a tree, a big hemlock.

A silent minute went by. Then Dale put his hat out on one side of the tree and peeped from the other side; it was an old trick that Grandpap Moreland had told him about. A rifle cracked promptly and sharply, and a bullethole appeared in the rim of his hat!

Following it, there came the coarse, bass voice of Black Adam Ball, the mountaineer Goliath:

"You cain't fool me. I jest shot to put a hole in yore new hat and to show ye 'at I ain't no bad shot. You cain't hit my hat!"

Dale's temper, the temper that had always been so hard to keep under control, rose quickly. He tried to reason with himself, and couldn't; his passion mastered him. He snatched the big revolver from its holster and cocked it. With as steady a hand as ever held a weapon trained, he began to take aim at Ball's slouch hat, the half of which was in plain view at one side of the scrubby oak.

"I fooled you once, back there in the middle of the river," he cried hotly, "and now I'm going to fool you again!"

There was in his voice that old, old primitive rage, which frightened him, and puzzled him too, in his better moments.

He let down the bead until it was barely visible in the notch, and eased off the trigger. The revolver roared and spat forth a tiny tongue of flame and a little cloud of white smoke. Ball sprang erect, wheeled, and fell crashing to the leaves!

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HAMPTON MAN SKIPS WITH ANOTHER GIRL

Chronicle: Walter Kitsmiller, who has been operating a farm under lease in the north part of Oakland township, during the past year or two is charged with wife desertion, charges having been filed by his wife with County Attorney R. R. Stuart last week. That is not all, when Kitsmiller disappeared from his home Miss Ruth Sisam, the nineteen year-old daughter of J. E. Sisam, a well known Oanland township farmer came up missing, too.

Kitsmiller, who is twenty-nine years of age, has a wife but no children. They had some quarrels recently concern'ng the Sisam girl, as Mrs. Kitsmiller accused her husband of being too familiar with the girl on numerous occasions.

One n'ght last week the pair left their homes, and it is supposed that they went together. Kitsmiller drove his team to Burdette and left it tied to a post alongside of the street, and it is evident that he took the train from that point. Before leaving he sold some livestock which he had mortgaged, and from what can be learned he had at least $300 or $400 with him when he left.

Relatives of the couple have no idea of where they went, but some of them surmise that they headed for Canada.

DO THEY ROLL THEIR OWN OR USE TAILOR MADES?

A certain man in Belmond—who, for the sake of safety, we shall leave nameless(his safety) was talking the other day with ye editor, and he tells us a tale of the county seat.

Says he: "I went into the ——— bank there last week to see about some business, and just as I stepped inside the door two pretty girls in the bank reached up, took a final drag, and then heaved the butts into the corner."

"Aw, now," says we, "you don't mean to tell us that they were hittin' the pills!"

"So help me," says he, "they were, and they seemed to be getting some satisfaction out of 'em, too," says he.

Do they roll their own, or use the dainty tailor-made, over in the county seat **town?** We wonder. M— brothers Harwood or King can put us wise. Of course, we don't vouch for this, y'understand; it was just told to us. But he's a pretty straight man, at that, and we dunno.

COUNTY FEDERATION TO MEET HERE TUESDAY

The County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at Belmond Tuesday, Oct. 18th, in the library basement, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a. m. All club members are invited to attend.

REST ROOM ENTERTAINS ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN

The Rest Room of the city was the hostess of one hundred and seven persons last month, of whom 44 were out of town guests. No meetings were held in that month, these people being simply individual registers. It would seem from the number registered that the city rest room serves a fine purpose, and it is to be hoped that those who have it in charge willsee the'r way clear to keep the rest room going the year round.

EDITOR'S PRAYER

"Almighty and Kind Father who doth from thy throne look down on the goverment of men and delinquent subscribers: Most humbly do we beseech Thee to draw near to them and whisper a few things into their ears that the statutes forbid us to print. Thou knowest our wants but the subscriber knoweth them not and seldom stops to inquire. Let it be known to them that there be large patches in the homestead of our pants and that there is an aching void in front of our backs and that we hunger and thirst and he asketh us not to sup with him. Thou knowest, O Lord, that our print paper and ink cost money but the subscriber knoweth it not and careth a darn sight less. Thou knoweth that we are cold and the subscriber bringeth not the wood that he promised and we are shivering and shaking while he roasteth his shins before the red hot stove of his mother-in-law. Tell him all these th'ngs Lord, and if he faileth and bringeth no succor, banish him to the lower regions to dwell among the calamity howlers and Thine shall be the glor and praise throughout our newspaper career.—Amen.—Exchange

The Independent has $600 due on 'em, and we are wondering if—maybe —this "prayer" will bring some of it in?

N. M. WOLCOTT'S LAND MAY HAVE OIL ON IT

The Independent is in receipt of a letter from N. M. Wolcott of Des Moines in which he tells of the excitement at and in the vicinity of Lemmon, S. D., and in North Dakota over the oil that they think maybe they will find. Mr. Wolcott says: "the one in North Dakota ** may be near or on my old homestead claim which I still own, and if they should strike a gusher I will run an Independent pipe line to Belmond and thru to Des Moines Wouldn't that be fine? And I could then dictate to Uncle John D. where to head in at and put the prices down on him!"

"I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW."

goes the opening line of a recently popular ditty.

And almost countless other songs and stories have to do with the biggest appeal in human life—the appeal to the love of home and home folks that lies deep down in the hearts of everyone.

The bitter-sweet speculation on the old sweetheart's present affair; the amusing recollection of some odd chap you used to know "back home"; the wondering self-queries concerning the dear old people who were your neighbors, and the jolly old chums of youthful days—

These near-to-the-heart quest'ons are almost invariablly answered by that one greatest and most important medium—

Your Home Town Paper!

EAT MORE CORN

Register and Leader—Co-operation of commerical organizations, merchants, millers, farmers and the general public in an "eat more corn" campaign is to be sought by the Des Moines and Iowa chambers of commerce, George E. Hamilton, secretary of the Des Moines chamber, announced yesterday at a luncheon of the Lions club at Hotel Savery. Better prices for corn, and consequent improvment of business condit'ons in this state would result from success in such a campaign, he declared.

Every trade and industrial organization in the state, Mr Hamilton said, w'll be invited to help. The campaign will be directed on lines similar to those which proved successful in general selling campaigns conducted by the California Fruit and Raisin Growers association when reduced consumption of fruit and raisins had carried the prices of those products below the profit level.

Efforts will be started in Iowa, he said, and extended thruout thhe middlewest and finally the nation if facilities for doing so are developed. Corn has been neglected as a food factor, Mr. Hamilton pointed, and he declared its household use could be enormously increased by educational efforts among housewives. He made the point that a comparatively small addition to the per capita consumption would exert a powerful beneficial influence on market conditions.

Officials of the Iowa Chamber of Commerce sa'd there is every prospect of cordial support for the movement thruout the state. They recalled that home consumption of corn was greatly increased during the war when wheat conversation was a national duty and said Iowa citizens have a powerful motive, in the desire to improve agricultural conditions in the state, for resorting again to corn consumption standards as praticed in wartime. Domestic use of corn on something approaching the 1918 basis, they said, would put as much life into the corn belt as the recent jump in cotton prices has put into the cotton states.

USE MORE PAINT AND SAVE MONEY

Unsightly farm buildings and farm machinery can be given longer life and beautified by a frequent use of paint. This is no news to you, you say. However there are thousands of dollars lost every year by farmers who neglect this very important task.

It is not an unusual sight to see the outbuildings and machinery on many otherwise well farmed and well kept places neglected, when a few dollars worth of paint applied in t'me will save the owner many dollars, besides beautifying the place.

With many farmers the idea seems to prevail that paint is a beautifier only. They do not stop to consider that aside from this it is sanitary and a prolonger of life to the machine or the building to which it is applied.

As much of the work of painting can be done at odd times and it certa'nly pays to apply a little paint where it is needed and when it is needed.

REAL BARBER WAR ON AT HAMPTON

Chronicle: Hampton has a real barber war, the first time the barbers of this place have come down to their places of business with bowie knives up their sleeves ready to cut prices to the last hair. If the war keeps up another week patrons will be pa'd for allowing themselves to be shaved instead of having to pay the bill themselves.

Howard, South Dakota, sent out dispatches this week that on account of a barber war there barber prices were probably the lowest in the country, with shaves at fifteen cents and hair cuts at thirty-five cents. Hampton can go them one better. In Hampton shaves are fifteen cents and hair cuts twenty-five cents.

It all came about as a result of one shop dropping the price from twenty-five cents for shaves and thirty-five cents for ha'r cuts and to twenty cents for shaves and forty cents for hair cuts. After a time the other shops dropped to the same price. Then the first shop to make the cut announced a price of fifteen cents for shaves and thirty-five cents for hair cuts. The other shops then got into the game again last Saturday morning shaves were still selling at fifteen cents, but hair cut had been on the bargain counter at twenty-five cents. It is reported that the shop which started the cut originally did not meet the last cut of the other three shops, and is still selling hair cuts at thirty-five cents.

Patrons of the shops are enjoying the scrap, and the general opinion is that if the prices are fixed at twenty cents for shaves and thirty-five cents for hair cuts it will not be far from what will be fair to the barbers as well as to their patrons.

QUEER ACCIDENT ACCURS AT HAMPTON

Recorder: Frank Bentz met with a painful and near fatal accident last Saturday evening. While standing at the edge of the sidewalk in front of the Bentz millinery store and leaning against an electrolier pole, an auto driven by Martin Fish— ... —er who was attempting to park the car and the brakes failed to work, ran the machine upon the curbing hitting Mr. Bentz and pinning him between the radiator to the auto and the iron electrolier pole, severely bruising his hips and lower limbs. Mr. Bentz was in an unconconscious state for a short time and it is feared that he had sustained injuries that would prove fatal. He is still confined to his bed but the attending physician states his condition has slowly improved during the last two days and the indications are that he will be as good as new in a short time.

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg.	Address Twps.
99-1	W. M. Coons,	Goldfield, Boone Liberty.
99-2	J. K. Baker,	Eagle Grove—Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff,	Woolstock—Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick,	Dows—Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers,	Belmond—Pleasant, Belmond Norway Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin,	Clarion—Dayton, Lake Grant Lincoln Wall Lake Clarion

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER, AT Johnson's Garage

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

At 2:00 Oclock p. m.

One Avery 12-25 Tractor

North Iowa Motor Co.

Mason City, Iowa

Belmond Local News

Miss Beatrice Leinbach is again able to be in her classes at Coe College.

For Sale—Soft coal heater.—Wm. Harbison. 1tc

Miss Hazella Downing of Clarion was the guest of Nellie Delaney last week.

H. C. Delaney of Denver, Colo., was visiting his brother, D. H. Delaney, and family last week.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at the American Legion rooms Tuesday, Oct. 18.

For Sale—Second hand overcoat. Size 38.—W. T. Wilson, Star Cleaner.

Fred Leinbach is at the Iowa Congregational hospital at Des Moines having undergone an operation for hern'a at that place on last Friday. He is getting along nicely and expects to be home in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. T. D. Rankins went to Swaledale, Monday morning, where she was called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Leonard. She returned on Wednesday morning, bringing Mrs. Leonard with her for a few days' rest.

County Agent Edwards was in the city yesterday, in the interests of the Farm Bureau membership drive which was made on that date. He reports good success in this part of the county.

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each of the four rural routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or write. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

Rev. S. U. Leinbach was a visitor at Des Moines the first of the week, where his son recently underwent an operation for hernia.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading terr tory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

Superintendent Byers of the city water works system has been busy the past week painting all the fire hydrants a bright red, until now they stand out, as Irvin Cobb, says, like a bandaged thumb.

EASY NOW TO GET 25 MILES TO THE GALLON OF "GAS"

Kansas City Chemist Makes Amazing Discovery—Doubles Gasoline Mileage—Removes Carbon Instantly—Is Harmless—Makes Generous Trial Offer.

Any car owner can easily double his mileage on gasoline and be rid of carbon forever through the remarkable discovery of a Kansas City chemist. You simply put a little of this chemicalized oil in your gasoline and immediately you will notice a marked increase in your power. Your car will go whizzing up hills on high that you formerly had difficulty in making on second. The product is absolutely harmless.

Inside of ten minute after you add th's mixture to your "gas" the carbon in your cylinders will commence to d'ssolve and be blown out the exhaust. After a few days' use even cylinders that pumped oil and fouled spark plugs will be dry and clean as a whistle.

This remarkable discovery is called "slicker oil." Exhaustive tests over a long period of t'me show that it will increase your gasoline mileage from one-fourth to one-half and reduce your upkeep enough to save the cost of a car in three or four years.

To introduce this wonderful discovery the manufacturers will send anyone a large $1.50 can for only $1, with the understanding that it costs nothing if not satisfactory.

SEND NO MONEY. Merely your name and address on a card or letter to the Slicker Oil Co., 100 Gateway Station, Kansas City, Mo., will bring the large tr'al can by return mail. When it arrives merely pay the postman $1 and postage. Try the oil. If it doesn't rid our car of carbon and give you 25 percent to 50 percent more mileage your money will be returned and the "Slicker Oil" will cost you noth'ng. Write at once as this offer is fully garanteed. Advt.

Almost Ready to Move

BLANKETS—Farwell's sample line 1-3 less; heavy full size double $2.25; large $5.45 plaids $3.88; Comforts $2.75, $3.75, $4.75.
RAINCOATS—keep out cold wind men and women wear our army style, now $5. SHEEP COATS—$9.98; LEATHER VESTS $5.98. Few boys MACKINAWS $6.98.
ARMY TROUSERS—khaki blanket cloth $3 75, work and dress trousers $1.98. Corduroys $2 75
OUTING—11c yard; 36 inch 19c; heavy twill white 18c.
SHIRTS—men's $1.75 flannelette $1.19; $1.50 dress 90c; wool shirts $1.88 to $4.75, corduroys $3.75.
INFANTS—wool now 50c, 70c and 90c; stockings silk and wool 3 pair $1; diaper cloth 10 yd. bolt $1.49.
GROCERIES—still a few dozen cases of canned fruit, vegetables and milk for which we will take a close figure. P. & G. 10 bars 57c or case $5.70.
CORSETS—$2.50 for $1. 15 dozen athletic and maturnity corsets, most sizes from 23 to 32 at $1.
DRESSES—best wool or silk $16.-98; $14.75 serges $8.75; street or house to $4.98 at $1.98. Girls' wool or gingham for less.
SWEATER COATS $5—one $10 lot at $5; women's and boys' slip overs at $1.98 and $2.98; men's coats $2.39. Children's $1.98 to $2.98.
OVERSHOES—4 buckle, men's $2.45; women's 2 buckle $1.98; men's dress overshoes $1.98.
OVERALL Jaikets 59c; overalls $1.10, 2.20 weight, best unior made $1.59.

C. & C.
Fort Dodge, Iowa

SERGES—all wool 65c; best now $1.69.
SHOES—Men's army last work $2.45; dress $2.75, $3.75, $1.75 and $5.75 and Peter's all leather at that. Women's shoes $2.45, 3.49 and $4. 75; Boys' $2.75, few $1.98; girls' few at $1.98, better ones $2.75, finest $3.19.
UNDERWEAR—men's shirts or drawers 79c; $1.50 union suits $1.19; $2.50 suits $1.89; $5 suits $2.98. Women's 93c and $1.27 suit. Boys' and girls' wool suits $1.50 in two lots; Children's fleeced 83c and 89c; boys' heavy 93c and $1.13
HOSIERY—Men's 39c white wool sox 27c; Women's wool stockings 2 pr. $1. Children's ribbed 3 pair 50c. Women's fine silks $1.00.
BLOUSES—$1.98. $2.25 and $2.88 regular $3.98; finest blouses $4.45.
BATS—Stitched 3 lb. 72x90 89c. Five yards comfort challie 89c.
GOWNS—Outing, men's, women's and children's 88c, $1.19 and $1.39

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

(Continued from page one.)

until the second Monday of the term.

Pearl Nelson of Dows plead guilty to manufacturing intoxicating liquors contrary to law and the court imposed a fine of $200, which defendant paid.

The grand jury organized Monday for the October term by selecting the first named as foreman: T. A. Davenport, Belmond; R. H. Lester, Goldfield; A. N. Rolfe, Eagle Grove; Ole Melhus, Clarion; O. G. Christianson, Kanawha; F. M. Meyers, Rowan; John Soren, Clarion; J. C. Brown, clerk; Fred Borel, bailiff; D. W. Stewart, court room bailiff.

Prediction Proves True

The late Bert Fisher, sheriff of this county, who had a leading part in the capture of a quantity of shoes and coats at Fort Dodge, that had been stolen by robbers from the Geo. Wheeler store at Woolstock and from Charlson & Holt at Goldfield made the prediction at the time bonds were secured that defendant would never appear for trail.

The Fort Dodge Messenger gives the latest developments in the case as follows:

Appearance bonds of $3,000 of H. W. Selicovitz were forfeited in district court last week when he failed to appear when the case of the state of Iowa vs. him was called for trail by Judge E. M. McCall. Bond was fixed at $1,500 on two counts following his indictment on Jan. 11 of this year for receiving stolen property.

Following the forfeiture of the bonds, Judge McCall ordered that a bench warrant be issued immediately for the arrest of Selicovitz and that he be brought into court for the failing to appear for trail.

Forfeiture of the bonds and the issuing of a bench warrant for the arrest of Selicovitz came after Judge McCall had refused to continue the case over until the next term of court and overruled amotion of the defense asking continuance.

Selicovitz was arrested last fall when goods were stolen from a store. Selicovitz after his arrest stated that the goods were bought by him after being told by the men who had the goods that they were from their store in Minnesota.

His case was set for trail at the March term of court, but on a motion filed by his attorneys a continuance of the case was granted until the August term because of the illness of Mrs. Selicovitz.

A motion filed Saturday by attorneys for Selicovitz again asked for a continuance of the case on the grounds that Mrs. Selicovitz, a material witness for the defense, was confined to her bed by illness and would be unable to appear at the trial. Attached to the motion was the affidavit of a Dr. Morris Simpson of Kansas City stating that Mrs. Selicovitz was under his care and that he considered a railway trip to Ft. Dodge in her present condition very injurious to her health.

Arguments to the motion were heard by Judge McCall late yesterday afternoon. Arguments for the state and defense were practically completed when a messenger boy appeared at the door of the court room. Judge McCall looked and the attorneyss did likewise.

A telegram brought by the messenger boy was turned over to the bailiff and then given to County Attorney V. E. Gabrielson. Gabrielson opened it and a smile came over his face. He handed it to B. B. Burnquist, who was assisting him in the case and a smile it up his face as he handed the message to the court.

The telegram received from the chief of police at Kansas City read:

Cousty Attorney, Ft. Dodge, Ia: Selicovitz out of city now. Wife is not sick. She made a trip to Luce Truck company Saturday. His standing is not good. Delay caused by not being able to get information Saturday. I. B. Walstos, Chief of Police.

Judge McCall then adjourned court went to his chambers, smoked half a cigar, and then returned and announced that the motion for a continuance of the case would be overruled. The case was then set for 9 o'clock this morning. Subpoenaes were turned over to the hands of the sheriff's office and rounding up of witnesses continued until 11 o'clock last night.

When the case was called for trial this morning attorneys for the defendant, who was in the city yesterday, had disappeared during the night without their knowledge.

A Prounounced Success

The unform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the relief and cure of bowel complaints, both children and adults, has brought it to almost universal use, so that it is practically without a rival and as everyone who has used it knows, it is without an equal.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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EX-CASHIER GIVEN FIVE YEAR SENTENCE

First Lecture Course Number Held Tonight

Cartoonist First Number On Program Is Reported As One Of The Best

BOOST FOR LOCAL SCHOOL

Alton Packard, America's greatest platform cartoonist-humorist gives us an evening of "fun well done."

Several Belmond people have seen Mr. Packard at work and recommend him highly. Mr. Packard, before going on the lecture platform, was a cartoonist in one of the leading newspapers of the East. His cartoons are interspersed with both instrumental and vocal music.

Don't miss the first number. If you haven't received your season ticket, buy it at the door. $1.50 for four numbers.

Our boys went to Thornton last Friday and had no trouble defeating the Thornton high school team. Madsen held the Thornton team at bay without much effort, allowing only one man to cross the plate.

Report cards were given out this week, and as a result there are many happy, but also a few sad students. Parents are asked to examine the report cards, and in case a child has a low grade or a failure grade to find out the cause.

Co-operation with the teacher will help a great deal to remove the cause and bring the grade up to standard.

The state inspector of vacational Agricultural schools spent last Thursday inspecting the local school and the work done by Mr. Christie.

A very interesting program was given by the literary soiety last Friday afternoon. The patrons and friends of the school are always welcome.

N. M. WOLCOTT WRITES OF OIL DEVELOPEMENTS

In a recent letter from N. M. Wolcott of Des Moines he tells of further developements is the oil sensation in South Dakota and North Dakota. He writes in part:

"The oil drilling company started the drilling on Oct. 1 six miles southwest of Lemmon and they had a crowd of about 5,000 people and the womens clubs and commercial clubs and business men donated the food and gave everyone a free lunch. The oil company made a contract with the drilling company for three wells and they are now drilling on the first one and the second has been located one and one-half miles northeast of Lemmon in Adams county, North Dakota, and the third one will not be located until next spring, and that is the one that I am looking for."

If there is any oil found, the many friends of Mr Wolcott will all hope that it is struck on or near the land owned by him.

SURPRISE PARTY

Last week Wednesday evening a complete surprise was held on Ike Shaffer and Gus Larson, when some twenty-five of their friends and neighbors surprised them with a party at the Shaffer home. Will Baldridge and family from Cedar Rapids were present for the occasion, and Will took the two men out for a ride, and when they returned they found the house full. A most delightful evening was spent in helping the men celebrate their birthdays, and delicious refreshments were served by the Mesdams Shaffer, Larson and Julius Bingman. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Will Baldridge of Cedar Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baldridge of Kanawha.

Yes, we know a man in this town who reads his bible every day. He's a preacher.

WRIGHT COUNTY INSTITUTE GOES THRU NICELY

Monitor: The Wright county institute opened Thursday morning at 9:15 with two delightful solos by Mrs. Fickle assisted by Mrs. Atherton on the cello and Miss Hilton at the piano. Her first number was "Lassie O' Mine." Following the musical number Mr. Roadman of Fayette gave a talk to the entire meeting. He gave his subject as "The Problems of Play," or "Some Fun." He called attention to the fact few realize that nine-tenths of a child's time from one to 21 is spent in play. Because of this play is one of the most important factors in the life of the child. We have too long emphasized the harmful side and neglected the helpful side of play. A great sociologist interested in prisoners discovered that nine-tenths of the men behind the bars had never had a pet. There are three parts of the play program which should interest the teacher. Play of the home, of the community, and play of the school. The pupil spends only one-tenth of his time in school and while school play is important it has but a small part in the life of the pupil. He gives it to the teacher the task not only of directing the play of the school but of helping in the play of the home and community. Mr. Roadman holds that a boy's waywardness is often due to the fact that the father does not play and work with him. He also warns against commercializing community play. He thinks that if we would take the movies, pool halls and dance halls out of the money making business we would reform them at once.

After Mr. Roadman's talk the meeting was divided into sections.

Mr. Moffatt took charge of the high school section He spoke of the work of getting high school pupils interested in poetry

Miss Schuneman of Cedar Falls talked to the rural teachers on hand and art work. She feels that the teachers do too much of the work. She suggests that the teachers should get the child to make the suggestions. She illustrated her work by telling the teachers how to build a house from boxes. The work on the house could assist in the work in arithmetic, art work, sanitation, hand work and coloring.

Mr. Barnes spoke to the intermediate and upper grades upon the work of interesting pupils in literature.

Miss Shields talked to the primary teachers on reading in the primary grades.

At 11 o'clock there was a change in instructors for the different divisions. In the afternoon the meeting opened with two selections by the quartette. Their first number was the sextet from Lucia. After this Mr. Roadman spoke very strongly for the Iowa State Teachers association. The general meeting of this is to be held in Des Moines on Nov. 3, 4, 5.

Misses Grenoble and Curtis assisted in the high school round table which was presided over by Mr. Moffett. Miss Grenoble's suggestions for "Better Speech Week" were interesting and should be very effective in improving language work. An interesting talk on high school civics was given by Miss Curtis.

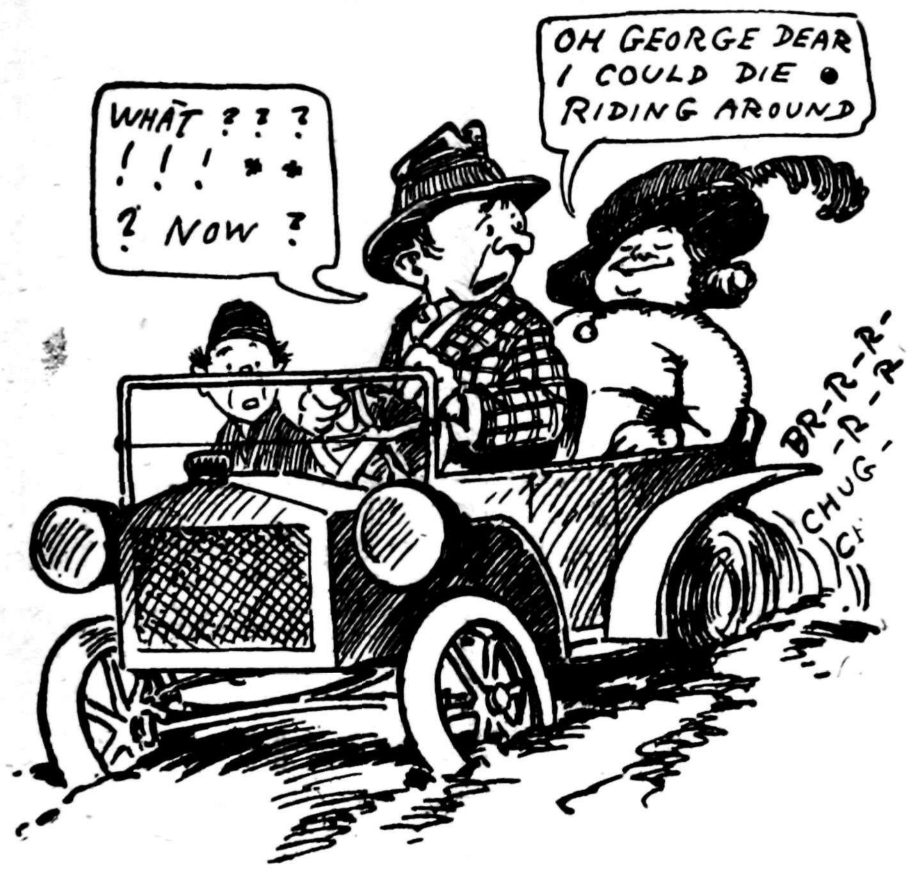
The grade round table in which Mr Barnes of Cedar Falls was chairman, took up the problem of the "non-reasoning pupil in arethmetic." led by Miss Jacobs, of "technical grammar in the elementary school." by Miss Thomas and of "silent reading," led by Mr. Barnes.

Supt. Bock and deputy Aagaard were busy women during the institute sessions, attending to the many details which make for success in such a gathering. They are to be complimented on the result achieved.

BASKET SOCIAL

There will be a basket social at District No. 6, Pleasant township, on Friday evening, October 21, at 8:00 o'clock. A program will be given. Ladies plesae bring baskets. School is four miles east of Belmond.—Lena Steenblock Teacher.

A true friend recognizes your good qualities—provided there are any to recognize.



WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT YOU DON'T WANT IT.
ALTON PACKARD

BELMOND ACCIDENT CAUSE OF $5,000 DAMAGE SUIT

The Des Moines Register of October seventh gives the following mention of a damage suit filed against the Rock Island railroad as a result of alleged damages to person received at Belmond two years ago:

Edward Riley, theatrical manager, is authority for the statement that a station agent at Belmond, Ia., is a baggage smasher of wicked propensities.

Thursday Riley brought suit against the Rock Island road for $5,000 damages and $1,226.50 doctor bills for personal injuries received when a truck weilded by the agent chashed down on him at the Belmond station November 10, 1919.

Riley says he was called upon to help the agent place the trunks of the theatrical troupe on board a train, and the trunk accident resulted.—Monitor.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Ladies Aid will meet today at the church parlors.

Rev Waalkes and family are enjoying a visit from an uncle who resides in Illinois.

Mr. Noteboom, an old Pleasant township resident, and who now resides at Meservey is very ill at the Park hospital at Mason City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fol Mennenga are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born last Friday.

Harm Pals and family of near Meservey were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Fol Mennenga home to get acquainted with their new niece.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert L. Pals who has been very ill the past week, is reported as better.

Reka Buschman of Belmond was a week end visitor at the Jake Smidt home.

Gail Thompson, who is attending school at Alexander, spent the week end with her parents near Palsville.

Mr. and Mrs Chas. Barkema and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Halfpop and family were Sunday guests at the parental W. A. Gartz home.

Tomorrow most of the Pleasant township schools close for a three weeks fall vacation.

RECEPTION IS HELD FOR NEW MINISTER

The reception given last week Friday evening in honor of Rev. Wilkinson of the Methodist church, and his family, was an enjoyable affair and was attended by a large audience who bid Rev. Wilkinson and his family welcome to the city. A program was first given in the auditorium of the church, and following this the crowd adjourned to the basement of the church where an evening of social enjoyment was had, and refreshments were served.

CANDIDATES LINING UP FOR SUPERVISOR

The Independent is informed that John Baker may be a candidate for the office of supervisor of the first district of Wright county, which takes in the townships of Belmond, Pleasant and Iowa. The Independent is also informed that a local man may make a try for the office on the democratic ticket, so that it looks like politics was beginning to warm up somewhat in this section.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Community Welfare club will be held on next week Friday, October 28th., in the library basement.

The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. A. E. Martin who will give a demonstration on the making of dress forms.

Five of these forms will be made that afternoon. It is hoped that every woman in the community will plan to attend this meeting for it will be well worth attending. Every woman can afford one of these dress forms as the cost of one is less than a dollar. And she can make all of her own clothes to fit perfectly.

Mrs. Tom Brooks, Mrs. Hardwick, Mrs. W. A. Martin and others who have one of these forms are much pleased with them and recommend them very highly.

Belmond Banker to Northwood.

A. S. Lund, formerly of Mason City and Belmond, has closed a deal where he has purchased an interest and accepted the position of the cashier in the First National bank here. He began his new duties Saturday. Lund has several years banking experience behind him. Ten years ago he came to Mason City and was connected with the firm of Schanke & co., for six years, three of which he was cashier.

After his return from the army, where he was granted a commission in the Finance branch, he purchased an interest of the First National of Belmond where he served as cashier for two years. Resigning his position he took up the study of business law at the University of Minnesota. During the past summer he has been at his cottage at Clear Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Lund arrived the middle of last week.

THANKS, BROTHER HARWOOD!

The Independent is indebted to the Monitor this week for the two columns of court news. Owing to some trouble with the linotype, the Independent was several columns behind on type and Brother Harwood came to the rescue with the court news, which was of much benefit.

JUDGE McCALL GIVES BERG FIVE YEARS

Lawyer Makes Plea For Mercy And Judge Gives Ex-cashier Limit

PLANS MADE FOR PAROLE

Many Friends Of Accused Man Hope To Secure His Freedom By Parole

(From the Monitor.)

The court room was filled with spectators yesterday when John Berg, defaulting cashier of the Belmond State bank, received his sentence. Attorney Files of Fort Dodge made an eloquent plea for the defendant—reviewing his twenty year connection with the bank, his high standing among the people of Belmond, grief over his wife's accidental death, the land boom, his speculations, the collapse of the boom, Berg's taking of the bank's money and his repentant attitude in turning over to the bank his land holdings—12,000 acres of Montana land, two Minnesota farms and a like number in this state, besides his personal property, even his diamond ring. His whole plea was one for clemency.

County Attorney Rogers' remarks were brief. Berg had been indicted by the grand jury and as defendant had plead guilty to the charge. He argued that the law should be enforced against his as against the most humble citizen.

Judge McCall stated that the laws of Iowa imposed a five year sentence for larceny and that he had no discretion in the matter. The court thought no censure on his part necessary, that five years at Fort Madison would be enough.

Friends of Berg are hoping the board of parole will deal leniently with him and with credit for good behavior they may be able to secure his release in from twelve to eighteen months.

Berg made a big mistake in taking the bank's money in the first place, but he made a bigger one when, after he was found to be short $42,000 and allowed to retain his connection with the bank, he continued his defalcations at the expense of those who were shielding him.

Court Assignment

Judge McCall announces the following assignment of cases for the balance of the October term:

Third Week

State vs. Herbert Bige et al
State vs. Herbert Bige et al
State vs. Manuel Lopez and Mrs. Nellie Tunnell.
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State vs. John Ruhl

Fourth Week

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State vs. Oscar Crawford

Garner Investment Co. vs. E. A. Patton and Gibford Chemical Co., suit on note. Jury returned verdict in favor of the defendant E. A. Patton and against the Gibford Chemical Co., for $2,637.70. The Investment company claimed to have purchased the Patton notes from the chemical company for a valuable consideration, etc. Patton admitted signing the notes in question but says the chemical company was to retain them in their possession; that he, Patton, was to act as their agent in selling stock food and apply the sales made on the notes in question; that said company failed to fill orders for stock food and otherwise deceived the plaintiff, and by reason of said fraud secured his signature. The jury took the same view of the matter.

At the February 1921, term of the district court Patrick Brennen of Eagle Grove obtained judgment against W. N. and Catherine Wood for malicious prosecution in the sum of $250 and $161 costs. For cause of action in the present term of court plaintiff states that defendants had conspired to dispose of their

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FREE AIR!

(The Air has been pretty well blown out the past few weeks, owing to too much other labor. And if you don't think that the Air is real hard work, try it. We'll give you one big round dollar to prove it. Howsomever, be that as it may, nevertheless and to the contrary nothwithstanding, the following spasm was submitted free gratis fer nuthin, and it costs you the same. If you don't like it, send us a better one.)

In our weekly travels we notice many things which bring us a smile. Maybe we make you smile, who knows?

One day last week we noticed a sign in a barber shop window which read "Shaving while you wait." A good sign, doubtless, for such a firm, but we wondered whether in the old days the men left their faces at that place to be shaved and then called in later to get the map after the lawn had been mowed?

We presume you noticed the various signs about last week, reading "Up in the Air." We presumed it was the name of the show, but say lissen, when Saturday came and we got a look at the show girls, we saw what "Up in the Air" meant. It meant their skirts.

We don't know whether the show was up in the air or not, because we didn't go, because we didn't have a comp, which is simple and easily understood. And beefsteak is still on the decline.

Sitting on the plaza of the local hotel we overheard a man and woman talking. She says to him: "What do you think of the Ouija board." And he says "Why, really, I never have taken any meals there.

Out at the ball park last summer we heard a Kanawha lady say "Oh isn't our pitcher wonderful! Just look, he hits those fellow's bats no matter where they place them."

A man we know who has quite a few clerks was talking the other day about reducing the number. Said we: "How many work in your store?" He replied "Oh, probably about half of 'em."

Have you ever noticed that the only place where one head is better than two is in a barrel?

We wonder if, when a certain young fellow in town talks to his best girl like this: "There is something hesitating on my lips," if he means that misplaced eyebrow struggling on his upper lip?

People ought to take more interest in their children's daily lives and understand more of what they are doing, what they say and mean. We were invited out to supper the other night (this was just plain folks, so it was supper, not dinner) and the lady of the house was talking to her innocent young son, saying "Now, H— don't ever let me hear of you shooting craps again; the poor things have as much right to live as we have."

CLARION FARMER BATTLES WITH MAD STEER

Nels Nelson was assisting Adam Seifert in driving some cattle he had purchased yesterday to the Great Western stock yards, the Monitor in yesterday's issue says. The steer, which had a reputation for being fractious, took a tantrum opposite the W. H. Milnes residence and charged Mr. Seifert's team. Nelson sprang to protect the team and became the steer's target. He seized the animal by the horns but was thrown to the ground. He recovered himself but was swiftly attacked again. This time he threw his arms around the animal's neck. The now infuriated steer braced itself for another attempt to gore its victim when its hind hoofs slipped on the cement pavement and it received a serious injury, for it staggered a block up the street and lay down in front of the Henry Thomas home, where it died a half hour later.

Mr. Nelson was examined by a physician who found no injuries but a twisted rib and some severe bruises, certainly a lucky escape.

Wanted to Rent—Garage for Ford car. Inquire at Standard Oil Filling Station.

Business Directory

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CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Let us fill the church at this service. The pastor will do his best to make it worth while.

Epworth League at 6:30. This organization is a fine bunch—help them with your presence.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Come help us have a good song service.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The congregation enjoyed the reports of the association by the delegates, Mrs. Hinman and Mr. Davenport.

The Ladies Aid will meet on this Thursday afternoon at Mrs. M. F. Christie's to sew.

The usual services next Sabbath to which all have a cordial invitation to attend.

Sabbath school at 10 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 and the evening services at seven thirty. Miss Elizabeth Leinbach will be the leader and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

There was a good crowd out to hear the illustrated sermon last Sunday evening. Come and spend an hour of the parting day in worship. It will be a good preparation for the duties of the coming week.

SPEEDERS NOTICE!

Some drivers of autos have b passing the Emanuel church east of town at a thirty mile gait, making all the noise possible and disturbing t people at worship a the church and dangering the lives of any of the little folks who were attending services or Sunday school. The officials of the church have the names of some of the parties on hand, and it is reported are in the mood to start something unless he peeding past the church is stopped. There is a law wh ch provides a stiff penalty for disturbing publi worship.

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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IOWA PRESS ASSOCIATION

ADVERTISING SPACE
(From the Bryon, Calif., Times)

The Red Bluff Daily News submits this statement: "If you had newspaper space to sell, and a payroll to meet, would you sell your space to business men who want it or would you hold it for local people who won't take it and who sometimes declare advertising doesn't pay?"

The question is one that concerns newspaper editors everywhere. It many places notably smaller communities, the newspaper has a hard struggle for existance. It may be a live sheet, splendidly edited, but the local merchant feels that "everybody knows him" and it is not necessary to advertise; that he does about the same amount of business anyway.

He fails to appreciate what it means to his community to spread the news abroad of its doings, of its achievement, and its opportunities for new settlers.

Every new family means at least $1,000 yearly spent in that community. Every merchant gets his share of this.

In supporting the newspaper by advertising, the merchant encourages enterprise on the part of the publisher, and the greater the publicity given the town and the district the more rapid the growth.

The local newspaper is the chamber of commerce and publicity bureau combined. It should have the support of every one, to the end that the greatest amount of good may be accomplished.

Thousands of dollars worth of free advertising is given every year to the community by the local newspaper. Every little thing is boosted and the people abroad begin to find out what a fine place your town is.

Only in advertising can the local newspaper find reward for its effort. The subscriptions do not more than pay the cost of publishing and delivering paper.

In supporting the paper by advertising the merchant is contributing not only to his direct benefit, but to the future of the community.

Naturally, if there is not sufficient income for local sources to pay the bills, and leave a fair margin of profit, there can be no question of the justification of the newspaper accepting advertising from abroad.

The people of Bryon, for instance, would not have the Broyn Times for another issue if it were not for outside advertising. The fact that this advertising space is in demand by outsiders is a tribute to the paper—to it influence and its wide circulation.

The Red Bluff News wisely says that "newspaper space is not for handpicked customers, any more than is the commodity of any other business. And all other business sells its wares where it can find a customer.

WHY WORRY?

If there is any one thing that is not going to get you anywhere, it is worrying.

Just now especially. To stew and fret and fume and worry will not make money any easier nor bring in any coin to pay that overdue note or the past due taxes. A little hustling and more elbow grease combined in equal measure with better saving in times of plenty would have been the way of keeping the wrinkles from you now. But as long as you didn't, why the satme treatment right now will do wonders.

Everybody is in the same boat in regards to paying their debts. It is and has been and probably will be for awhile longer, a case of each one stand off the next fellow, until things get back to somewhere near normal and people can get something for what they raise and do. There is no use of worrying about it; that won't help.

IS MONEY LOOSENING UP?

They say it is, that the coin of the realm is beginning to flow a little swifter than it has the past few or rather many months. The small cash seems to be coming easier, altho it is still pretty tight, and the big money is not yet in sight. It is the belief of those in a place to know the most about it, that the money situation is somewhat easier. But the times will never get back anywher to normal until the price of the farmers' products comes within a range where he can raise his product at a decent, living profit. Until then the farmer is not going to be in a position to do much of any buying or improving. Agriculture is the foundation of all business, and when the foundation is insecure then the whole structure is unstable and apt to fall.

The entire country is waiting for an explanation of why the finished product is still high, and the raw material way down in price. Twenty cent corn and 14 cent oats do not mean anything nowadays except that the man who raises them and has the grain to sell is stung; if he depends on his crops for his living and his pleasure of life then he hasn't very much of either.

The money situation may loosen up and it is to be hoped that it will, but the farmer, the foundation of the country, the basis of the nation's prosperity, is not going to benefit very much until he gets decent prices for what he has to sell. And until the farmer benefits no one is going to benefit much. Upon his successful business depends the succeful business of the rest of the country.

CLIPPINGS

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mallory of Belmond were Klemme visitors Thursday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gruetzmacher of Belmond spent Sunday with relatives here.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forestal of Belmond were Klemme callers on Sunday.—Times.

Miss Laura Brooks and Mrs. Mille Smith were at Belmond Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Starnes.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Thomas and family and Mr. Thomas' sister Miss azel from Belmond were Sunday visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawton.—Kanawha Reporter.

Chas. Papousek and wife left last Thursday morning for the Red River country where Chas. owns land. They drove 310 miles the first on their trip. They will return by way of the Twin Cities.—Garner Leader.

Mrs. Elmer Boughton of Belmond and Mrs. Harry McBroom of Laurel Iowa, came Saturday for a visit at the home of their cousin Mrs. A. W. Schmalle.—Garner Signal.

Robinson Crusoe slept for 20 years and he slept in comfort. As soon as he waked up he began advertising for a ship to take him off his island —and he got it. Don't sleep for 20 years before you start to do things. —Kanawha Reporter.

(Bro. Africa seems to have gotten Rip Van Winkle somewhat confused with Crusoe.)

Joe Schnieder recently bought 15 acres of land to the west side of town of W. I. Rosecrans and will build a nice home there. He owns 160 acres north of town where he now lives but this will be rented. Joe says that he may farm it another year but he then expects to build in town and make it his home. He says that he knows he can put his full time on 15 acres and hopes he can make a living on it.—Garner Signal.

The Belmond Independent came to our desk last week as a ten page paper, having taken over the Meservey paper which they have added to the Independent in the form of a two page section called the Meservey Register. The Register contained considerable news matter and no doubt will prove a success.—Reprter.

Wallace Ramasy, editor of the Belmond Herald-Press, is going to be a candidate for the postoffice at Belmond in due time, and it is the hope of his newspaper friends that he gets the plum, altho he will probably find that a newspaper business and postmastership does not always work well together. The Belmond postoffice is one of the best paying ones in the country.—News

A SIMPLE OIL SHAMPOO

Are you having trouble with your hair splitting at the ends, coming out "by the handful," looking dead and lifeless? Next time you shampoo your hair apply ordianary olive oil, hot, to the roots of your hair with a bit of cotton or a little brush. Leave it in over night and then the next day be very carful that you use enough sudsings and rinsings to get the oil out again, This method of stimulating the hair is approved by the best hair dressers.

When we hear a fellow boasting that he never changes his mind we quite agree with him. It is difficult to change something that does not exist.

STRENGTH SERVICE

Save for Protection

It is often said that a dollar is your best friend, and many times it is true. A dollar when you need it is a mighty help--a protection to your family and to yourself.

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Do You Believe Our Advertising?

Solely for the benefit of our out of town trade, last week and five weeks ago, we advertised some very special values. The advertisements reached only out of town trade and was not seen by Mason City readers. We got a very poor response and few out of town shoppers benefitted. Had these items been advertised to our City patrons, the merchandise would have all been sold in one day, perhaps less. We want you to know that when we say we are giving an extra good value, that it really is extra value.

LADIES' SUITS

In the Fall Clearance Sale of Ladies' Suits, we are offering exceptional values. Our highest price suit is now $50.00. They are as good as any suit in town, regardless of price or former price. The price runs as low as $15.00, and every one is an extra value.

We Will Hold a Dollar Day Sale

Thursday, October 27th

$16.50 SUITS $16.50

We have selected 25 Ladies' Suits from our high grade suit stock which were bought to sell from $39.50 to $49.50 and priced them lower than you could buy the material that is used in them, let alone the findings and labor.

Do not get the idea that they are low grade suits for they are not, but are high grade priced low.

Knowing the value we are offering in these suits we will gladly give any lady showing us a better suit value a SUIT FREE!

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High in Quality but Low in Price

101 N. Federal Ave **Mason City, Iowa**

F. C. Whitney, Mgr.

ROWAN NEWS ITEMS

Rowan M. E. Church Notes

Sister Jourdan of the Slessley Deaconess Training Home, Sioux City, will be the special speaker at the evening service of the Methodist church next Sunday evening. Miss Jourdan has a marvellous story to tell and the general public of Rowan will do well to take advantage of this special treat. Not every day do we have the privilege of listening to women like this woman. Every Methodist in the town and country ought to be there next Sunday. Visitors are always cordially invited. At the morning service the pastor will speak on "The Spice of Life"

A goodly number of Epworth League friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Azeltine last Friday. The evening was so lovely that the games were held outside and very much enjoyed by all. The sociable was brought to a close by the serving of refreshments.

Mrs. W. H. Whitten's section of the Aid society will serve a chicken supper in the basement of the church next Thursday.

A large number of Rowan friends met at the home of J. E. Miller last Thursday in honor of Mrs. Miller, whose birthday it was. A fine dinner was served after which the evening was whiled away in the singing of songs and playing of games.

The local committee of the Lyceum program met last Monday evening and made preliminary arrangements for the winter course. The first item being given on Saturday Nov. 19.

Citizens of Rowan, "lend us your ears." Dr. Parry will give the first program of Lyceum on Saturday, November 19. Dr. Parry is one of the greatest orators of the middle west. Tickets are now on sale. Get yours as soon as possible.

Rowan Congregational Notes

Sunday morning worship at 11.

Sunday school at 12.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30. p. m.

Evening service at 7:30.

Come and hear Rev. Montgomery.

Rev. R. J. Montgomery is the director of the Religious Education of Our Church and all the young and adults should hear him Sunday evening.

The Junior Endeavors will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4.

The mid-week meeting on Wednesday evening at seven thirty.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. D. W. Whitten Thursday afternoon. All the ladies are invited to attend this meeting.

Rev. Hardcastle of Iowa Falls was a caller on Rev. Nye Sunday and visited the Harvey field during the week.

Rev. Nye was a Belmond caller this last week, and spent a day with the pastor of the Belmond Congregational church.

Rev Nye and the delegates appointed with Mr. and Mrs. A. Emerson and daughter and Mrs. Verdin had a good trip to Eagle Grove where they enjoyed the sessions of the Webster City association.

Let us come together Sunday morning and evening into the Sanctury and hear Rev. Montgomery, and the pastor, as they have news of best interest to all the members and the friends. We invite everybody to attend these services.

Be sure and attend the Rowan Cong. Sunday school, as we have a class for all.

Leonard Ryder returned Monday from a visit at the home of his niece Mrs. Perle Fuller at Grundy Center.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher received word Saturday of the death of her sister, in law, Mrs. Dave Frizzell at her home in Estherville last Friday night. Her death was caused by cancer. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ketchum, Mr and Mrs. Joe Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nelson and Mrs. Fletcher went by auto Sunday to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey were Belmond callers Saturday where Mrs. Bailey had some teeth removed.

Rev. Nye was a Belmond business caller Friday between trains.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W Stevenson visited Friday at Thornton at the home of their daughter Mrs. Bert Harris. Mrs. Harris and her son Leland returned with them and spent the week end in Rowan.

Russell Olson came up from Iowa Falls Saturday to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson.

Mrs. Lizzie Brooks was taken suddenly ill last Tuesday evening. Dr. George of Dows was called. She is much better at this writing.

D. M. Whitten's team ran away with him last Tuesday evening, throwing him out and bruising him quite badly.

Alt Hackley and family have moved into the Duffy house recently vacated by Mrs. Harson

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten were Belmond callers Tuesday evening.

Rev. I. N. Howell of Humboldt was a visitor Wednesday night at the E. Bingham home. He came to see his grandson, John Howell, who has been very ill. The little fellow is better at this writing. The trained nurse who has been in attendance left the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten were Dows callers Wednesday. They consulted a doctor regarding their youngest son who has been having ear trouble.

S. A. Ferguson was a business caller at Webster City Wednesday.

Mrs. F. M. Fowler returned Thursday from Sioux Falls, where she has been caring for her daughter, Mrs. J. I. Drury, and her new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rietz motored to Clarion Friday afternoon.

Frank Snyder was a Clarion caller Friday

The W. C. T. U. meeting will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. Boyington. Mrs. Fred Sheldon is the leader. The topic will be "World's W. C. T. U." Everybody is cordially invited.

The W. C. T. U. meeting at Mrs. Mary Braden's was well attended last Thursday evening. Refreshments were served

Mrs. O. E. Ballou returned Saturday from a visit with relatives at Chicago. Miss LaVonne did not return with her but expects to visit several weeks longer.

Mrs. M. Snyder has been very poorly for several days but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion came Friday evening to visit her mother, Mrs. M. Snyder. Her husband came after her Saturday afternoon.

Wm. Baines, who has been staying with his sister, Mrs. Dan Whitten, Sr., went to Oklahoma the first of the week to visit a brother there.

Mr. and Mrs. D W. Whitten, Evelyn and Wayne and Mrs. Kate Conn were Clarion callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lineweaver and baby motored to Latimer Sunday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsey. Miss Dorothy Ramsey who has been assisting at the J. F. Howell home, returned with them as her father was ill with blood poisoning in his limb and she was needed.

Mr. Keith was a business caller at Eagle Grove Friday. Mrs. Keith accompanied him as far as Goldfield where she remained to visit relatives over the week end. Mr. Keith and family motored over Sunday when she returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson and daughter Effie started for California Monday. They expect to go to Los Angeles for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Steffens are moving into the house which Mr. Olson's have vacated.

W. C. Oswalt, foreman of the bridge gang west of town was called to Des Moines Friday on account of the illness of his daughter.

Miss Mary Forestal of Belmond is assiting at the J. F. Howell home for a short while.

Hubbard McCallum who has been visiting relatives and attending to business at this place returned to his home at Waterloo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Burger went to Cedar Falls Saturday to spend the week end with relatives and to visit their daughter Mildred who is attending the school at that place.

Miss Susan Duffy came from Hansel Saturday to spend the week end with her home folks.

Harry Harris returned to Goldfield Monday after spending the week end at the home of his parents.

J. E. Miller is spending a few days at the Earl Jacobs home near Goodell helping build a chicken house.

Mrs. W. A. Hoke returned to Rowan Saturday from Minnesota where they have been working for a graveling outfit Mr. Hoke remained for the present. They are settled in Mrs. Mary Braden's house.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks was on the sick list last week but is able to be about again.

Fletcher Howell made a business trip to Des Moines Saturday.

Gene French is visiting at the home of his brother D. A. French and also has a car of potatoes in town for sale which he raised on his farm in Minnesota.

Jens Kjar was a Belmond caller on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lloyd Boyington of Clarion spent the week end at the home of her friend Willa Whitten.

Miss Carol Hoke was a Belmond caller between trains Saturday.

The Misses Florence Lent and Grace Hubbell were week end guests at their respective homes. They report their school work as enjoyable

Mrs. Lloyd Boyington and Miss Wilda Whitten were Dows callers on Saturday.

Fine Parties Are Enjoyed.

Last Tuesday afternoon ten of the friends of Mrs. James Culter gathered at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. G. R. Sheldon to give her a pleasant afternoon, the occasion being Mrs. Coulter's seventy-nineth birthday. A three-course dinner was served by the hostess at five o'clock. The decoration were carried out in the Hallowe'en idea and the amusements of the same. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent and they left wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller entertained the school faculty at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon, Rev. and Mrs. Tomkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph, Mr. and Mrs. Harld Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hansen. In the evening some neighbors from Belmond came as a surprise in honor of Mrs. Miller's birthday and a very fine time is reported with an oyster stew at midnight.

Many of our Rowan people were attending the drawing at Dows last Saturday afternoon. The phonograph was given to Claude Weber of this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. A R. Truesdale and children of Popejoy spent Sunday at the home of her brother, Frank Drury and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sorenson are moving their household goods to Ft. Dodge where he is employed in a blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Steffens and family went to La Porte last week to stay a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rowley.

Word has been received of a fine baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. James Maillie of Oelwein. Mrs. Maillie will be remembered as Alice Barker.

One of the Rock Island trains set fire to a corn field on the farm of William McCallum last Friday. About ten acres of corn and pasture land were burned over before it could be controlled.

The rain Monday did not seem to dampen the spirits of the boosters from Dows on our streets for they played a tho the sun were shining.

Rowan School Notes.

The boys and girls basket ball teams of Rowan played at Williams Friday night, October 15. Both Rowan teams were defeated. Cheer up, comrades! We'll do better next time.

The "Star Literary Society" will give their first literary program on Friday afternoon, Oct. 21, in the high school auditorium.

The six weeks tests were given during the week Oct. 11 to 15.

Miss Osterhaus' mother and brother of Ruthven visited school part of the afternoon Oct. 15.

The Rowan basket ball teams play Williams at Rowan Friday Oct. 28th. Remember the date. Come and boost for Rowan.

Little Lillian McAlpine was taken sick Monday, and a doctor was called.

Miss Osterhaus spent the week end at her home at Ruthven.

A Prouounced Success

The unform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the relief and cure of bowel complaints, both children and adults, has brought it to almost universal use, so that it is practically without a rival and as everyone who has used it knows, it is without an equal.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

Don't be to ready to extend sympathy to the fellow with a sad look on his face. Possibly he ate too much.

EASY NOW TO GET 25 MILES TO THE GALLON OF "GAS"

Kansas City Chemist Makes Amazing Discovery—Doubles Gasoline Mileage—Removes Carbon Iinstantly—Is Harmless—Makes Generous Trial Offer.

Any car owner can easily double his mileage on gasoline and be rid of carbon forever through the remarkable discovery of a Kansas City chemist. You simply put a little of this chemicalized oil in your gasoline and immediately you will notice a marked increase in your power. Your car will go whizzing up hills on high that you formerly had difficulty in making on second. The product is absolutely harmless.

Inside of ten minute after you add this mixture to your "gas" the carbon in your cyclinders will commence to dissolve and be blown out the exhaust. After a few days' use even cylinders that pumped oil and fouled spark plugs will be dry and clean as a whistle.

This remarkable discovery is called "slicker oil." Exhaustive tests over a long period of time show that it will increase your gasoline mileage from one-fourth to one-half and reduce your upkeep enough to save the cost of a car in three or four years.

To introduce this wonderful discovery the manufacturers will send anyone a large $1.50 can for only $1, with the understanding that it costs nothing if not satisfactory.

SEND NO MONEY. Merely your name and address on a card or letter to the Slicker Oil Co., 100 Gateway Station, Kansas City, Mo., will bring the large trial can by return mail. When it arrives merely pay the postman $1 and postage. Try the oil. If it doesn't rid our car of carbon and give you 25 percent to 50 percent more mileage your money will be returned and the "Slicker Oil" will cost you nothing. Write at once as this offer is fully garanteed. Advt.

TRAGEDY RECIPE

Take one reckless, natural born fool.

Two or three drinks of bad liquor.

A fast high-powered motor car.

Soak the fool well in the liquor place in the car and let him go. After due time, remove the wreckage, place in black satin lined box and garnish with flowers.

If you don't like your neighbor and want him to move, begin telling your troubles to him each day. He'll soon get enough.

Look into the home life of the fellow who claims that nothing ever worries him. Possibly his wife is earning the living.

It's toasted

Notice this delicious flavor when you smoke Lucky Strike —it's sealed in by the toasting process

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Duroc Jersey Hogs & Shorthorn Cattle Sale!

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Sale will be held at the Rowan Sale Pavilion, Rowan, Iowa, and will start promptly at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

30 PURE BRED DUROC JERSEY HOGS 30

Consisting of 17 spring boars, 1 yearling and 12 open gilts

These hogs are an exceptionally fine lot of lengthy, well built hogs and are worth your closest consideration. Two of them are grandsons of Great Wonder I Am, and the balance are sired mostly by Trailfinder I Am and by The Sentinel. We guarantee them to be exactly as represented in our catalogue, and invite you to compare them with the best.

8 Head of Pure Bred SHORT HORN CATTLE 8

Consisting of three yearling bulls, four heifers and one cow with bull calf at foot. A fine lot of animals that will make a good addition to your herd.

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GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

O. Sandbergs and O. T. Letches drove to Iowa Falls to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hening Sandberg on Sunday.

Sunday found Howard Ruka in Iowa Falls.

Last Friday Supt. Nelson and wife autoed to Decorah, Iowa, where they attended the dedication of the college library. They returned Sunday evening.

During the absence of the high school superintendent Mrs. H. T. Miller taught his classes.

The Goodell high school and the Klemme high school played ball at Goodell on Wednesday last, Klemme defeating Goodell 21 to seven.

Supt. Nelson will now start coaching a basket ball team.

Mrs. Harvey Boller is helping Mrs. Herman Wentzle at present.

Warren Butts visited his brother-in-law Mr. A. Wentzle on Sunday.

Mrs. Markle who has been spending some time with her sister Mrs. John Ellsworth, returned to her home Friday.

The young peoples Sunday school class taught by Rev. Miller entertained the third year Intermediates on Friday evening. About 40 enjoyed the party. The party was the closing of a contest between the two classes in which the Intermediates won.

Grandmother Burgess is staying at the home of Mrs Hubbard during the illness of Ina Burgess.

Mrs. Okrueg, Mrs. Cordes and Mrs. H. T. Miller attended the county Sunday school convention at Corwith on Tuesday.

Mr. Lamar has moved his drug store into the Mrs. John Ahrenkeil building.

The Misses Norva and Avis Wilson are up and around. Miss Norva is back at her school work.

Mrs. Galbraith was calling on Mrs. Henry Christensen on Saturday.

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

Walter Larsen of Albert Lea was a business caller here Thursday.

James Duryea of Algona came the first of the week for a brief visit at the home of his sister Mrs. Henry Africa, and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson and daughter Dona Gene left the first of the week for a visit with relatives at Dubuque.

Miss Pearl Harding of Corwith was a visitor here Wednesday.

Jack Madison left Sunday for Claremont, Minn., to attend to business interests.

Oscar Johnson and Mr. Yepson returned home the latter part of the week from a fishing trip to Spirit Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rankin returned home Monday from California where they spent the summer.

Melvin Severson and Cecil Griffith returned home Friday from a pleasure trip to northern Minn.

F L. Bush and Fred Knudsen were business callers at Des Moines the latter part of the week.

Floyd Berhow, Bertram Frelstad and John Haveland who are attending Waldorf college at Forest City were visiting relatives and friends here Sunday.

Dr. Lawton and C. C. Lucas left Friday for Iowa City to attend the foot ball game played by the Iowa City and Illinois teams.

ROUTE ONE NEWS ITEMS

Harvey Lee, who has been working for S. A. Anderson, left last week for Burlington, where he has secured employment in a chair factory. Art Haufman is now working for Mr. Anderson.

The Fred Geitz family from Alexander and the Con Hoppel family from east of town spent Sunday at the Wm. Gealow home.

The rain Monday somewhat delayed corn husking in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jenison gave a party last Friday evening in honor of C. E. Jenison's seventieth birthday. The party was a surprise on Charlie and to make the surprise complete he was presented with a purse of silver. A large circle of friends and relatives were present. The evening was spent in games and visiting. Dainty refreshments were served.

S. A. Anderson was a business caller at Dows last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bryan of Spirit Lake have been visiting the Jenison families the past week.

Mrs Bryan, formerly Miss Nettie Sprague, is a cousin of the Jenisons whom they had not seen for twenty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will leave soon for Iowa Falls where they will visit a sister of his.

Raymond Frislie of Dows was a caller at the S. A. Anderson home on Saturday.

HUNTERS ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Wall Lake a a hunting resort is again receiving attention according to the Des Moines Register which says the state executive council held an all day meeting Saturday to confer with the conservation commission over state park policies and hear two delegations of citizens interested in park propositions at Wall Lake, Wright county, and North Twin Lake in Calhoun county.

The Wall Lake delegation revealed to the council a situation which has resulted in a monopoly of the lake privileges by a few land owners residing in Waterloo, who own all approaches to the lake and are making alleged exorbitant charges for the privilege of hunting or fishing.

It is claimed that this organization recently delivered an ultimatum to the Webster City Hunting club in which the club was asked to pay one thousand dollars for a lease to a 30 by 130 foot lot on which their hunting shack is located. Failure to submit to these terms it is said, would result in the arrest of the twenty members of the club if they attempted to reach their shack in boats.

Prices charged parties desiring to fish in the lake are said to be $1 a person for crossing the land of the monopolists; $2 for a scow for one day and $4 a day for the privilege of pitching a tent.

The hunting club is asking the executive council to condemn and purchase an approach to the lake in order that hunters and lovers of outdoor life can enjoy the privileges of this 1,000 acres of water, and the club has raised by popular subscription $2,700 which will be contributed for this purpose. The council took no action on the proposition—Monitor.

A COUNTY AGENT

The county commissioners of Perkins county are to be congratulated upon their action in passing a resolution which provides for the employment of a county agent. This is one of the most progressive moves that have been made by the commissioners.

A county agent is as necessary to a farming community as a business manager is to a business organization. He is the man upon whom the American Farm Bureau Federation places the responsibility of bringing about better organization among the producers of the country, and the man to whom the farmer looks for aid in his marketing problems.

In former years a county agent was looked upon as a man who told the farmer how to farm and, as a natural result, a county agent was not looked upon with favor by farmers who had spent years in successful farming. In later years the duties of the county agent have become to be a reality what the name implies—the agent of the farmers of the county. He aids them in marketing their products; he watches the weather reports and keeps in touch with crop conditions; he assists in the extermination of crop destroying insects; he watches for diseases among livestock asd assists in the prevention of contagious and fatal diseases among stock; and in numerous other ways uses his knowledge to better conditions in the county where he is employed.—Lemmon, S. D., Tribune.

COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS TUESDAY

The Wright County Federation of Women's clubs met at Belmond on Tuesday of this week, the meeting being held at the public library parlors.

A large delegation from the various towns of the county was in attendance and a splendid program was carried thru. A full dinner was served, the delegates bringing sandwiches and cake, and the hostesses, furnishing the remainder of the feast. The leading address of the day was a talk by Mrs. O. M. Olson of Ft. Dodge who gave a travel talk.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

By Berton Braley.

"Business is Business," the little Man said,
"A battle where 'everything goes,'
Where the only gospel is 'get ahead'
And never spare friends or foes,
'Slay or be slain,' is the slogan cold.
You must struggle and slash and tear,
For Business is Business, a fight for gold,
Where all that you do is fair"
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"Business is Business," the Big Man said,
"A battle to make of earth
A place to yield more wine and bread,
More pleasure and joy and mirth;
There are still some bandits and buccaneers,
Who are jungle-bred beasts of trade,
But their number dwindles with passing years
And dead is the code they made!"
"Business is Business" the Big Man said,
"But it's something that's more, far more;
For it makes sweet gardens of deserts dead,
And cities it built now roar
Where once the deer and gray wolf ran
From the pioneer's swift advance;
Business is Magic that toils for man
Business is True Romance."

"And those who make it a ruthless fight
Have only themselves to blame
If they feel no whit of the keen delight
In playing the Bigger Game,
The game that calls on the heart and head
The best of man's strength and nerve;
'Business is Business,' the Big Man said,
'And that Business is to serve!"

WRIGHT COUNTY REGISTRARS

Dist No.	Local Reg.	Address	Twps.
99-1	W. M. Coons,	Goldfield,	Boone, Liberty.
99-2	J. K. Baker,	Eagle Grove—	Eagle Grove
99-3	D. H. Huff,	Woolstock—	Troy, Woolstock
99-4	A. A. Diederick,	Dows—	Blaine, Vernon
99-5	Guy Byers,	Belmond—	Pleasant, Belmond, Norway, Iowa
99-6	R. V. Goslin,	Clarion—	Dayton, Lake, Grant, Lincoln, Wall Lake, Clarion

Any one can criticise, but it often requires brains to interpret the criticism.

The more you lose your temper the the less you have to lose.

We all know what we want, until after we get it.

Many an old fogy parent takes secret consolation in the knowledge that his uppish daughter will also be an old fogy parent some day.

They used to flatter a man by praising his children; now they do it by praising his car.

A very young widow always seems to be struggling between what she considers her duty, to appear sad and her inclination to appear glad.

St. Paul said he had learned that whatever his lot "therewith to be content." Money-mad Americans have reversed this to read, "there with to be discontent."

Then there is the man who seems destined to go thru life hitting his thumb on the back while trying to hit the nail on the head.

Joyriding is so called because it often ends in a gloom ride in a patrol wagon.

There are more funny looking people to the block in a big city than in a small town.

The Ideal Purgative

As a purgative, Chamberlain's Tablets are the exact thing required. Strong enough for the most robust, mild enough for children. They cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any of that terrible griping. They are easy and pleasant to take and agreeable in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

Free From Tuberculosis!

WE TAKE PRIDE in announcing that our entire herd of thirty-seven head has been tested by Dr. Siedell, government tester, and found

Absolutely O. K.

Every cow was free! This means that YOU can be POSITIVE of getting PURE MILK & CREAM from the Ash Grove Dairy and we milk with Machines, and Strain, Cool and Bottle our Product by the most Modern Methods. This means that the Ash Grove Dairy Milk and Cream is Clean.

Protect Your Children!

And Insist on Having Only

From the Wagon:
Milk---
Qt. 11c
Pt. 6c
Cream---
Qt. 70c
Pt. 35c
1-2 Pt. 18 1-2c

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Milk and Cream
M. G. LUICK, Prop.

From the City Market
Milk---
Qt. 8c
Pt. 5c
Cream---
Qt. 60c
Pt. 30c
1-2 Pt. 18c

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THE BELMOND INDEPENDENT
Belmond, Iowa Phone 115

Belmond Local News

A. P. McGregor, better known to Belmond folks as Alec, was in the city one day last week attending to some matters of business and greeting his old time friends here. He is a former resident of this place and now resides in Des Moines.

The real brand of Indian summer has been enjoyed in this vicinity the past week or so, until Monday when a cold rain came along.

Lard for Sale.—Sheriff Bros. 1t*

What the Independent claims is a record, regardless of territory, is the one made by C. N. Hildebrand with his Ford. "Connor" has a Ford touring car, and in the past two years he has driven the car something like fifteen thousand miles. On one of the wheels is the original casing that he had on the car when purchased. He has never had a blow-out or a puncture on that tire, and has never had the casing off the rim, so that he has driven fifteen thousand miles or better on the same tube. If anyone can beat fifteen thousand miles on a tube we would like to hear about it, for we believe this is a record. Any motorist who gets that many miles from a tube, to say nothing of the casing, is certainly getting the worth of his money. C. N. has driven his car over all kinds of roads, from pavement to crushed rock and rough dirt, in all parts of the state. The tire is a Goodrich, and "Connor" says he presumes the tube is too, but he never had it out so doesn't know for certain. Anybody that can equal or beat that record? Let's hear about it then.

Mrs. Lowenberg of Goodell was in the city one day last week, visiting friends and attending to business affairs.

Mrs. Oscar Walsh, of Alexander, was in town one day last week attending to some business matters.

Wm. Moellering & Sons of Rowan are holding a bid sale of pure bred stock, Duroc Jersey hogs and Shorthorn cattle, at the Rowan sale pavilion on the 29th of this month. They are offering some attractive animals to the farmer who is interested in the building of his herd in the pure bred lines.

Henry Anderson left last week on a trip to North Dakota where he is helping with the work on some land that he owns there. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

Do you want a job on the farm? If you do, for the luva Mike tell us! Last week the Independent said something about having applicants for a job, and before the ink had hardly dried on the paper the flood of farmers began coming in, calling up and otherwise inquiring for help. If you want a job on the farm, tell us; we can place half a dozen men right now, picking corn, at from three to four—all that the job is worth and more than the farmer can really afford to pay with his corn selling at less than thirty cents—and your eats. The big trouble seems to be that the idle labor does not want to work at the corn picking job at the prices offered, but nobody is going to offer more, and a job is a job now, regardless. We also have a place for a man and wife, or for a girl who can take care of children, on the farm.

The Independent is moving the plant at Meservey this week, having sold it, and will ship the outfit to St. Paul.

The show last Saturday night, "Up in the Air," was reported as being very good, and somewhat better than the usual run of shows that hit a town of this size. Manager McAlpine will draw the crowds if he puts on plays of as high a calibre as this during the season. They came here from Mason City, and went from this city to Fort Dodge.

The Kanawha Reporter last week, in its write up of the fire at the A. A. Johnson farm near East Lake, states that Mr. Johnson had some $4,800 in insurance on the buildings and goods that were destroyed in the blaze.

The Wright County Monitor last week carried a letter from a California party, in which the writer stated that Mrs. W. A. Shaffer, formerly of Belmond and well remembered by Belmond people, had suffered another stroke and was now practically in a helpless condition. Her many friends here will hope that she speedily recovers from the affliction.

For Sale or Rent—Two houses. Also second-hand soft coal heater and one hard coal heater. One nearly new top buggy and one second-hand lumber wagon, in good condition. Inquire at the Independent office.

W. E. Bullard was in attendance at the district court at Clarion most of the week.

Advertising pays. Last week the Belmond Battery Station, one of the Independent's steady advertisers, stated that he received work from Meservey the first week after the Independent was issued with the Meservey section. If one, why not another?

Tom Finn and wife came up from Ackley last week to spend a day or two in the home town, visiting old friends and relatives, and attending to some business affairs. Tom says that they may decide to come back to Belmond next spring.

NOTICE—It has been reported that I caught two certain men in my chicken house stealing chickens. This report is absolutely untrue.—Henry Hartwig. 2t*

The Methodist Ladies Aid society will meet on this afternoon, and will hold their election of officers at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsay of Des Moines were in town one day last week enroute to Austin, Minnesota.

W. M. Brooks of Waverly was in the city on Monday of this week visiting old friends. The Independent acknowledges a pleasant call.

The first number of the lecture course this year will be held this evening at the high school auditorium. The school is conducting the course again this season, and has some very good talent lined up. The numbers listed are all of the best class, and the first number, Alton Packard, has been seen by a number of local people who all pronounce it one of the best of its kind that they have ever seen.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

Mrs. Pat Dillon, who recently suffered an accident when she fell from a bench on which she was working and injured her limb, is reported as improving.

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

Miss Lois Morse is back at her duties in the post office after an illness of several days.

Messrs. Gfeller and H. F. Luick attended the bankers meeting in Des Moines last wek.

A few local men attended a sale held at Klemme on Tuesday of this week.

A number of the Belmond men were at Clarion Tuesday on legal matters at the district court.

Lee Stacy and family spent Sunday at the home of relatives and friends in Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miller were visitors Sunday at Humboldt and Ft. Dodge.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent the week end at the home of relatives in Belmond.

The Community club benefit play, "A Cheerful Liar," will be held next week Friday evening, October the 21. It had been planned to hold it this week but it was thought best to wait another week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry were callers at Mason City one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Baldridge and family of Cedar Rapids were guests of relatives here the past week or so.

Mr. and Mrs Geo. Baldridge and family of Kanawha have been visiting friends and relatives here the past few days.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

Sheriff Lang was an official caller in the city on Saturday of last week.

Herb Harberts had the misfortune to run a nail in his foot recently while at work, and as a result Herb has been limping the past week with a painful but not dangerous wound.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter Ruth drove to Garner on Sunday where they spent the day visiting at the home of relatives and friends.

NOTICE—It has been reported that I caught two certain men in my chicken house stealing chickens. This report is absolutely untrue.—Henry Hartwig. 2t*

The Frank Barry family now possess a fine Knabe Grand piano.

SPECIAL SALE

An exeptional line of trimmed and tailored hats will be placed on sale this morning at $5.00.
—DORENKAMP & GREENFIELD

Miss Jennie Stadtlander daughter of Mrs. Ben Stadtlander, went to the hospital at Iowa City Monday of this week where she will receive treatment.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

Mrs. Mary Pond of Washington in remitting for the Independent states that they are having lovely weather there this fall, altho they had some rain in September.

Miss Bessie Quigley has been reported as being on the sick list the past week.

"A Cheerful Liar" is the title of the Community Club benefit play, but we are not lying to you when we say that we can clean and press your old clothes so that they look as good as new.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel.

We have some used clothing, almost new—overcoats and suits,—for sale. One suit nearly new for $14.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of hotel.

When in need of a doctor you would employ the best—wouldn't you? You should use the same judgement in selecting your tailor and cleaner. We are not satisfied unless you are. Try the New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28.

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An exeptional line of trimmed and tailored hats will be placed on sale this morning at $5.00.
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NOTICE!

We close at 6:30 o'clock except on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Johnson & Wright.
Townsan Hardware.
Cato C. Griesy.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

The Misses Marie Leavy and Miss Brooks are back at their work in the school teaching force after a few days illness.

When you get your clothes cleaned you expect them to look like they were clean. That's the way we clean them. When your clothes leave our shop they are clean, pressed and in appearance like new clothes. It is worth your while to make the old clothes do. Bring them to us and we will give you a suit that looks like new. We satisfy.—W. L. Wilson, Star Cleaner. Under the postoffice.

Miss Effie Voiles of Rippey, Iowa, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs Wm. Voiles the past few days.

E. W. Hood and daughter Leona returned recently from Dubuque, at which place the latter had been receiving treatment for a nervous disorder from which she has been suffering for some time.

H. VanBuskirk was taken back to the state hospital at Cherokee last week for further treatment. He had been there previously and it was believed was getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Papousek left last Thursday morning by auto on a trip to the Red River Valley to attend to some business interests there where Chas. has some land. On the return trip they will come by the way of the Twin Cities.

T L. Maitland drove up from Mallard, Iowa, last week to attend to some business matters here. He recently moved from this place to that city, where he purchased a restaurant business in which he is reported as doing nicely.

A few bargains in used cars. In good shape.—Belmond Auto Co. Phone 108.

The Dows boosters were in town on Monday morning, advertising a big day to be held there in the near future, and despite the rain the band played merrily to what crowd there was on the street.

J. N. Johnson has been in Minnesota the past few days attending to some business interests there where he owns land.

E. M. Lathrop was a business visitor at Mason City one day the past week.

Wm. Voiles was a caller at Mason City last week attending to business connected with his nursery stock and attending the big Odd Fellows doings at that place Friday.

Mrs M. H. Hanson has been at the local hospital the past two weeks suffering from two operations. She was taken ill the forepart of the month, and an operation was performed for the removal of a small tumor, and later it was found that she also had appendicitis. An operation was performed for this last week, and as the appendix had burst she was in serious condition for a few days with her life in the balance. She is reported gaining slowly but surely however and her friends will hope for her speedy recovery.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

Carpenter Shop, repairing con R. D. Kenefick, at Belmond Lbr. Co.

Doctor E. H. Phillips, Osteopathic Physician. Masonic Building, Garner, Iowa. tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder drove up from Newton, Iowa, last week Friday and spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder. They returned to their home on Monday.

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each of the four rural routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or write. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

For Sale—Duroc Jersey March pig, full blood but no papers.—H. L. McClernon. 1tc

Mr. Pritchard from Buffalo Center was greeting old friends and relatives here one day last week.

List your public sales with the Independent; reserve your dates. And don't forget that the Independent is headquarters for the best farm sale bills in the country, and that your sale advertised in the Independent is reaching the entire territory from Rowan to Meservey.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading terr'tory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

ROBINSON'S

20 oz. Loaf of Bread	10c
Small Loaf of Bread	5c
Good Bacon, per lb.	25c
2 cans good Salmon	25c
No. 10 Karo, dark	50c
No. 10 Karo, Light	60c
No. 5 Karo, dark	25c
Black Tea, 1 lb.	40c
Rolled Oats, 5 lbs.	25c
$1.25 Broom	75c
6 bars Good Soap	25c

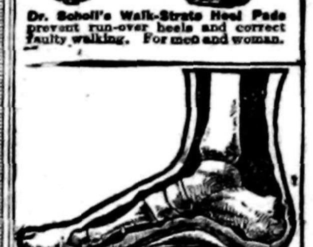
SPECIAL THIS WEEK
Picnic Hams, 15c per lb.

We Buy Butter and Eggs
Car of Potatoes Soon

Are you able to put your finger on the location of the pain or discomfort? Is the pain caused by such conditions as corns, bunions, burning, tender spots on the sole, cramps through the toes, and an aching or bruised feeling in the heels?

Dr. Scholl's Foot-Eazer relieves tired, aching feet, weak arches, cramped toes, etc. Worn in any shoe. For men, women and children.

Dr. Scholl's Walk-Strate Heel Pads prevent run-over heels and correct faulty walking. For men and woman.


Dr. Scholl's Tri-Spring Arch Support for flat foot and severe cases of broken arch for stout men and women.

Or—do your feet simply ache all over after considerable walking or standing? Do your shoes feel uncomfortable, ankles turn, heels run over, feet perspire excessively, legs ache and cause bodily fatigue? Have you lost your springy, energetic step? The above conditions indicate weakened foot, a broken down arch or arch trouble. To relieve and correct these foot ailments you need

Dr. Scholl's
Foot Comfort Appliances

We have a thoroughly trained foot expert whose special training enables him to instantly locate foot troubles, explain the causes and advise the proper course to pursue. He will give you a practical demonstration of how Dr. Scholl's Appliances produce foot comfort and effect permanent correction.

This service is absolutely free and is installed by us for your benefit and comfort. It will be worth your time to drop in and see our expert regarding your difficulty. He can undoubtedly tell you something about your feet you never knew before and render you an exceptionally valuable service. Those corns, bunions, callouses, aches and pains are probably outward symptoms of a weakened structural condition.

Delay only aggravates such matters. Make it a point to have your feet attended to today.

Dr. Scholl's Absorbo Pads. Instantly relieve corns, callouses and tender joints. Remove by absorption. Made of antiseptic rubber. All sizes: 10, 15, 20 and 25c.

Dr. Scholl's Toe-Flex corrects bunions by straightening the crooked toe. Soft antiseptic rubber. Extremely comfortable. Three sizes.

Dr. Scholl's Bunion Reducer. Instant relief to bunions and enlarged joints. Relieves pain and pressure, reduces enlargement. Antiseptic rubber; fits snugly to foot.

Dr. Scholl's Heel Cushion. Prevents jar and sore heels. Worn inside. Better than rubber.

Watch Your Feet

A Foot Expert
Specially Trained in the
Dr. Scholl Method of Foot Correction
will be at this Store
Friday and Saturday, October 21-22

Bohning & Company

General Merchandise
Belmond, Iowa
You are cordially invited. No charge for examination or advice.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION SHORT COURSE FOR MANAGERS & OFFICERS

The livestock shipping association managers conference is all set. Large enrollments have been received.. Arrangements have been completed for all the men in attendance to spend half a day in the stock yards to study the handling and grading of co-operative shipments in actual practice.

This conference promises to be a milestone in the history of cooperative livestock shipments. Never before have managers and officers assembled at the same table for the purpose of standardizing their system of accounts, and of studying their management problems as a unit, both from the local and terminal standpoints. The commission men and packer buyers are co-operating to the extent of directing the men thru the yards and pen placements; fill and preparation of stock for buyers; shrinkage, yard, gadink and weighing of car shipments killing, inspection and market demands, and last but not least some actual grading by the men themselves. Then there are the other questions to be presented at the round table discussion, such as district and state organizations, incorporation and the new co-operative law, contracts, compensation, and bonding, market analysis, and numerous others.

Members of shipping associations see to it that your manager and a representative from your board of directions attend this short course. Your duty a a member is to see that your organization functons with other associations on these problems of common interest. The story of co-operative endeavor has not half been told but let's make our goal business efficiency and build permanently what is to come.

Tht farm bureau has answered the call and demand for this work by arranging for a meeting place and has provided assistance on a constructive program. Those registered should be on hand promptly. Livestock shipping associations should make their goal business efficiency and build permanently for what is to come. Full particulars of meeting and program may be had by inquiring at the farm bureau office.

See here Mr. Shipping Association Member, you are paying your manager a salary for service in handling your shipments. Help him to become more efficient in the handling of your business. Insist that he and one or two of your officers and directors attend one of the following conferences. It is a matter of dollars and cents to you.

Ft. Dodge Oct. 20-21
Mason City Oct. 25-26.

LINCOLN LEARNING LASSIES

October 8th the Lincoln Learning Lassies met at tht home of Miss Edith Wadell. All members were present and two new members were there. They spent the afternoon in sewing bags and giving demonstrations. Etta Pohlman gave a demonstration on sewing on a hook and eye and Clara Pohlman on sewing on a button. Edith Wadell gave a demonstration on sewing on the sewing machine.

The next meeting will be at the home of Edna Pohlman.

Madelyn Russell, Club Reporter.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

Altho reports have not been received from all townships as yet, all indications seem to point towards a successful drive on last Wednesday, October 12.

The membership campaign was interrupted to a great extent by the husking season which arrived about two weeks earlier this year. In an ordinary season corn husking would not have been started before Oct. 12.

The campaign was carried forward by the chairman and his cooperators in each township and an effort was made to solicit personally each man who had not already cast his lot with the local farm bureau. Reports will be given later as to the increase in membership in Wright county and in the state as a whole.

COUNTY AGENT CALLED AWAY

The county agent is out of town this week having been called unexpectedly from his duties on account of the serious illness of a sister who lives in the northeast section of the state.

SELECT SEED CORN ENOUGH FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

"The proper time to save seed corn is when there is a plentiful supply of good seed," states Ralph E. Johnston, extension agronomist at the South Dakota State college. "The wise corn grower, who has had years of experience in South Dakota, will select corn enough this fall for his total 1922 and 1923 corn acreages.

"When the corn crop is good it is well to save out of the abundance against the time when it may be poor. By proper methods of storage, seed corn selected this fall can be kept until spring of 1923 with every reason to expect it is to have a good germination at that time.

"Because of the favorable season and the late growing period, many of the corn ears this fall are too large for seed. These should be avoided and only the well matured, well filled ears of the standard length and diameter should be selected."

Have you paid your subscription to the Independent yet? We need the two dollars right now, and will appreciate it if those who know themselves to be in arrears will come in and leave us two dollars. Every little helps these days. Thanks!

HAMPTON LEGION HAS 40 AND 8 DAY

Recorder: Despite inclement weather members of the American Legion were out in full force Friday afternoon ready to take the secret work of a side degree which has been christened "La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux."

The day's program started promptly at 1 o'clock when 59 candidates presented themselves for membership at the "dug out" located in the club room of the Memorial hall where they were immediately branded on the forehead and cheeks and escorted to the county jail where they were temporarily incarcerated after which they were marched back to the "dug out" and put thru a series of calisthenics. This procedure was followed by the officers in charge stationing the candidates at various locations in the business district of the city where they were put to work sweeping the pavement, riding brooms, jig dancing and various other stunts and antics well known to army life.

The street parade, headed by the Hampton municipal band, was staged at 3 o'clock after which the secret work of the order was given, State Chaplin T. L. Roberts of Sheffield acting in the capacity of master of ceremonies, and here the pilgrims after having been duly obligated, elevated and humilated and in possession of the secret work, were declared full fledged members of the "40 and 8'ers.'

At 6 o'clock a sumptuous "chow" was served by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Knights of Pythias dining room in the Winsdor building, which was greatly enjoyed by the boys. At 8:30 o'clock the large ball room at Hotel Coonley was thrown open to members of the American Legion and their ladies, and dancing to music furnished by Leache's orchestra of Ackley was the diversion until a late hour when all left for home declaring that they had the time of their lives.

The day's proceedings, which in spots might be termed hilarious, was attended by orderly conduct and in every way creditable to the American Legion. The boys were out for a good time and they had it.

STATE TO PURCHASE THREE IOWA PARKS

Auditor Haynes and Secretary of State Ramsay recently made a tour and inspection of three Iowa parks, the purchase of which is now being negoiated by the state executive council.

One of the parks is the Moorehead caves in Jackson county, a 16-acre tract. It is a most unusual spot, with a natural bridge a number of caves including an ice cave, and an unusual spring. A park near Farmington consisting of 140 acres and including a 40-acre pond of lilies. The park has been donated and the state officials closed a deal for a right ofway to the tract.

The third park site is one of 190 acres near Eldora where the city of Eldora has raised $16,000 for the building of a dam at the mouth of a natural lake bed. When completed the park will have a 60-acre lake all the way from 10 to 20 feet deep surrounded by bluffs and with a wooded island in the center.

Pepper Hash.

Here is a good recipe for pepper hash relish which requires no cooking and whichmay be applied sucessfully to cold meats and baked beans.

Chop very fine 1 large head cabbage and 6 red peppers after having removed the seeds from the peppers. Add 2 T white mustard seed, 1 1-2 T celery seed, 1 quart vinegar and 2 c sugar. Make a brine of 1-2 c calt and enough cold water to cover the vegetables. Let soak over night. Next morning chop the onions (6 large white) fine, drain the pegers thoroughly and can.

No Subsitute Offered.

Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, when the best medicine for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know from what their customers say of it, that it can be depended upon.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

CHAPTER VIII. — Returning to the Halfway Switch, Dale meets Major Bradley, lawyer, and real friend of the mountaineers, whom he engages as counsel for the company. A man named Goff, of evil repute, tries to bribe Dale to betray the Morelands by selling him the coal deposits, and telling them they are of little value. Dale attempts to thrash him, but Goff draws a revolver. Dale is unarmed.

CHAPTER IX.—Goff enlists the aid of a turbulent crowd, the Balls and Torreys, to make trouble for Dale's company. The Littlefords and Morelands agree to forget the old feud and dwell in harmony.

CHAPTER X.—"Babe" returns to her home, fearing she is a burden to the McLaurins. Dale remonstrates, and she agrees to go back, for the sake of an education. Waylaid by "Black Adam" Ball, Dale fights a pistol duel with the desperado, and Ball is killed. Dale is arrested and taken to jail at Cartersville. He doesn't see how his shot could have killed Ball.

Dale dropped his weapon. He went as white as death, and his two hands clutched uncertainly at his throat. He was a murderer! No, he wasn't—his bullet had gone wild; it had struck Ball's head on the other side of the tree, by accident. But how could he prove that it had been an accident? Would any jury believe him? It was far from probable.

He stepped from behind the hemlock and went toward the writhing Goliath, whose legs only were visible now.

Then a third shot rang out on the morning stillness. It had been fired from a point some little distance away, and Dale's condition of mind at the moment was such that he didn't even note the direction from which the sound had come. He was unhurt, and he had not heard the whine of a bullet or the pattering of shot on the leaves. When he looked about him, he saw no one; neither did he see any telltale smoke. Perhaps, he thought dimly, it had been a squirrel-hunter that had fired that shot. He forgot about it very quickly for the time being, and went on toward Adam Ball, who now was lying perfectly still.

There was a bullet-hole through and through the great, shaggy head. The face behind the short, curly black beard was of the colorless hue of soapstone. The giant hillman was dead.

Bill Dale knelt there beside Black Adam. Again he clutched at his throat with his two shaking hands, and this time he tore his blue flannel shirt. All the agony and all the remorse in the universe seemed to be gathering there in his heart. Never before had he seen death. Its grim presence terrified him. That the deplorable thing had been an accident, due to his faulty marksmanship, mattered little. He had killed a man, and the blood-red brand of Cain was burning away on his brow; he was a man in a hell of his own making. And kneeling there Bill Dale sobbed a great sob that shook his broad shoulders as a violent ague would have shaken them.

He tried to look at the blue-edged hole in the shaggy head; at the cruel, brutish face that was of the colorless hue of soapstone. Merciful tears blinded him, and he couldn't see. It was a compensation, a pitifully beautiful compensation. . . .

Five minutes passed, five minutes that were as five years to this man who had never been in the presence of death before. Then he realized that he was being surrounded by kinsmen of the dead mountaineer. He looked up into their ashen, angry faces, and they cursed him. Big and gripping brown hands were placed upon him; several rifles were turned upon him. He arose and spread out his arms, and offered his breast to the frowning muzzles. They could give him, at least, oblivion.

"Shoot, if you like," he said bitterly.

"Shoot, If You Like!" He Said Bitterly.

"It was an accident, y'know, but—shoot, if you like."

"No," commanded Adam Ball's father, a slender and angular old man with a straggling iron-gray beard—"No, don't shoot. Shootin's too quick, by gonnies. And 'en, it ain't accordin' to law." (Queer how suddenly he respected the majesty of the law!) "We'd a durned sight ruther see him hung by the neck ontel dead in the jailyard at Cartersville. Ye'uns put down them thar guns. Put down all o' them thar guns right now; hear me?"

He turned back to Dale. "Ye say it was a accident?" he sneered.

"Yes, it was an accident."

"Like the old devil!" roared Black Adam's father.

He stopped and picked up his son's black slouch hat and examined it. There were two bullet holes close together in the rim—and one of them had been *there for a long time.*

"John Moreland, he's been a-l'arnin' ye how to shoot," he said, "and you've shore l'arned purty d—d well. It must ha' been yore third shot 'at got Adam."

"I fired only once," disagreed Dale. "Your son fired first; I fired second; and somebody else, I haven't the slightest idea who, fired the other shot."

"Aw, shet up! Ye can tell it at the trial," growled old Ball. Then to his kinsmen.

"We'll hold Dale right here, boys, ontel the shuriff he's sent atter comes. And we'll not move Adam, which same is accordin' to law. I reckon Shuriff Tom Flowers'll find a different job from what he expected to find; won't he, boys? Say, I wisht one o' you fellers'd gi' me a good, big chaw o' tobacker. Be durned ef I don't. Adam's death, it has made me feel sort o' bad, by gonnies, and tobacker's allus a consolation—

"Bill Dale, you hain't got a chaw o' tobacker on ye, have ye—bought tobacker, store tobacker? It's a durned sight better'n home-made, I says. Ye say ye don't chew! Chew—h—l! Whyn't ye say 'chaw,' like a man! I allus knowed ye wasn't no 'count, nohow. Nobody 'at don't chaw tobacker ain't no 'count. . . . All right, Jim Ike," to his nephew, "I'll take a chaw o' yores, then. And I'll take a tol'ably big chaw, Jim Ike, 'cause Adam's death has made me feel sort o' bad, and tobacker's allus a consolation."

The sounds of the shooting had carried far, and it wasn't long until the scene of the tragedy was crowded with Balls and Torreys, Littlefords and Morelands. Major Bradley and Hayes, too, were there. Every man of them was armed; a very little thing might easily turn the place into a shambles. The major saw this, and he was afraid. He drew the leaders of the Morelands and the Littlefords aside, and finally prevailed upon them to do their utmost toward keeping peace until the coming of the sheriff.

At first John Moreland and Ben Littleford were for taking Bill Dale from the Balls and Torreys who guarded him, if they had to depopulate the whole Ball settlement, Jerusalem Cove and Hatton's Hell to accomplish it! Happily, the major's counsel prevailed.

Sheriff Tom Flowers was a tall and lithe, smooth-faced man. He arrived with Luke Moreland at noon, after hours of hard riding. He saw the high tension, and immediately steeled himself to handle the situation. After riding straight to the center of the gathering and there halting his horse, he said evenly:

"In order that I may know who to arrest, I must know something of the circumstances. Only one man must speak at a time. No playing bad with me; and remember that, gentlemen. I'll certainly drop the fellow who starts playing hoss with me, if it's the last move I make on earth. Now somebody gently use his powers of speech."

Major Bradley, more soldierlike than ever, went forward. "As the attorney of Mr. Dale, who stands accused of killing Adam Ball," he said to the officer, "I beg leave to state that my client will do no talking at present."

Dale understood, and he did not open his mouth.

But old Ball had something to say, and he proceeded to say it:

"He killed my son, Adam," pointing to Dale, "in cold blood. Me and about a dozen o' my kin was on our way over Long ridge to look at a bee tree, when we heered three pistol shots. We was right up thar," pointing to the northward, "and we come a-runnin' over here to see, by gonnies, what was the matter. Well, by gonnies, we found Bill Dale thar down on his knees aside o' my son, Adam, who was as dead as h—l or deader; and Bill Dale was a-sobbin' and a-sobbin' about it. And ef he never killed my son Adam, what was he a-sobbin' and a-sobbin' about, I ax you that? And my son Adam, he had a rifle, by gonnies, but he never shot none at all. He was with us up to a few minutes before, and he hadn't shot none all mornin'. Shuriff Flowers, I wisht ye'd gi' me a good, big chaw o' tobacker, by gonnies, 'cause my son Adam his death it has made me feel bad."

Major Bradley stopped caressing his well-kept gray imperial, walked over to the dead man's rifle, picked it up and put its muzzle to his nose. He scented fresh powder-smoke. Then he faced old Ball with a strange, hard glitter in his blue eyes.

"You are a liar, sir," he said with a peculiar politeness.

A stir ran quickly over the Balls and Torreys. Sheriff Flowers called out:

"Quiet, there!" and there was quiet. He continued: "Where is Mr. Dale's revolver?"

The Balls had it. They produced it. It had three empty chambers when it should have had but one!

"Pass it to me butt first," ordered the law's representative. He knew that many a man had been shot while taking a revolver barrel first, and he was taking no chances.

Old Ball obediently turned the weapon around.

"Say, sheriff," he chittered, "have ye plumb fo'got about me axin' ye fo' a chaw o' store-bought? By gonnies, Adam's death—"

Flowers turned to Dale.

"I have heard through Luke Moreland," he said with more or less of feeling in his voice, "a good many things in your favor. I want you to know that I'm sorry to have to take you and place you in the Cartersville jail. To show you that I mean it, I'll spare you the irons and allow you to ride your own horse along beside me, as though you were not under arrest at all."

Dale had by this time worn the keen edge from his grief by means of his great will power. He bowed slightly to the officer and replied with grave courtesy:

"Believe me, sir," with the very faintest trace of a smile, "I am very much obliged to you."

Luke Moreland led up the sleek young bay that Bill Dale had named Fox, and Dale swung himself easily into the saddle. He faced the sheriff.

"If you're ready to go, sir," he said, "I am."

Together they rode through the woodland toward the broad, green valley, with the Littlefords, the Morelands, Major Bradley and Hayes following closely behind them.

Up on the side of David Moreland's mountain there had been a silent and unseen witness to the arrest of Bill Dale. She was hidden behind a gnarled and twisted clump of sheep-laurel, sitting on a patch of tiny, dainty, pure blue dayflowers—crushing in her hands the tiny purple blossoms that are known as Job's tears.

"Lord, what'll I do now?" she murmured.

It was a great and unanswerable question, and it was a prayer, too.

"Lord, what'll I do now?" she repeated.

When Bill Dale had ridden out of her sight, she threw down the crushed flowers and flung herself prostrate, with her face close to the hemlock needles and the earth, and wept low and bitterly, and wept and wept—

"Lord, what'll I do now?"

CHAPTER XI

By Heck Keeps a Secret.

When Sheriff Tom Flowers and the others had been gone for half an hour, Elizabeth Littleford sat up in the silence. It was a great and heavy silence that hovered there over the north end of David Moreland's mountain. There was not even the drumming of a yellowhammer, not even the saucy chattering of a boomer squirrel, not even the twittering of a bird. Not a leaf stirred anywhere. Everything seemed lifeless. It was almost as though she were the sole inhabitant of the world.

Then she thought. It was noontime, and the officer and his prisoner would doubtless halt at John Moreland's cabin for the noonday meal; and if she hastened she would get to see Bill Dale again.

So she ran like a doe through the green woodland, through the tangle of laurel and ivy and over the moss-covered stones, across a shoulder of David Moreland's mountain. She was barefooted, and her dress was a simple garment of white-dotted blue calico, and her long brown hair flowed behind her like the hair of a young witch—because of the excitement of the morning, she had forgotten to give it its usual daily plaiting.

As she drew near to the Moreland leader's home, she saw Bill Dale and the sheriff walk out at the gateway and mount their horses. Major Bradley came out, and he, too, mounted his horse; and she was glad that he was going along. There was a great crowd; all the Littlefords were there, and all the Morelands, and old Granny Heck, the fortune-teller. On every face Babe saw signs of sympathy and sorrow. Her eyes filled. She was so glad that they, too, loved him. It was worth going to jail to know that one was loved like that! Not that it didn't hurt to see him going to jail, of course. Jail and horror are words that mean the same to the mountain dweller.

She went on to tell him good-by. She knew it would be hard, but she steeled herself; she would be a Littleford, and strong. He saw her coming, and he turned his bay horse and rode to meet her. She stopped and clasped her hands, with her arms down full length, and tried to smile at him.

"You promised me," he said gently, "that you'd go back to Patricia and finish your education."

"I keep my promises," was the quick reply, "jest like every other Littleford that ever lived kept their promises. I would ha' went back this mornin', ef it hadn't ha' been—"

And there she broke off abruptly. After a silent moment, she continued sadly, half tearfully: "And yet—and yet—the's not a bit o' use in me a-goin' back now!"

"Why?" Dale was smiling, and she was glad to note that he did not appear to be grieving over his misfortune.

"'Cause the' ain't," simply.

"But you'll go?"

"Yes," she said, "in the mornin' I'll go."

He bent toward her and held down his hand. "Good-by, little girl. I hope it will come out all right, and I believe it will."

Babe slowly lifted her hand to his. Her eyes were downcast.

"Good-by," she told him brokenly. "And I hope it will come out all right, too—God knows I do, Bill Dale."

Thus they parted. Dale rode back to the sheriff and Major Bradley, and a minute later the three of them started for the lowland and Cartersville jail.

When a bend in the dusty ox-wagon road had hidden them from view, Elizabeth Littleford turned homeward. Her mother followed her.

The younger woman dropped to the stone step at the vine-hung front porch with the air of one who is very tired, plucked a full-blown marigold and began absently to tear its petals slowly apart. Mrs. Littleford looked out across the meadows, sighed, smoothed back her gray hair with both hands, and sat down beside her daughter.

"I wouldn't worry about it, Babe, honey," she finally said. Then she too plucked a marigold and began to tear its petals slowly apart. "Ef he killed Adam Ball, it was to save himself. He's a good man, honey. I think he's about the best man I ever seed, Babe."

"No, he never killed Adam Ball to save hisself even," Babe replied. "He's a fighter, but he ain't no killer. Listen, mother, it might ha' been this away:

"He is ahind of a tree, and Adam is ahind of another tree. Adam shoots at his hat, and he shoots at Adam's hat—which is the reg'lar way of a two-man fight, as you know. Well, suddenly Adam he jumps up like he's been shot, and falls a-groanin' and a-twistin'. Bill Dale, a-thinkin' he's killed Adam, comes out from ahind of his tree. Havin' drawed Bill Dale out into the open by his trick, Adam gits ready to shoot and kill him. Jest as Adam is about to shoot, somebody else shoots and kills Adam and saves Bill Dale—mebbe the' ain't time fo' anything else. Now don't ye see? And don't it all sound natchel, mother?"

"I reckon it does," granted the old woman. "But who was it shot Black Adam?"

"Somebody who is a friend o' Bill Dale's," said Babe. "Somebody who was a-follerin' Bill with the idee o' pertectin' him ef he needed it. Somebody who knowed it was dangerous fo' him to go off by hisself in the woods that away. I've got it reasoned out jest like this. . . . And whoever it was 'at was friend enough to Bill Dale to kill a man to save him will be friend enough to own up when the proper time comes and keep Bill Dale from a-bein' hung. Whoever it was 'at done it is skeered bad now, but later on he'll shore tell it, ef it'll save Bill. You jest wait and see, mother.

"I hain't never fo'got," Babe went on, after a moment, "about Black Adam Ball a-tellin' me about a-workin' that same trick on a man over in Nawth Ca'liner—and he killed the man. The law never found it out. And ye see what Black Adam got. 'Who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword.' It's in the Good Book, mother, honey; and everything in the Good Book is God A'mighty's truth, as you know."

"Ef I was pinned down to guess who it was 'at done it," drawled Mrs. Littleford, "I'd guess it was By Heck. He was a plumb fool about Bill Dale. His maw she says he talks in his sleep about Bill Dale. He was allus a-follerin' him around like a dawg."

Babe pointed to the meadow. An aged and stooped and witchlike woman was limping slowly through the clover, coming toward them.

"Granny Heck," muttered Babe.

The neighborhood's newsbearer and fortune-teller limped on up to the cabin, and dropped to the stone step beside Ben Littleford's wife and daughter.

"La, la, la!" she panted, for the days were warm. "And hain't it jest turrible! I wisht I may die this minute ef I wouldn't migh't nigh as soon see my own son go to jail! But 'en it'll all come out right yit, Babe. I seed it in the cyards, and I seed it in the cup. Babe, honeydumplin', he never no more killed Adam 'an I killed him myself. I tell ye, the's been some awful ongodly work done, somehow. I know Bill Dale, and the' shore hain't nary durned drap o' killer blood in him."

Babe spoke suddenly to her mother: "I've got to go and wash and iron my new white dress. Acause—because I'm a-goin' back to Mrs. McLaurin, like I promised I'd go. I'm a-goin' in the mornin', on the fust train. Ye might as well inform pap to hatch up my railroad money, mother."

Just then By Heck stopped before the gate.

"Do ye want to go home along as I go, maw?" he asked.

The three women turned their eyes toward the lanky moonshiner. He was standing straighter than they had ever seen him standing before, and he held his repeater across one of his thin shoulders in a manner that was almost soldierly. It was as though he had just discovered a hitherto unknown depth to himself.

The truth was that he was carrying a secret that was great, and almost too much for him.

His aged mother rose with a rheumatic groan. "Looky here, By," she demanded, "what on earth's the matter of ye? Ha' ye done went and swallered a rifle's ramrod, or a fishin' pole, that ye walk so cussed straight and look like a plumb dadblamed fool?"

"No, maw," grinned her son, "Nothin' like it. I'm jest hongry, that's all. My gosh, ef I don't feel hongry enough to eat a whole raw yaller dawg! And top it off with a couple o' baked house-cats. Durn my eyes and blast my forrard. I wisht ye'd come and go home along as I go, maw, and git me some dinner."

"All right, By, all righty." To Mrs. Littleford, "Come down and bring yore knittin', and spend the day wi' me. Good luck to ye, Babe, when ye go back to the city!"

"No, Maw," Grinned Her Son.

When they were within a hundred yards of their cabin home beside the river, Granny Heck said to her son, whose mind seemed inordinately busy:

"Who d'ye reckon killed Black Adam, the hound dawg o' Torment, By, darlin'?"

"I'm a-lookin' fo' rain today," very quietly said By Heck.

"I axed you, sonny boy," the witch-like old woman went on, "who did you reckon killed Black Adam?"

"The's rain in the air," as though he had not heard. "Ef it don't rain today, it'll shore rain tonight."

"Now looky here!" snapped Granny Heck. "I said who did you think killed Adam Ball?"

By Heck did not smile, nor did he frown. "Ef it don't rain today nor tonight," he drawled, "it'll shore rain tomorrer. I tell ye, mother, the's rain in the air."

"By! By! Ye dadblamed idjit!" protested the old woman vehemently. "Now you answer me what it was I axed ye!"

Said Samuel Heck, unperturbed:

"Grandpap Moreland still has to take his old gray cat down off o' the front po'ch roof every mornin' of his life. Jim Littleford's wife's son's grandpa's son-in-law is named Jim Littleford. Abner Moreland's got a old speckled oxen 'at ain't got but one good eye. Isaac Littleford talks through his nose. Little Tom Moreland's pap's old 'coon dawg ketched a big, pore 'possum last night with one foot gone whar it had been gnawed off in a trap. Babe Littleford's got to be the hell-roarin'est, purtiest gyurl in the world. Bill Dale he said a man who'd say 'eyther' and 'neyther' in place o' 'eether' and 'neether' would part his hair in the middle and wear a bow on the back o' his hat and ribbon in his onderclo'es. Maw?"

"Whut!"

"Le' me ax ye a question," with a mock solemnity that was ultra-ridiculous. "Please don't try to joke wi' me, yore pore hongry che-ild. Maw, hawnest to goodness, will ye tell me the truth?"

Hopeful, she bent toward him. "O' course, honey boy, I'll tell ye the truth. What it is, darlin'?"

He whispered it: "Maw, don't deceive me. What was my maiden name?"

Granny Heck became so angry that she trembled. To her, baffled curiosity was but little better than torture.

"I wish I may drap dead right here in my tracks," she declared shrilly, "ef I git you a dadslatted bite to eat ontel you gi' me a sensible answer! Who, I said, dang it all, did you think it was killed Black Adam, the hound dawg o' puggatory?"

"Don't talk so infernal loud, mother," and By Heck smiled a pale smile. "I don't think who killed Black Adam: I know who killed Black Adam. But, igod, it needn't to worry Bill Dale none! Git this here, mother dear—whoever it was done it shore ain't a-goin' to let nary hair in Bill Dale's head suffer fo' it!"

One of old Granny Heck's bony fingers shot out toward her son like a weapon.

"It was you, By!" she accused. "It was you killed Black Adam Ball! Now own up to me, son, and I'll bake ye some cawnbread with aigs and hawg-renderin's in it. Wasn't it you that done it?"

By Heck looked toward some fleecy white clouds that were sailing slowly, like ships of silver and pearl in a sunny cerulean sea, over the rugged crest of the majestic Big pine.

"The's rain in the air," he drawled. "Ef it don't rain today, it'll rain tonight; and ef it don't rain tonight, it'll rain tomorrer. Yeuh; the's rain in the air, mother, as shore as dammit."

CHAPTER XII.

Jailed.

Cartersville nestles close between the points of two outlying foothills, and it is a delightfully lazy and old-fashioned town. For the most part it is made up of gabled old brick houses, which have pretty settings of green lawn, roses, honeysuckles and trees. Even in the small business district, the streets are lined with trees. They have electric lights there, and water mains, a common school and a high school, a courthouse, a jail and a theater.

It was a little after nightfall when Dale and the other two men rode through the shaded streets. Dale noted that the people they met under the swinging lights spoke cordially and with marked courtesy to his companions. It was very evident that the officer and Major Bradley were in high standing in their home town.

Sheriff Tom Flowers drew in before a hitching-rack that stood in front of the courthouse, a great old wooden building with a clock in its tower.

"We'll dismount here," said he.

They did. The major took the rein of Dale's horse.

"I'll see that the animal is well cared for, sir," he said to Dale. "And as soon as I have seen to our horses, I'll be with you. I wish to talk matters over with you. Suppose I bring supper for us both, eh?"

Dale thanked Bradley, and turned away with the officer. They walked a short block and entered a low, square building of brick and stone of which the windows were small and high and barred with iron. Dale knew that it was the Cartersville jail, and his heart sank in spite of him. Just as death by violence had been entirely new to him, so also was this entirely new to him.

Flowers took a ring of heavy keys from the hand of the jailer, and led the way down a whitewashed corridor. It was not yet bedtime, and the other prisoners were still up; some of them were reading newspapers, others were trying to mend their clothing, still others were doing nothing. A few of them called out boldly and bade the new prisoner welcome—and each of these received a gruff order from the sheriff to keep quiet. Dale paid no attention whatever to his would-be tormentors.

At an iron door at the end of the corridor, the officer halted and faced about.

"If there could be such a thing as a comfortable cell here," he said in low and kindly tones, "it's this one." He went on earnestly: "Now I want you to believe me when I tell you that it is with real regret that I put you behind a door of iron. But if I didn't do it, somebody else would do it; and it's possible that I can be a little more decent about it than another officer would be."

"I realize all that, y'know," replied Dale, "and I'm very much obliged to you, sheriff."

Flowers unlocked the door, and Bill Dale walked in. Flowers locked the door and went away.

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JUDGE McCALL GIVES BERG FIVE YEARS

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property in order to hinder and prevent the collection of the above verdict. Upon submitting the evidence in said case to the court, Judge McCall ruled the deeds to the lots in question were fraudulently made. Henry Aust, to whom the deeds were made and who defaulted at the trial, is declared to have no interest in the real estate involved. Jurisdiction is retained as to the principals in this case.

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Arva Ash, who had previously entered a plea of guilty to the charge of bootlegging, was arraigned Tuesday afternoon. The extreme penalty is one year imprisonment and a $500 fine. This being his first offense the judge reduced the fine and sentenced the prisoner to five months in the county pail and to pay a fine of $200. In his remarks to the prisoner Judge McCall told him the bootlegging business was pretty poor business and caused more trouble in the world than any other, for where the bootlegger plied his trade, women and children were neglected and even went hungry. As a cure the judge administered the above antidote.

John Mathews, who was held to the grand jury by Mayor Baker of Eagle Grove, which body indicted him, entered a plea of guilty, whereupon the court ordered him to pay a fine of $800 and costs, including a $50 fee for the county attorney. It was further ordered that upon the payment of $300 the remainder of the fine was to be suspended during good behavior. A raid was made on the premises occupied by Mathews several weeks ago and a quantity of moonshine seized.

Being unable to secure bail bond Merle Snyder of Eagle Grove was placed in the county jail last week. He was indicted for breaking and entering a building in the night time and also for larceny of some auto tires from the building. In each instance the court fixed his bond at $3,000. He is an 18 year old lad. Alva Vinton, an older partner of Snyder, was held on the same counts and a like amount in bonds, which he was able to furnish.

Sheriff Bassett of Fort Dodge called on Sheriff Lang Monday. He said that the bondsman for the Jew in whose store was found clothing stolen from Woolstock and Goldfield, had been able to get hold of money and property to an amount nearly equal to the $3,000 bond. The Jew disappeared at the time of the trial and is thought to be in Mexico.

Sheriff Meekins of Webster City and Geo. Wheeler, a Woolstock merchant, were in Clarion yesterday. They took back a quantity of clothing etc., taken from Mr. Wheeler's store by robbers a year ago. It will be used as evidence in the Hamilton county district court against Roy Fortune, who is to have his trial this week.

J. W. Claggett, who was fined $5.00 in Mayor Baker's court at Eagle Grove for striking a fellow citizen appealed to the district court. After the jury had been secured, it is presumed the appellant gave them the once over and gave up the fight, at any rate he dismissed the case.

Geo. Moore, indicted on two counts for the larceny of harness, one from a farmer west of Eagle Grove and another living north of that city, has entered a plea of guilty and will receive his sentence on Monday next.

Defendants defaulted in case of M. J. Thol of Belmond vs. Ray Morris and Alfred Swenson and plaintiff is granted a special execution by the court to collect $473 amount is balance due for rent of garage building.

Tillinghast & Co. of Clarion have been awarded judgment against Ewing Bros., through default, on account for $40. Ziegler Hardware Co., has been given judgment against the same defendant for $66.-50.

H. E. VanBuskirk of Belmond, a paroled patient from the hospital at Cherokee, was returned to that institution yesterday by Deputy Denby. He had become afflicted again.

Strike or no strike the court house folks will be able to keep warm for several weeks to come. A car load of soft coal was placed in the basement last week.

Two cases, both suits on notes against the Iowa Valley Sugor Co. of Belmond, have been settled. They were brought by the Wm. Galloway Co., one for $442.75 and the other for $295.17.

Miss Bock took advantage of the fine weather last week and visited nearly one-half of the rural schools of the county. She hopes to soon complete her annual visitation.

John Ruhl of Belmond, who was indicted on a nuisance charge, intoxicating liquor being the main issue, has been released on bail, his bond being fixed at $500.

A judgment for $147 is given Neuman & Co. against Geo. Vivian, he having failed to appear and defend.

A. E. Gouchenour vs. Henry Teget et al has been contiued by agreement.

Birth Record

Beula Melvine, born October 9, to Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders of Lake township.

A son, born October 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Johnson of Wall Lake township.

Beula Melvina, born Oct. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders of Lake township.

A daughter, born Oct. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hill of Grant township.

Wright County Schools

Did you know that there were 5034 pupils in the schools of Wright county last year. Of this number 3070 are in the town schools and 1964 in the rural districts. It requires 278 teachers to instruct these pupils—127 in the independent districts and 151 in the country. The value of the town school buildings is $459,050 as against $92,120 in the rural communities.

The teachers and pupils are divided as follows:

	Teach.	Pupils
Belmond	20	538
Clarion	25	620
Dows	15	331
Eagle Grove	37	967
Galt	4	57
Goldfield	14	285
Rowan	8	201
Woolstock	4	71
Total	127	3070
Boone township	9	149
Belmond	14	154
Blaine	8	86
Dayton	7	110
Eagle Grove	6	76
Grant	9	136
Iowa	3	46
Liberty	5	81
Lake	10	154
Norway	18	132
Pleasant	8	195
Troy	11	159
Vernon	15	148
Woolstock	9	116
Wall Lake	10	157
Lincoln	9	157
Alexander		46
Merservey		2
Renwick		7
Total	151	1964

Real Estate Transfers

Emma Ballou Cate to Viola Tibbits w½ se 7-91-23, $1.00.

Jacob Reichter to N. M. Nelson lots 19-20, blk 2, Sunnyside add, Goldfield, $1.00.

N. M. Nelson to Jacob Reichter

Monitor: The grand jury failed to indict Pauline Knuth who accompanied the man who stole the Middleton truck at Eagle Grove several months ago. The $1000 cash bond furnished by her father will be returned.

No bill was returned against W. V. Johnson by the grand jury. He was accused of forging checks at Eagle Grove all being made good later by his father.

Manuel Lopez and Mrs. Nellie Tunnell were indicted by the grand jury on the charge of adultery. Both have been held in the county jail since arrested last summer. At a preliminary hearing Tuesday they plead not guilty.

Wm. Palmer vs. Silas Palmer et al; default and decree of partition.

First National bank vs. R. E. Webb, settled and costs paid.

E. G. Gould has dismissed his case against N. H. Murphy.

Security Savings bank of Eagle Grove is given judgement against D. J. Barrow and Middleton Bros. on notes in suit for $3647.96 and costs, including $156 attorney fee.

Mansfield Overland Co. has been awarded judgement against W. O. Igou for the sum of $525.75 and costs.

The case of A. N. Anderson vs. Nathan Aldrich, F. B. Sheldon, garnishee, has been settled.

Monson Land Co. suing G. H. Krom on his note for $267.22 is awarded judgement for said amount.

Tillinghast & Co. is given judgement against Perry Beckett on account for $717.69.

Pink Trees and S. Sarber of Belmond have settled their suit.

Judgement for $4964.87 is entered against W. A. and Jessie Parsons in favor of H. J. Klemme and made a lien against certain real estate.

First National bank of Eagle Grove vs. Louis Scheppler, bank given judgement on note.

Anfin Weeks failed to appear and defend suit for divorce brought by Julia Weeks and his default is entered of record.

Judgement on a $520 note is given plaintiff in case of W. J. Billman vs. H. M. Imboden.

Martin Jensen defaulted when his case was called for trial and the State Savings bank of Galt is given judgement on a note.

Thru default of defendant State Savings bank of Galt secures judgement against Joe Meeker on his promissory note.

Belmond Savings bank vs. Ernest and Theodore Wege is a suit on a $556 note which amount plaintiff is awarded judgement on default.

John Sharp of Belmond defaulted when suit on his note for $134 brought by the Jones Harness Co. was called for trial.

State bank of Renwick vs. R. W. Frank et al. judgement on default for $12,080.

G H. Steele, Cato Griesy and Pink Trees vs. R. P. Morris and Alfred Swenson; personal judgement is entered against each defendant on note and mortgage in suit for sum of $2,174.

Another judgement against R. W. Frank and J. H. Frank in favor of H. H Fritze of Clarion is entered in the sum of $3,329.

First National bank of Clarion is awarded judgement against Ray Tillman on his promissory note for $1,-479.

Ross & Harris of Rowan have been given judgement against R. G. Shaver on his note for $1437.

State Bank of Stratford secures a judgement against J. E. Beck of Clarion on his note for $206.

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS

Wanted—4 or 5 school children to room. $1.00 per week. Mary Gealow Phone 316.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

For Sale—Big type Poland China spring boars. Priced to sell as I need the rom. Phone 3717.—O. D. Jenison.

For Sale—Second hand overcoat. Size 38.—W. T. Wilson, Star Cleaner.

Wanted—Job on farm by year by a married man. Experienced. Call this office.

Boars for Sale.

Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Gotlieb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

Strayed—Two hogs. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this ad and keeping.—W. H. Wolle.

Here's $8.50 For You!

Big Coupon Sale at Townsan Hardware On Saturday, Oct. 22

$2.50 This Coupon Good for $2.50
$2.50 Toward Cash Purchase Price of
Heating Stoves (Cole's Hot Blast, Gem City Heaters), Ranges (Globe Favorite)
Good Saturday, October 22, 1921, Only
TOWNSAN HARDWARE

$5.00 This Coupon Good for $5.00
$5.00 Toward Cash Purchase Price of
One Minute Belt Power Washing Machine or A. B. C. Electric Washer or Coaster Brake Bicycle
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TOWNSAN HARDWARE

$1.00 This Coupon Good for $1.00
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"	33 x 4	23 00
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Belmond, Iowa

The C. and C. Store's "Move to Larger Quarters Sale Ends Saturday, October 29th

Only Seven More Days of this Most Successful Sale

It has been a wonderful success and we wish to thank the people of Belmond and surrounding territory for their liberal trade and wish at this time to invite you all to our New Store, which will be opened November 1st and will assure you of the same courteous treatment and exceptional values that has made the C & C Store the most talked of store in Northwest Iowa. In the meantime we have many items that we want to close out and would rather give the people the benefit of Radical Price Reductions than pay the Moving Charges and damage in handling.

Visit this Sale During the Last Days and Save on your Winter Needs

These items represent values greatly in excess of the selling prices and are worthy of your time to see the qualities represented

Size19x39 Red Border Turkish Towels, special 4 fr $1.00.
Part Wool Army Socks special 4 for $1.00.
$2.50 Maternity or Athletic Corsets special $1.00.
36 inch Percale, Odds and ends, some short lengths, yard 12c.
Army Trousers, all wool, khaki, special $3.75.
Blue Serge Wool Dresses, special at $8.75.
Heavy Extra well made Sheep Lined Coats, special $9.95.
Husking mitts, single thumb, special quantity limited, 98c.

6x9 Congoleum style rugs, special $5.50.
Women's Work Shoes, special $2.98.
Boys' good School Shoes, clean up of odds and ends, special $1.98.
Childrens' Overshoes $1.39, Misses $1.59, Youths' $1.88.
Boys' all leather High Top Shoes, all sizes to 2, special $3.75
Boys' High Top Shoes, all leather, sizes 2 1-2 to 5 1-2, special $4.29.
Waist sale, $1.98, $2.25, $3.98, $4.98, Crepe De Chine Georgettes and Tricolettes.
Heavy Army Blanket Shirts, all wool, special $4.45.

Extra Heavy Genuine Rockford sox, special, 3 pair 50c.
Rockford style, good weight, special 2 pair 25c.
$15.00 all wool blankets, special $9.45.
$12.00, 50 percent Wool Blankets, special $8.45.
Men's Winter Fleece Union Suits, special 98c.
Men's represented all wool Union suits special $3.88, $3.98.
Men's guaranteed 50 percent wool Union suits, special $2,98.
Men's ribbed Union suits, an excellent garment, special $2.25.

Full size 72x90 3 pound stitched cotton batts, 89c

Childrens' part wool Union suits, all sizes, 2 to 16, a high grade ribbed garment, sale price $1.50.

Women's wool stockings, gray and black, sale, per pair, 59c.

Boys' heavy lumberman's style socks, $1.25 last year, now 39c.

Wool mitts for men, just the thing for inside leather mitts, now 39c.

Boys' leather mitts, per pair 39c.

Look for the Pennants—The Small Store with the Big Sale—We Move—

**Two Doors west of Post office
Opposite Kreges 10 c Store
824 Central Ave**

A good warm Jersey glove for the cool mornings, mens' or women's, a light grey, pear 10c.

Hand bags, plush and leather, choice worth more now, 94c.

Stocking caps, Boys and Girls, sale 39c.

Children's stockings, all sizes, some to 49c, clean up price, 4 pair $1.00.

Oversea army caps, khaki, good and warm, all wool, 37c.

Turkish towels, a good size, each only 9c.

Growing girl's broad toe shoe in brown, sizes 2 1-2 to 5, see window, now $4.45.

Women's work shoes, a big seller during this sale, black only, $2.98.

Navy Mackinaws, in dark blue, all wool and warm, buy them at this price now $7.98.

C & C

Here is ne of our best blanket specials—they weigh over three pounds to be exact, double blanket in grey, good size and only $2.25.

First quality window shades, 3 ft. wide by 6 ft. long, 50c.

Women's Overshoes $1.98.

Men's Overshoes $1.98.

Those $2.45 work shoes are a big hit of the sale, all sizes now but they are going fast, only $2.45.

Comparison of Merchandise and Prices is What we want—You are Cordially Invited to Come In and Look Around.

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"A CHEERFUL LIAR" TO LIE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

High School Is Starting Activities For The Winter

Gym Floor Is Now In Shape And Basket Ball Games Are Being Scheduled

FACULTY ENTERTAINED FRI.

The October meeting of the Normal Training club will be held Saturday evening Oct. 29. We plan to have Miss Bock, County superintendent, present at this meeting and every member should be there.

On Friday evening Oct. 21 the faculty were entertained at a Hallowe'en party by the Misses Stedman, Newgard and Eastman. The gymnasium was a corn field lighted by jack o' lanterns. There was a dark and dangerous pathway by which to reach this field, but after arriving there we were entertained by games and stunts appropriate for Hallowe'en. Best of all were the good things we had to eat.

Division I of the Literary society will give a Hallowe'n program Friday Oct. 28 at 2:30. The patrons of the school are invited to be present.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the Senior Normal Training class will observe rural schools in operation.

The first number of the lecture course was enjoyed by those present. There are three more numbers on the course. Plan to attend them, Dec. 15, Jan. 16 and Feb. 24. Season tickets may be obtained any time before Dec. 15 but those in charge would appreciate the purchasing of tickets as soon as possible in order that we may be sure the course will pay out.

Thornton baseball team was defeated Friday afternoon by a one-sided score. This game closes the baseball season until next April.

The basket ball season is now on. The new floor has been completed in the gym and the teams took up their first real practice Tuesday night. The season athletic tickets will be put on sale this week, good for six games. Games have already been scheduled with Sheffield, Dows and Clarion. We expect games with Rowan Swaledale, Kanawha Hampton Corwith and Mason City, if dates can be arranged. Next week a game will be scheduled with the high school teams and former B. H. S. stars. This game will be free to all who purchase season tickets. Back our teams and they will play fast ball this season.

Miss Brooks has been absent from school during the past week because of illness.

Mrs. Ben Hogenson has been elected permanent teacher of the "overflow" room.

Miss Liddle, our county nurse, is spending the week making a survey of the local schools.

BOOZE MAKER IS FOUND GUILTY

John Ruhl, an inhabitant of the hill west of town, was found guilty in district court yesterday on a charge of maintaining a liquor nuisance and will receive his sentence at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

Ruhl was arrested last spring in a raid made by the local police authorities in which they found over 30 quarts of beer and a gallon jug of real honest to goodness corn whiskey. The liquor was tested by a chemist and the beer found to contain eight per cent grain alcohol while the jug of whiskey registered around thirty-five per cent. The son plead guilty last spring to selling it while the father stood trial. A jury trial was held. This is the conclusion of a long tussle locally on the booze question on the hill. There are still some places and people who need a little investigating and doubtless they will receive it in due time.

FAMILY GATHERING HELD AT E. F. BAILEY HOME

The three Bailey families—E. F., Floyd and Thayne,—the Snyder and Scott and the Purcell families enjoyed a family gathering at the E. F. Bailey home on Monday evening of this week the occasin being the birthday of two members of the family group, Clarence Scott and Miss Doris Bailey. The evening was spent in games and social entertainment, and delicious refreshments were a feature of the evening. The house was very prettily decorated in the Hallowe'en style. An enjoyable evening was reported by all present.

OBITUARY OF EDNA PALS

After considerable suffering little Edna Pals, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Pals, was graciusly relieved from all further pain and from all the many ills sins and disappointments incident to all human life. The Lord Jesus took compassion on her. A bud, he plucked her from the stem to transplant her in Paradise, there to bloom and to beautify the Garden of God.

She was born on the 24th of Aug. and died on the evening of Oct. 20. She thus attained the age of two months lacking four days. The rite of Holy Baptism was administered to her only a few Sundays ago in the church of whose Sunday school she was enrolled in the Cradle Roll department.

She was first afflicted with a disease of the skin. She was almost entirely cured when another trouble, this time internally, took hold of her and resulted in her early death.

"Who plucked that flower?" asked the gardener, in anger, as he saw the broken stem of a rare and choice flower upon which he had bestowed great care. "It was I," said the Master, and the gardener held his peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Pals desire to sincerely extend their heartfelt gratitude to their neighbors and friends who stood by them in their trials and who helped take care of little Edna by night and day. ***

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IS COMING

The Wright County chapter Red Cross membership enrollment in the coming Roll Call which opens on November 11, Armistice day, and continues until Thanksgiving, November 27, will be in charge of Mrs. Geo. A. Richards of the Clarion chapter. Acceptance of this important post has just been sent to Chicago headquarters of the Central Division, of which this is a part.

Local support of the Red Cross is expected not only to reach but surpass that of this past year, since the organization is not only equipped to function in community work, here, but is called upon to act in national emergencies and distasters. The recent calls upon the Red Cross in the Pueblo and San Antonia floods as well as the obligations it is still discharging toward disabled ex-service men, place the responsibility for these humanitarian undertaking upon the shoulders of every person with "the heart and the dollar."

During the past month, the numbers of new soldier cases needing care and treatment have been brought to public attention and through the work of the "Clean Up" Squads a realization of the importance of work the Red Cross is doing for service men the country over has been increasingly manifest. That more than $10,000-000 has been expended in this work by the national organization within the year proves the need of its continual support.

Under the new arrangment all funds remain with the local chapter for support of its present activities with the exception of fifty cents from each annual, contributing or sustaining membership. These funds go to support disaster releif, soldier work and other projects.

Plans for Roll Call activities here will be announced shortly. Mrs. Richards and co-workers expect to wage a vigorous campaign for new and renew all Red Cross memberships.—News.

THE BELMOND INDEPENDENT ONE YEAR $1

The week of November 1 to 7 is Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper week, and the Independent, in co-operation with the nation-wide movement, is offering the Belmond Independent one year for one dollar to new subscribers only in that week.

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ARMISTICE DAY

What are the plans of the local post of the American Legion and of the Chamber of Commerce toward observing Armistice Day this year? That the town should observe the day goes without saying, and the Independent would like to see a real celebration of the event staged. Why not get the thing started? The local post of the Legion has an excellent opportunity to hold one of the best observations of the day ever witnessed in this country. Why not [illegible] day on the military order, [illegible] some snappy drills, exhibitions and perhaps a sham battle? There are very few people in Belmond who ever saw a military drill, and an event of that kind would go big. Why not invite the neighboring posts of Alexander, Rowan, Goodell and Meservey to come in on the day and make it a regular community affair?

FIRE IN TIMES GAZETTE BASEMENT

Eagle: Fire was discovered in the basement of the Times-Gazette office Monday afternoon. The timely arrival of the fire truck and fire department saved the building and contents The heaviest loser will be Mr. Jones who had a large amount of potatoes and apples stored in the basement After the fire Jones was serving potatoes to his friends, almost any style The only damage to the contents of the printing office was from smoke. Fire Chief Shaunce handled this blaze without turning the water into the printing office at all. The fire was around and above the furnace and considerable damage was done to the floor of the building. The building and printing office were insured but Mr. Jones carried no insurance.

ROUTE ONE NEWS NOTES

Miss Vida Jenison was a week end visitor at the home of her uncle, E. D. Jenison.

Wm. Gealow and family spent the day Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Philip Geitz.

E. D. Jenison has been on the sick list the past week but is much improved now.

Henry Hansen and family of Kanawha spent Sunday at the Aug. Rabe home.

Miss Leona Stack of Fort Dodge called on relatives in this vicinity on Sunday.

The majority of teachers of pleasant township are now enjoying a few weeks vacation.

The E. D. Steinlicht family called at the August Rabe home Sunday.

Charlie Harris and family of Latimer spent Sunday at the E. D. Jenison home.

Chris Enger is the new driver on the Deep Rock oil wagon, taking the place of Harry Nihoof who resigned.

EARL PETER PETERSON

Earl Peter Peterson was born on the Peterson farm five miles west of Belmond on the 22nd day of December, 1904, and died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Madsen in Belmond, Friday October 21st 1921, being at the time of his death 16 years, 9 months and 29 days old. He had been sick since last March with the dread disease diabetes and altho on a diet the entire time the disease could not be checked. He had never complained, bearing his trouble cheerfully and on Thursday before his death he fell into a coma from which he was not aroused until death released him from the clutches of disease the next afternoon. Earl was a loving and dutiful son, always thinking of his family and friends who did everything within their power to make his trial as easy as possible. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson who themselves had grown up in Belmond. He attended school in Belmond, and at Story City and Ames where his parents had resided. He came with his mother and sister to Belmond last summer and remained here until his death. Their friends here feel the sincerest sympathy for the bereaved parents and family.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Community Welfare club will be held on this week Friday, October 28, in the library basement.

Mrs. A. E. Martin will demonstrate making dress forms. These forms are very highly recommended by ladies who have them. They cost less than a dollar so every woman can afford to have one. Five forms will be made Friday afternoon.

The meeting opens promptly at 2:30. Every woman in the community is invited to attend this meeting.

The serving committee will be Mrs. F. O. Fitts, Mrs. Henry Schultz, Mrs. P. J. Amblie, Mrs. Ralph Christie, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Ted Townsan, Mrs. Clarence Scott, Mrs. R. C. Morse and Miss Thera Fitts.

GARNER PAPER RUNNING GOODELL SECTION

The Garner Leader came to our desk this week with a two-page section devoted exclusively to the news and advertising of Goodell, and the Leader made an attractive feature out of it. The Goodell section is run as a part of the Leader, instead of as a sperate insert as the Independent carries the Meservey section. It will no doubt result in much additional circulation to the Leader as well as business and will place the Leader in a commanding position in that territory. The running of these sections for the smaller towns around is a move that we believe will be done more and more, for it furnishes the small town with newspaper representation.

HOME TALENT TO BE GIVEN AT OPERA HOUSE

An All Star Caste To Present Three Act Comedy Friday Night Oct. 28th

COMMUNITY CLUB BENEFIT

Laughable Farce With All-Star Home Actors Is Feature Of Week's Events

"A Cheerful Liar" is the name of the play, and he will tell his tales for the benefit of the Community club at the opera house on Friday night of this week.

It is an all star caste, of the well known local actors who have delighted the Belmond people before, and it will be well worth the attending to judge frof what the kids who have been peeking thru the windows at rehersals say.

The play is being staged as a benefit to the Community Club, and the caste of characters may be found on page ten of the Independent of this issue. We believe that you will say from those who are to take part that it is going to be worth while. Come out Friday night, have a good time and boost for the club.

"MUGGING" CRIMINALS IS SHERIFFS NEW JOB

"Mugging" criminals, taking their finger prints and photographs, and making complete records of their measurements according to the Bertillion system, is the latest requirement of the sheriff's office. "Now look pleasant, please," sheriff Lang will say, squinting thru a big camera at some suspected band robber, and just as soon a Deputy Denger snaps the handcuffs on a desperado, he will lead him into the "studio" to ink his fingers, make everlasting records of the prints of his ten digit and then measure him much after the fashion of the old country tailor. make finger prints and photographs

Under the provisions of a law enacted by the last legislature, the attorney general of Iowa is required to to create a bureau of criminal investagation. Each sheriff is required to make finger prints and photographs of all persons arrested and held for investigation or to answer to some crime, and these records must be forwarded promptly to the bureau of investigation.

Sheriffs and police departments will also report all auto thefts, robberies and similar crimes to the bureau of investigation and supply a list of the criminals wanted in their vicinity.

LARGE BARN BURNS

At an early hour Friday morning of last week fire destroyed a large barn on the W. C. Smith farm east of Eagle Grove. Four horses and three mules were burned to death. Mr. Fisher, who is on the place, also lost about 30 tons of hay and all of his harness. Insurance was carried on the horses for $150 each and on the hay for $200. A queer feature of the fire was the discovering of bones in the ashes which resembled human bones. The coroner was summoned and an investigation made, but the bones had been raked from the fire and most of them disappeared. For that reason Dr. Walker the coroner was unable to state postively that the bones were those of a human being. They were found under the edge of the big pile of hay and the intense heat had practically reduced them to ashes.

Hon. Eugene Shaffter of Eagle Grove. state senator from this district, has been in poor health the past several months. Pernicious anemia is his malady which has baffled the efforts of his physicians.

GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

Remember and come to hear the Bierkamp Sisters on Friday night at 8 o'clock at the U. B. church. Season tickets $1.25 and 65 cents. Single admission for adults 50 cents.

Fred Bachman and wife visited at the Geo. Ruka home Sunday afternoon.

Walter Beier and wife drove down from Manson on Sunday morning to take dinner at the home of his parents. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Beier took them to their home at Manson, Mr. and Mrs. Beier returning Sunday evening.

The T. R. Burgess family has been released from quarantine and the family is at liberty. Ina Burgess is improving slowly.

Carl Sandberg drove Carl Engeseth and family to Rake, Minnesota, Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNutt moved into their new house on Saturday. They will have a beautiful and convenient home when it is completed.

Jake Bachman is moving a school house near Garner this week.

Mrs. Elmer Schneider was in Garner Wednesday on county Red Cross work.

Mr. and Mrs Cyril Church were visiting relatives in Goodell last week. They returned to their home in Clear Lake Sunday.

Father Eardley of Belmond was in town on Monday looking after the building of the new church.

Cyril McGuire of Belmond was a visitor here Friday.

Geo. Gruetzmacher of Klemme was in town Thursday on business matters.

John Wagner of St. James, Minnesota was a Goodell visitor last week Thursday. He will be remembered by some of the old settlers.

Miss Ina Ahrenkeil returned home Monday from a visit with friends and relatives at Iowa Falls and Cedar Rapids.

Supt. Nelson and family were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. O. Sandberg Sunday.

C. R. Trumbell of Belmond was in Goodell on business Thursday.

Clarence Fuller of Canton, S. D., was visiting with relatives here last week.

Miss Mamie White is so improved that she is able to walk down town

Mrs. Andy Peterson who has been in the hospital for some time was expected home Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Clark has been helping at the home of her brother during the illness of Mrs DeMerritt.

Chris Deigers was a Belmond caller Saturday.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

Those that attended the Hancock county Sunday school convention felt well paid for going.

Eight Sunday schools were represented. The addresses by Miss Dean and O. G. Herbrecht, state workers were excellent. Miss Dean presented the work with children and Mr. Herbrecht that of the young people. The Sunday school work is one of most important agencies for building up the moral character of our country.

Every parent should see that their children are in some Sunday school and the best way for the parents to get their children into the Sunday school is for them to go themselves.

The Women's Missionary society is to hold their annual Womans Day Sunday, Oct. 30. At that time they will give the missionary exercise The Voices of the Women.

The Sunday morning services were well attended and all are invited to the Sunday school at 9:45 and the preaching services at 11. Next Sunday the program given by the Missionary society will take place at the preaching hour.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY

Sheriff Lang made a trip to Perry and Des Moines Sunday, returning with L. W. Brown and Miss Madge Frace, members of the flying circus one of the attractions at Dows last week. They are accused of larceny of a quantity of clothing from the residence of Mrs. Robt. Starner, where they roomed while in Dows. Sheriff Lang found some of the clothing in their possession and the parties are now boarding at Hotel Lang in default of $1,000 bond in each case.—Monitor.

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
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The largest attendance at Sunday school last Sunday for three months. Keep the good work going and we will make this quarter a record breaker. Why should we not do it? We can do it if we all do our part.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon. Come and have a good time and help in the great work of the Kingdom.

Services next Sunday: Sabbath school at 10 a. m. The morning worship at 11 and the evening services in charge of the young people at seven thirty. Mr. Stephen Hardwick will be the leader.

A week from next Sunday we expect to have with us Rev. Royal J. Montgomery of Grinnell, who is the superintendent of our young peoples' work in the state.

Mrs. Lewis returned to her home in Belmond Sunday after a two weeks' visit at the O. Hoyt home.—News.

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FOUR CENTS FOR CORN

Despite the fact that they are out of a job, and that they are not earning anything, the average young man now will not go out and pick corn at three cents a bushel. They want four.

And they won't get it, a least but in islated cases. Three cents is all that the job is worth right now, and more than the farmer can afford to pay. Four cents is out of the question; if a farmer pays four cents a bushel to have his corn picked he is driven to the wall to save the crop, and the man who makes him pay that is as much of a profiteer as the man who keeps the price of his goods up.

No farmer is going to make any money from his corn this year; not when he sells for 28 cents and it costs him about thirty to pay the freight. If he pays three cents for picking he is paying all the job is worth, and all that he can afford to pay.

If there has been one there have been a dozen young men who called at the Independent office the past month wanting work; they have had tears in their eyes as they asked if there was a job open. But—they did not see corn picking at three cents and their meals. For such a man there is no sympathy; he will have to be starved to a realization that right now a job is a job, and he who has one is lucky; he should hang onto it.

It was a case two years ago of, when a man was offed a job of his "considering" it; now it is a case of his getting it, and not stopping to consider. Winter is the next door away, and how about food and shelter this winter? As the wise man two years ago was the man who put by a little for the future, so today is the wise man the man who gets a job—no matter if it is at three cents—and sticks by it. Any job is going to be better than no job when you are out of work.

THE GREATEST TROUBLE

The farmer today is in a position where he is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't. He has on the erage a good crop to sell, and he can't get anything for it. If he does sell the cost of transporting it to the markets is more than the crop is wrth. The greatest trouble with the situation today is that same transportation problem.

The freight rates are altogether out of reason. The railroad company is certainly running the game to the limit, and making the farmer foot the bill. It costs as much or more than the crop is worth on the market to ship it. Freight rates must be reduced before there can be any opportunity to get back to normal. And until they are reduced the country will have to suffer. Agriculture is the foundation of American prosperity; unless the foundation is secure what chance has the rest of the structrue? Would you build a big expensive house and build it on a foundation of sand? That is what the prosperity of America is built on today, and is it any wonder that the building wobbles?

Lower freight rates will mean a better price on the market, and the better price means better times. To say that the times now are hard is putting the matter in a wrong light; they are more tight, or difficult, than hard. We have plenty to eat, but we haven't any money to spare. Bring the cost of transportation down to a medium where it does not eat up all the profit there is—in other words, bring the railroads to time—and there will be a vast change in the condition of the county.

Are the railroads of this country entitled to anything? Has it not always been the history of the country that the railroads were given the first chance at the pudding? Recently the Independent received a letter stating that plates would be furnished free which dealt with the terrible shape the railroads were in, and telling why they had to have the high rates to pull thru and save the whole country from going to the bow wows. Who pays for the plates? Plates cost money; who foots the bill that the ignorant, obliging country editor may tell his farmer readers how much worse off the railroads are than they and how they ought to donate their year's labor to the broken-down, desperate railroads and help save this country from ruin? Forget that noise. Have you heard of any of the transportation lines being sold out or going to the wall? Then just stack up the cases you know of where men on the farms have lost all that they had or have made in this last year's work.

Average up the loss a little; let big business take its portion of the rind along with the rest and pass the meat further along the table so that the fellow at the end can at least get a smell of it anyway.

CLIPPINGS

OCTOBER SONG

I love the autumn breezes
That frolic round the street
Exposing naked kneeses
To give the boys a treat.

The chilly air and red noses
Winds blow an awful fright
Down legs below rolled hoses
My gosh, ain't it a sight?
—G. Whizz (Klemme Times)

For Editor Rankins' benefit and in strictest confidence as it were, we will say that in Clarion the only things that the girls roll is their hose; they smoke "Camels" which are easier to carry in their vanity bags.—News.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker of Belmond were shopping in Klemme last Friday—Times.

Mrs. D. A Brooks and son John of Belmond were callers on Mrs. J. W. Brooks Sunday.—Times.

Miss Naomi Frisbee visited friends at Belmond over Sunday.—Times.

Dr. Barth drove to Belmond and took his old classmate Dr. Fitch to Iowa City with him.—Garner Signal.

Miss Wallace of Belmond was a guest of Mrs. Clarence Barnes the latter part of the last week.—Signal.

Mr. and Mrs Wm. Baldridge and family from Cedar Rapids accompanied by Mr. Baldridge's parents from Belmond were guests here last Thursday at the Geo. Baldridge home.—Kanawha Reporter.

Hans Christensen left his cement mixing machine on the side of the road last week. Some one came along Saturday evening, broke open the tool box, stole all the tools and tipped over the macine.—Clear Lake Reporter.

It is with keen personal regret that we announce the serious illness of Senator Schaffter. For the past week he has been confined to his bed and only close and personal friends have been admitted to his bedside.—Eagle.

Mrs. W. S Pritchard was at Belmond Tuesday attending a meeting of the Wright County Federed Womens clubs. Mrs. Pritchard was on the program for a talk on "Better Clubs."—Garner Leader.

Clerk of the Court Beryl Erwin reports the theft of a bottle of milk from his front porch some time Saturday night. Beryl is somewhat of a "Sherlock Gluck" but he has not as yet been able to locate the perpatrator of the crime. He says that he has no desire that the milk be returned but that the party who took it might be man or perhaps woman enough to return the empty bottle.—Leader.

THE BAREFOOT BOY.

The time was when newspaper men turned the epic of barefoot boys on frosty morns, going for the old milk cows that had strayed far afield. Having originated on the farm, where they had heard their forbears tell of such experiences, these scribes had perhaps originated on the farm themselves. By much circumlocution they had reached the city, there to pine and pore, and eke out an existence by a facile pen.

Memories of those other days caused them to turn to narratives that had been doled out around the old family cook stove back on the farm when granddad told of how the blood of life was running warm, when he, himself, was a barefoot boy, down on the farm.

Into the cup that was taken to cheer, and which cheered to inebriation, fell many a tear and sorrow, dropped there by these sympathetic scribes whose memory ran back to granddad's narrative of those better days.

In these children of their fancies these scribes depicted how the barefoot boy evicted old Brindle from her berth in the high, frost coated grass, that they might warm their bare feet. They even went so far as to depict the tingles of pain that followed the first revulsions from cold to heat; how the toes tingled; how the dew cracks smarted and burned; how the body waited for the cattle to get a good long start toward the barn yard before setting out from his fireless heater, to dash through the frosty grass to overtake them.

How well the picture was painted! How we all felt for the barefoot boy. How we all wished that he had had a good dog to bring in the cows from out the pasture under stars looking down, cold and calm and a frost coated verdure. How we wished, out of sympathy for the boy, that his dad had left them stanchioned over night. What was the use of turning them out to the pasture for the night anyway? A few of the farm boys a quarter of a century back did go barefooted to the fields at morn to drive back to the barn, old Brindle, she of the crumpled horn.

Poor little fellow! Perhaps, and more than likely, he now owns a big farm of his own, and being in the cattle business big and plenty keeps no milk cows for his own son to go barefooted afield for under the morning stars through frosted grass. If his son does go after cows it is after sunup, and the latter generation probably rides a pony, or maybe he chases the cows in from off the deck of a Ford. Perhaps the barefoot boy of yesterday is now a banker, up on Wall street, wearing patent leather shoes, and turning back to pumpkin pies, fresh apple cider, new sorghum molasses, hot biscuits and honey while trying to bring his satiated appetite to taking on a fillet mignon, or goose livers with mushroom sauce.

But after all, the boy that went out on frosty mornings and dispossessed a cow of her sleeping quarterr that he might warm his cold and aching feet, was largely a myht. There were some of them, but they were few. He is one of those pleasant personages of bygone days that floats in on the screen of retrospection of those plaintive chronicles of ancient scribes that we consider.—Chronicle.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

CHAPTER VIII. — Returning to the Halfway Switch, Dale meets Major Bradley, lawyer, and real friend of the mountaineers, whom he engages as counsel for the company. A man named Goff, of evil repute, tries to bribe Dale to betray the Morelands by selling him the coal deposits, and telling them they are of little value. Dale attempts to thrash him, but Goff draws a revolver. Dale is unarmed.

CHAPTER IX.—Goff enlists the aid of a turbulent crowd, the Balls and Torreys, to make trouble for Dale's company. The Littlefords and Morelands agree to forget the old feud and dwell in harmony.

CHAPTER X.—"Babe" returns to her home, fearing she is a burden to the McLaurins. Dale remonstrates, and she agrees to go back, for the sake of an education. Waylaid by "Black Adam" Ball, Dale fights a pistol duel with the desperado, and Ball is killed. Dale is arrested and taken to jail at Cartersville. He doesn't see how his shot could have killed Ball.

CHAPTER XI.—There is much speculation as to who really killed Ball, the general opinion being it was By Heck, who had constituted himself Dale's guardian.

CHAPTER XII. — Caleb Moreland, son of John Moreland, admits firing the shot which killed Ball, and takes Dale's place in jail. He is innocent, but takes the blame for the killing in order that Dale can continue the development of the mine.

Dale began to inspect his quarters. To all appearances, they were at least clean. There was a narrow bed covered with a pair of gray blankets, a stool and a soapbox, and nothing more. The light in the corridor behind him made snaky black lines of bar-shadows on the brick partition walls and the outer wall of stone. Dale shuddered in spite of himself. He put up one hand and turned on a small light, which dissipated the uncanny shadows—and showed him a line from Dante's "Inferno" that to him seemed very miserable; some former occupant of that cell had written it with charcoal on the whitewashed outer wall.

Then Dale sat wearily down on the narrow bed, leaned his head upon his hands, and began to think.

He had always wanted difficulties to overcome, barriers to surmount, a work to do, a fight to fight for himself. In full measure he had found them every one. He did not doubt his ability to overcome the difficulties, surmount the barriers, do his work well and fight his fight as a good man fights, and win—if it were not for the charge of having shot and killed Black Adam Ball! It seemed to him now that that must end all that was worth while for him. For that was more than a difficulty, more than a barrier.

He firmly believed that it had been his bullet that had finished the earthly existence of the giant hillman. True, it had been an accident. But how was he to convince a jury that it had been an accident? Would the jury take his word for it? The jury would not, of course.

The mysterious third shot, that had come from a little distance—but he could not reasonably expect deliverance from that source. If only he had held down his abominable, savage temper; if only he had—

Major Bradley interrupted his unpleasant train of thought.

"No brooding there, my boy!"

Dale looked up. The old attorney, as neat in appearance as though he had not even seen a saddle that day, was standing just outside the hateful door of bars. Beside him stood a whiteclad negro boy with a big tray of steaming food on one hand and a pot of steaming coffee in the other.

The jailer came and unlocked the door; also he very considerately brought another stool and fresh water. The major entered the cell, and the negro followed.

An amused twinkle appeared in Dale's eyes as Bradley put the tray down on the soapbox. There was enough for five threshing-machine hands! The black boy was sent to the front door to wait.

"I thought you'd be as hungry as I am, and I'm as hungry as poor old By Heck ever was!" laughed the major, as he sat down and began to pour the coffee. "Riding always made me as hungry as a bear in April. Light right into it, Dale. There's nothing like a good steak, for any meal, when a fellow is half starved; eh, Dale? Try that one, won't you? I told Massengale I'd cause his beheadment if these steaks weren't perfect. Massengale," he added, "runs the hotel here, the Eureka Funeral Parlors, and the One-Price Clothing Emporium."

"I wonder," smiled Bill Dale, "what he does with his spare time?"

Bradley laughed, his eyes twinkling merrily. Dale found that he too was hungry, now that savory odors had invaded his nostrils. A minute later, and he had pronounced his steak delicious.

"Massengale shall not suffer beheadment," said the major; and he began to carve his own steak.

It was an excellent meal, the grim surroundings notwithstanding. When it was over, the negro boy came and took away the dishes, and received with a gladsome grin the two silver coins that were given him. Then Bradley produced a handful of cigars, and two of them were promptly lighted.

"Now, sir," said the old lawyer, "I feel like talking. Let's see, you gave your man Hayes orders to carry the work right along as though nothing had happened, didn't you? And the sheriff is to go back the day after tomorrow to arrest two or three Balls and two or three Torreys, to see what he can find out concerning the dynamiting of the two buildings and the trestle—today was not a good time to make the arrests. Am I correct?"

"Correct," nodded Dale.

Bradley regarded his cigar thoughtfully.

"Now," he said in a low tone, suddenly lifting his gaze to the other's face, "tell me about the thing that brought you here. Don't omit even the slightest detail. Nobody can overhear you if you will hold your voice down. These walls are very thick, you see. Well, you may begin."

In carefully guarded tones, Bill Dale gave a straightforward account of the whole unfortunate occurrence. The major listened intently to every word of it, so intently that he allowed his cigar to go out. Often he stopped his client and asked him to repeat certain portions of the story in order that he might be doubly sure of a point.

As Major Bradley rose to ask the jailer to come and let him out, Dale muttered downheartedly:

"Tell me, major: what do you think of my case? It looks rather bad, doesn't it?"

"Not bad enough to warrant your feeling blue over it, my boy!" said Bradley, showing his polished white teeth in a smile that was meant to be reassuring. "I think we'll get you out of it. Anyway, don't worry about it. Worry will kill a cat, they say! You didn't kill Adam Ball. John Moreland had taught you how to shoot pretty well; and if you took even half as careful an aim as you think you did, you couldn't have missed Ball's hat by so much.

"I have an idea, Dale," he resumed, "that if we knew who fired that third shot we'd know who did for Ball. It might have been done in order to save you. Ball was noted, I understand, as an unfair and tricky fighter. He might have been trying to trick you when he rose and fell groaning. Perhaps he meant to draw you into the open, that he might have a clean shot at you. Eh?"

Dale shook his head goomily.

"Hardly plausible, major. In that event there was nothing against the man whose bullet finished Ball, because he did it to save me; and he would have owned to it and prevented my arrest. A man who liked me well enough to kill Ball to save my life would like me well enough to confess and save me from suffering for it. I am sure of that, major."

"Ah, my boy," smiled the older of the two, "you don't yet know the mountain heart. Jail is a terrible thing to the liberty-loving mountaineer. But love of you, and love of fair-dealing, will soon overcome the fear of jail, and you will be freed—if what I strongly suspect proves to be well founded. I'll leave you now, Dale. I'll see you in the morning, sir. Good-night!"

When his optimistic attorney had gone, Dale glanced once more at the to him miserable line from Dante's "Inferno," and began to remove his outer clothing preparatory to going to bed. He did not feel anything like so confident concerning the outcome of his trial as Major Bradley evidently felt. Then he became even more dejected, and he told himself that the major had spoken so reassuringly merely to help him keep up heart.

The night passed, and another bright summer day dawned, and in the Cartersville jail there was one prisoner who had not slept at all. Each of those long and heavy black hours had been an age to this prisoner to whom jail was so new.

At noon a furious windstorm, accompanied by much vivid lightning and blinding rain, sprang out of the west and began to sweep the countryside and out of the lowering wet gloom there came one to deliver Bill Dale. He was a mountaineer, young and stalwart and strong, and about him there was much of that certain English fineness that was so striking in his father.

He entered the low, square building of brick and stone and stopped in the center of the corridor, where he stood, while water ran from his wet clothing and gathered in little pools at his feet, and looked to his right and to his left. Dale saw him, and cried out in surprise:

"Caleb!"

Caleb Moreland walked straight, his head up and his shoulders back, a splendid picture of virile young manhood, to the end of the corridor. He gripped two of the door's hated bars, bars that had long been worn smooth by other human hands; he pressed his smoothly shaven, sunburned face against the iron, and smiled.

"How are ye a-feelin' by this time, Bill? It's some h—l of a place, ain't it?"

Dale took a step toward him. "Well, a queen's boudoir is nicer. What are you doing here, Cale?"

"I've come to set you free," said Caleb Moreland.

Dale stared unbelievingly. "But that is impossible, Cale. How could you set me free?"

"Call Tom Flowers, and I'll sight ye."

Dale called, and the officer came immediately. Caleb Moreland turned from the cell door and faced him.

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He swallowed, went a trifle pale under his tan, and continued bravely:

"Bill Dale thar, he never done it. I am the one 'at done it. Bill he shot at Adam, but he missed—Adam had done shot at Bill fust, y'onderstand, Tom. But I didn't miss. I don't never miss. I'm a plumb tombstone shot. They allus rules me out at any shootin' match. I'd ha' owned up to it yeste'-day, but the thought o' jail had me skeered bad. I jest cain't let as good a man as Bill Dale thar suffer fo' a thing I done myself. So you let him out, Tom, and put the right man in thar."

Flowers had a good heart, and this touched it. But he was not very much surprised.

"Tell us about it, Caleb," he requested.

Caleb looked toward Dale, then he faced the lord of Cartersville's little prison again.

"Well, shuriff, when I seed Bill Dale go off toward the trustle by hisself and alone, I knowed right then he was in danger o' bein' laywayed by some o' them thar lowdown Balls and Cherokee Torreys. So I decides to foller atter him and gyard him, without him a-knowin' anything about it, which same I done. When he met Adam Ball—"

He broke off abruptly.

"Go on," urged Flowers.

"I reckon I won't," smiled Caleb, and his eyes were still twinkling. "I reckon I won't do no more talkin' jest now. Yes, I reckon the proper place fo' me to do my big talkin' is in the co'tehouse at my trial. Lock me up, will ye Tom?"

"We'll see," said Flowers.

Forthwith he dispatched a deputy for Judge Carter and Major Bradley, who hastened to the jail.

An hour later Caleb Moreland was the occupant of the cell at the end of the whitewashed corridor, and Dale was mounting his bay horse Fox to ride back into the heart of the everlasting hills. He arrived two hours after nightfall. The Morelands were glad to see him, and the Littlefords were glad to see him. There was rejoicing there in the broad valley that lies between David Moreland's mountain and the Big Pine. Everybody had been expecting him, and many were the pairs of eyes that had been watching for him. He found himself suddenly wishing, with a tightening at his throat, that his father could know how much bigger and how much better it was to be thus esteemed than to be wealthy.

Luke took charge of his tired horse and led it away to the old log barn and to some fifteen ears of yellow corn. Luke's father escorted him proudly, the guest of honor, in to one of Addie Moreland's incomparable old-fashioned suppers, which was none the worse for being late. Several Littlefords sat at the long, home-made table.

John Moreland turned up the light a little, and cracked a worn but timely joke; then he looked toward one of the men whom he had fought throughout many years, and muttered into his thick brown beard:

"Saul, friend, will ye do us the favor o' axin' the blessin', ef ye please?"

"Shore, John, o' course."

Saul Littleford, the very illiterate, laced his big fingers together across his plate, bent his head, and told the good Almighty that they were all very much obliged to Him for the fine supper they had before them, for Addie Moreland who had cooked it, for peace, and for Bill Dale. . . .

It was almost midnight when the visitors left. They had been sitting outside, on the honeysuckle-scented front porch and in the cabin yard. At last Bill Dale and John Moreland were left together on the porch.

"There's a thing that has puzzled me since the moment I got here this evening," said Dale. "Why is it that nobody seems to be grieving over Caleb's being in jail?"

The big hillman's answer came almost sharply: "No Moreland ever grieved over a sacrifyce, Bill."

Dale sat up straight. "A sacrifice! What do you mean?"

This time the big hillman's answer came slowly. "I mean 'at Cale he's a-takin' all o' the load off o' yore shoulders 'at he can. Cale he's a-takin' yore place in jail ontel the trial comes off, which'll be at the October term o' co'te. He trusts you to come back and set him free on the day o' the trial. O' course you'll do it; we hain't never doubted that fo' one little minute, Bill. But it wasn't all done fo' yore sake. You're the hope o' the Morelands, and you can do a heap more here 'an Caleb can."

He leaned toward Bill Dale and went on in a confidential tone:

"And I can tell ye this here, ef you're found guilty o' killin' Adam Ball, and sentenced fo' even one year, the Morelands and the Littlefords is a-goin' to take ye from the officers and turn ye loose with a good, long start on the law."

"Wouldn't that be rather—"

Dale broke off because he had seen the tall figure of a man appear in the open gateway. It was By Heck, and he spoke.

"Hello, John Moreland!"

"Hello yeself!" growled Moreland, who was not at all pleased at the interruption.

Heck advanced, carrying his rifle by its muzzle. He halted with one foot on the stone step.

"I've got news fo' ye, Bill," he said, recognizing Dale even in the darkness. "I've been a-eavesdrappin' up at old Ball's house, and I had to choke about ten dawgs to do it. Bill, old boy, them Balls has done swore by everything on earth and in Heaven and in Torment 'at they'll kill you ef the law don't. Igod, ye'd better watch out, Bill."

John Moreland rose from his chair.

"Much obleeged to ye, By. And good-night to ye. Le's go into the house, Bill. I didn't think them d—d pole-cats had that much narve—and I don't hardly believe it yit. It might ha' been white licker a-talkin. Their kind o' white licker ain't hawnest, like By Heck's is, though his'n is bad enough. Their kind'll make a man resurrect his dead inemies out o' the graveyard and shoot 'em up all over again. It ain't a-goin' to do a great deal o' harm, Bill, ef ye don't light no lamp when ye go to bed. A man cain't never tell jest what's a-goin' to happen."

"And the Ball-Torrey outfit—" Dale began, when the Moreland chief cut in:

"Ef the Ball-Torrey outfit pesters you, they're every one purty durned apt to die with what is knowed gen'ally in this section as the rifle-bullet disease."

CHAPTER XIII

Sentenced to Hang.

Sheriff Tom Flowers and four able deputies rode out of Cartersville very early on the following morning. They went to the Big Pine mountain country, and, by a scheme that entailed some shrewdness on the part of the chief officer, arrested two Balls and two Torreys on suspicion and took them away without trouble.

The two Balls and the two Torreys were lodged in the Cartersville jail and offered their liberty and exoneration from all blame in the dynamiting affair if they would give the names of the other guilty parties and appear against them. The mountaineers declared stoutly that they knew nothing whatever of the matter, and when pressure was applied they grew sullen and refused to talk at all.

It was plain to Flowers that they did know something about it, and he finally ordered that they be kept in a cell on a diet of bread and water until their tongues loosened. At which the Balls and Torreys swore loudly and swore that they would rot in jail first—unless their kinsmen came and shot up the town and liberated them by force!

"To me that is proof that you four are guilty," grimly smiled the sheriff. "And if your folks want to try storming the jail, let them. A full company of militia can be rushed here within an hour, at any time, and we'll give your folks all the fun they want."

It may be recorded that the four hillmen never confessed.

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Bill Dale, closely shadowed by one lanky Samuel Heck with his inevitable, ever-ready rifle, went among the workers with a cheer that he did not feel. For Caleb Moreland was in jail, and Caleb Moreland was innocent. But there was one sincere delight for Dale: Hayes was driving the little railroad ahead with all his might and all the might of his men. Hayes was in high favor with those under him; they worked even harder when he was absent than they worked when he was standing over them.

The days ran on, and there was no sign of a hostile demonstration from the Balls and Torreys. Judging from appearances, they were wholly satisfied with Caleb Moreland's being in jail.

Henderson Goff had disappeared. Dale hoped that he was rid of the man for all time, but he wasn't. Goff was not so confident as was Major Bradley that he could establish his innocence in the matter of the dynamiting of the two buildings and the trestle. He wished very much to steer clear of arrest, for reasons of his own, and he was biding his time in a little town in western North Carolina. When the dynamiting affair had blown over, he would go back and try again, perhaps by an altogether new scheme, to get himself into possession of the Moreland coal.

Then there came to the neighborhood a man whom no Moreland, and none of the Littlefords, had ever set eyes upon before. He was a very uncouth mountain man, with long black hair and shaggy beard; his clothing was outlandish and ragged. He had not much to say; there was about him, somehow, an air of mystery.

Two days after his arrival, in the afternoon, the stranger met Dale midway between the Halfway switch and the opening of the coal vein, and stopped him with an unpraised hand.

"Do you know good coal when ye see it?" he drawled.

"Why?" asked Dale, on his guard.

The stranger looked sharply in all directions, as though he wished to make sure that no person was within earshot of them. Evidently satisfied, he drew from a trousers pocket a shining black lump of coal, which he held out for Dale's inspection.

"What do ye think o' this here?" he wanted to know.

Dale took the lump and examined it closely. It was apparently as good as the Moreland coal, which had sent the expert Hayes into raptures. Dale

"What Do Ye Think o' This Here?" He Wanted to Know.

then looked closely at the stranger. He appeared to be honest; his gaze was steady, and seemed very innocent.

"Where did you get this?" Dale asked.

The alert eyes narrowed. "Do ye think this here vein you're a-fixin' to mine is the only vein in the whole country?"

"Where did you get this?" Dale repeated.

"Do ye think," drawled the other, "'at I'm plumb fool enough to give my find away fo' nothin'? I been pore all o' my life, mister!"

"How am I to know," frowned Dale, "that you've really got a find?"

"Ye'd believe yore own two eyes, wouldn't ye?"

"Yes," Dale agreed, "I'd believe my own two eyes, of course. What's your name, and where are you from?"

"What do I git outen it? I don't own the mountain it's in, but it shore can be bought fo' fifteen cents a acre. And nobody knows about it but jest me. It lays closer to the railroad 'an this here Moreland vein, too. What do I git outen it, mister?"

The mountaineer seemed more honest than ever, but Dale was still on his guard. He asked again:

"What's your name, and where are you from?"

This time the answer came readily: "My name it's Walt Turner, and I'm from Turner's Laurel, Madison county, state o' Nawth Ca'liner. But my find it ain't nowhars clost to home. 'Tain't no more'n about two hours o' walkin' from right here, mister. Ef you'd jest up and go along wi' me, I'd show it to ye."

Dale considered. There might be a considerable vein of this new coal. Even if he was sent to the state penitentiary for a term of years, Hayes was entirely capable of carrying on the mining operations.

"I'd like to take my mining man, Hayes—"

"No!" quickly objected Walt Turner. "I don't want nobody else to know whar it's at but jest you and me. That away, ye see, ef I'm treated crooked I'll know edzactly who done it—and I'll shore git you! But I heerd tell' at you was pow'ful square, mister."

"Could I get back here before nightfall?"

Turner's eyes lighted. "Shore!"

"Then lead the way," ordered Dale.

Walt Turner from Turner's Laurel, Madison county, state of North Carolina, crossed the little creek on stones and went straight to the northeast, missing the Ball settlement by a good mile, and hard on his heels followed the Moreland Coal company's stalwart general manager.

The way was exceedingly rough. The two men climbed rugged cliffs, threaded dense thickets of great laurel, mountain laurel, sheep laurel, and huckleberry bushes. They were one hour in a stretch of woods where the hemlocks, poplars and hickories stood so thickly that the interlacing branches overhead shut out completely the light of the sun and half the light of day. Fearing a panther, or a wildcat, Dale kept his revolver loosened and ready in its holster. Walt Turner armed himself with a long staff—for snakes, he said; and then he proved it by killing a rattler that had eight rattles to its tail.

But they traveled rapidly, notwithstanding the fact that the going was difficult; and two hours after the beginning of the little journey Dale saw before him a small and almost circular, level-bottomed basin walled in by low cliffs. A small creek ran through this basin and made two easy ways of entrance. In the hollow they saw clumps of laurel and huckleberry bushes, and wild grasses knee-high; toward the center stood a solitary big and gnarled black walnut tree.

They entered at the point at which the creek ran in, and went to the walnut tree. There Turner halted and faced Bill Dale with a peculiar glint in his eyes. Dale was looking at the rugged walls of stone, and at the thick green forest that rose above them; he was marveling, as only a true lover of beauty can marvel, at the wonderful grandeur of it all.

Walt Turner, of Turner's Laurel, opened his slit of a mouth and spake, "Here's the kitty!"

Dale was brought out of his enjoyment most rudely. From behind clumps of laurel and huckleberry bushes, from the tall grasses, from everywhere—it seemed from nowhere—there sprang dozens of Balls and

Bill Dale Had Walked, as Gently as a Kitten, Straight Into a Trap.

Torreys with rifles in their hands. Bill Dale had walked, as gently as a kitten, straight into a trap.

His right hand moved toward the butt of his revolver, then dropped at his side. It was foolish, worse than useless, to show fight; dozens of rifles were staring at him with their frowning, murderous eyes, and their bullets would riddle him if he showed fight. He glanced toward Walt Turner, kinsman of the Balls.

Turner was laughing openly. "Pore little kitty!"

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Community Club Benefit Play Draws Large Crowd

Crowded House Enjoys Home Talent Play Last Friday Evening

CLUB CLEARS NICE SUM

"A Cheerful Liar" certainly lied cheerfully last Friday evening when the Community Club benefit play was given at the opera house before a audience which completely filled the building. Despite the rainy weather the crowd turned out to see the show and the universal comment was complimentary.

All the actors handled their parts well and some of them especially were good. C. M. Morse handled his part of the constable very well, and furnished numerous laughs to the crowd. Cato Griesy had the heavy part, an unusually heavy one, and he is to be complmented upon the way in which he managed his car and carried it thru. His part was too long for one character in an amateur play, and indeed, one of the actors of "Montana" which showed here on Saturday evening stated that he had played in the same play for three years and he considered it too heavy for an amateur organization.

Miss Albert Pierce was good, and handled her lines in nice shape, as did Mrs. Goelz and Mrs. White, both of whom had difficult parts. "Matt" in the role of a southern gentleman was as good as his mustache, which was all there. J. S. White carried his part thru nicely, in fact they all were good, and gave the audience the worth of their money.

The Community club realized about one hundred and fifty dollars from the play, and considering the work that it took to put it on they earned every cent of it.

Josephine Freil McAlpine trained the troupe and she is to be congratulated upon her sucess with them.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Last week Friday evening about six o'clock Mrs. Ralph Christie, going west on Main street, and Chris Sorenson going north on River Avenue met at the intersection of the streets and the cars smashed together. The Christie car had one front wheel and fender broken, and was other wise damaged, and the Sorenson car was damaged to a slight extent. Mrs. Christie was accompaned by Mrs. Sloan and children, and was on her way home. She expected the other car to slow down but each seemed to be expecting the same thing and as a result the cars collided. No one was injured.

WANT ANY TURTLE SOUP?

Last week among other things that went out by express from here, was a shipment of turtles, two full barrels of 'em, mud and snapper, taken from the Iowa river north of town and consigned to a firm in Philadelphia. Honus Thompson was the shipper, and he receives eight cents a pound for the fish—or are they fish? When they get to the Quaker City doubtless some after-the-show party will put up 80 cents a gargle for the stew of the snappers.

CLARMOND CLUB HAS BIG HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The members of the Clarmond Country club held a very enjoyable Hallowe'en party at the clubhouse on Monday night of this week, the affair being a masquerade ball, and to judge from the reports those present had a regular time. Some of the costumes displayed were amusing to the highest degree, and several of the Clarion mmbers are reported to hav staged a "band concert" which brought down the house. A large number were present and every report is of the best time ever.

COUNTY CLUB RALLY IS GREAT SUCCESS

In spite of the miserable weather and the poor road conditions, the Wright county farm bureau held a most successful rally of all girls' clubs at Clarion last Saturday, October 29th. Every girls' club in the county was well represented and judging from all reports everyone had a most enjoyable time. The success of the rally was due in a large measure to the untiring efforts put forth by the members of the various committees and the rural teachers of the county, all of whom seemed to accept the responsibility of making it a success.

The members of the board of directors of the Farm Bureau and the County Agent hereby express their appreciation of the kindness and the splendid co-operation shown by Mr. W. F. Smith, manager of the Colonial Theatre who so willingly offered his theatre for the entertainment of the youngsters. Indeed, Mr. Smith made a special effort to entertain the girls of the county by arranging for a special photoplay entitled "Sweet Lavender," a comedy in five parts. Two reels showing the different processes in the manufacture of lace and one reel showing the various methods used in the manufacture of chinaware, also several slides illustrating the appropriatenes of dresses for school girls were secured from the Extension department at Ames. A vote of thanks is hereby extended by the officers and members of the girls' clubs of Wright county to Mr. Smith and his operator.

Miss Margery Hilton, director of music in our public schools, was in charge of the song fest which preceeded the running of the different reels. The singing of the club songs seemed to add enthusiasm and momentum to the meeting and it may well be said that the music was the life of the club rally.

The entertainment in the theatre was followed by a luncheon served in cafeteria style in the parlors of the M. E. church where members of the various clubs entertained their parents and members of the baord of directors of the farm bureau. This mid-feast was followed by a short talk by Mr. Harry Sumners, president of the farm bureau, who was followed by Miss Hazel Spencer, leader of the girls' club work in Wright county. Miss Cloe Jenison of Pleasant township told briefly of her experiences as a member of the girls club when the club work first began in Wright county, a few years ago. Miss Josephine Arnquist, state leader of girls club work then followed with a most interesting address on the various phases of girls club work, and the great responsibility which lay before the girls of Wright county. All credit for the success of the rally feast should go to county superintendent Blanche Bock and Mrs. Anna Overbaugh, who worked so faithfully and planned so successfully the decorations of the dining room and the method of serving about one hundred people who partook of this sumptuous dinner. The spirit of co-operation on the part of the officers of the M. E. church in throwing open their doors for this occasion was greatly appreciated by the officers of the Wright County Farm Bureau, also the leaders and members of the girls clubs of the county.

On account of the lack of time the play tournament which was to have been lead by Miss Violet Lukens was omitted and the girls club stunts lead by Miss Thora Larsen of Eagle Grove was next on the program. Clever stunts illustrating parlimentary laws in conducting meetings and the initiation of members into the club were given by the girls themselves. The program closed with the awarding of the premiums by Harry Sumners, president of the Farm Bureau.

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB

The meeting of the Community club held last Friday was a big sucess. Over one hundred women were present to see the demonstration of making dress forms by Mrs. A. E. Martin. These forms are so inexpensive and so serviceable that nearly every woman in the community is planning to make one.

Refreshments were served and a good social time was enjoyed by all.

ONLY FOUR MORE DAYS

NEW subscribers may secure the Independent one year for one dollar up to the 7th of this month—after that it will be the same price as before: two dollars per year.

We made this offer for one simple reason: To gain circulation and to obtain the extra money which we expected it to bring in. At one dollar the publisher loses money on very subscription; the postage in a year will be more than that. We have been making large gains in circulation thru this offer, as high as fifteen new supscriptions a day, and while we lose in some ways we gain in others.

If we secured these subscriptions thru an agent, we would have to allow the agent a commission for his work. We are simply giving the subscriber this commission by dealing direct. You have FOUR MORE DAYS to get the Belmond Independent ONE YEAR FOR ONE DOLLAR. And you must be a NEW subscriber.

We want to play fair with those subscribers who have been on the Independent lists so long, however, and we are making them the following offer, which holds good to December 1st:

We will accept RENEWALS, to be dated whenever the subscription expires, at ONE DOLLAR FIFTY CENTS, CASH.

A store puts on a bargain day, and sells you articles which the day before and the day after are sold at other and higher prices. That is exactly what we are doing—putting on a "bargain time when you can "shop" to advantage. Take advantage of the opportunity and "do your shopping" at the Money-Saving prices. Renew your subscription at the bargain rate of one fifty, or subscribe for yourself, your son or daughter, or for a friend, at one dollar. The Independent speaks for itself; it is an ALL HOME PRINT newspaper that gives the news of the home town.

LEWIS WENDEL

Lewis Wendel was born Dec. 25, 1861 at Dorchester, Allamakee Co., Iowa, and died at his home in Nora Springs, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1921.

On March 19, 1885, Mr. Wendel married Miss Emily Riser of Lansing, Iowa, and to this union five children were born, Roy J. of Clarion, Iowa; Gertrude Blanche Tanner of Rupert, Idaho; Mrs. Nora Luella McKinsey of Rupert, Idaho; Leona M. of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Mildred M. of Rupert, Idaho. Mrs. Wendel died on March 25, 1918

On Nov. 10, 1920, Mr. Wendel married Mrs. Marrilla Werts.

Mr. Wendel came to this community in 1881 and it has been his home until last spring when he moved to Nora Springs, Iowa. Last June his health began to fail but it was not thought to be of a serious nature until about six weeks ago he was taken to Mason City and operated on when it was found that he had an internal cancer which could not be removed. Since that time he has been rapidly going down until on last Wednesday death relieved him from the suffering of the flesh.

Besides the wife and five children, he leaves two brothers, Geo. of Mason City and John J. of Lansing, Ia., and two sisters, Mrs. Matilda Trayer of Lansing, Iowa, and Mrs. Amelia Frederick of Detroit, Minn. Another sister died just six weeks ago.

Mr. Wendel was a hard working, industrious, honest and upright man. He was a member of the Mystic Workers of the World and also of the Modern Woodmen of America.

The body was brought from Nora Springs on Friday afternoon and the funeral services were held in the Congregational church on Saturday afternoon and were conducted by the pastor who had been personally acquainted with Mr. Wendell for over 40 years.

COUNTY TREASURER PREPARING TO REPLENISH LOCAL FUNDS

County Treasurer Allen for the past several days has been busily engaged in comuiling his annual report in order that he may dispense money due to municipalities and school districts. Public finances are in good condition. There are, of course, objectors to the rates of taxation. The action of taxpayers in a neighboring county who have petitioned for the suspension of one office for two years to reduce expenses is attracting attention. Little complaint is heard, however, regarding local officers and employes, all of whom seem to be endeavoring to earn their salaries.

SCHOOL NOTES

Division One of the Literary society gave a Hallowe'en program Friday afternoon. There were many visitors present. All seemed to appreciate the spook drill, reading and music. The trombone solo by Mr. Cruetzmacher was especially enjoyed.

The Sophmore girls challenged the Freshman girls to a basket ball game, which was played after school Friday evening. The Sophomores made good their challenge, winning by a score of 30 to 11.

Monday night at five o'clock the Sophomore boys challenged the Senior boys in basket ball. It was a hard fought battle, but the Sophomores finally won 9 to 7.

Declamatory practice starts this week.

Normal Training club met Saturday evening. Only twelve members were present, as the rain prevented many from getting here. Miss Bock could not get over, so we shall expect her some other time. The evening was spent in discussing teaching problems. Popcorn balls and apples were served by the refreshment committee.

Saturday evening the Sophomore class had a masked Halloween party in the gymnasium. Many of the maskers had very clever costums. The evening was delightfully spent playing hallow'een games.

Season athletic tickets are $1.25, and are good for six games. Tickets are good until used up and will be accepted for both basket ball and base ball games. They will not, however, be valid to tournament games should one be held in Belmond this year.

Our teams are working hard and will play real ball this year. Boosters will materially aid in winning games. Back the team. Buy a ticket. Single admission will be 25c and 35c. Write your name in INK on face of the ticket.

B. H. S. plays former stars Thursday November 3. Double header. Those having tickets admitted free. General admission 25c.

The high school orshestra under the direction of Mr. Grueczmacher is slowly rounding into shape and will give a good account of themselves before the year is over.

Ten new pupils have entered during the past two weeks in the lower grades.

Mrs. Clare Christie and Mrs. Corri Fitts and son Orvis were Kindergarten visitors Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schooler moved their household goods the first of the week to a house on the Sugar company grounds.

OVER 4,000 NEW MEMBERS ARE REPORTED

One Day Drive For New Members By Farm Bureau Brings Fine Results

ALL COUNTIES NOT IN

Many Counties Yet To Be Heard From Will Swell Total Number

With returns far from complete the indications are that the one-day membership drive by the Farm Bureau brought in between 3,500 and 4,000 new members. Only about sixty counties have reported so far. Of these Dickinson took the lead with 126 new members. This makes Dickinson the banner county of the state, more than 100 per cent to the good, with 1085 farms and 1115 farm bureau members.

Preliminary reports from some other counties not yet checked up indicate that three or four of them deliver even more new members than Dickinson has reported. The estimate in Woodbury is 300 while Dubuque threatens to boost the former list to the extent of 500 new members.

Clay and Franklin counties scored 104 each. Linn reported 79. Hardin where the big drive was so successfully launched two years ago comes across with 72 new members. In the southern part of the state Union county is in the lead with 96. Adair follows with 70 and Jasper with 54. VanBuren 45 and Clarke 41 and so on down the list.

Considered in relation to existing conditions financial and otherwise all of which are more or less unfavorable to organization work it is an excellent showing for a single day's work and farm bureau members are generally entitled to congratulation.

THE MEANEST THIEF

We have read many stories of the meanest man and the meanest thief, who stole pennies from the baby's bank and made away with the Sunday school collection, but to our notion the king varmit of them all, the meanest and lowest polecate of them all, is the fellow who broke into the little home of Mrs. Pernell last week and stole a sachel containing some papers, including her marriage certifiate, some letters and a few dollars —three or four—and about a dollar and a half in dimes which she had managed to save from her labors. Mrs. Pernell, who is a widow, has fought nobly to support herself and take care of her needs by canvassing about town, working here and there and saving every penny, and the ignorant, concrete-hearted wretch who would break into her little home and steal the few dimes she had managed to lay aside is too crooked and mean to sleep with the hogs. Mrs. Pernell says she will be glad to let the thief keep the money if he will return the sachel and papers. She says that the theft is known by God and herself, but we question whether God has anything to do with animals of that low a character as the man who took her belongings. If he has a grain of conscience he will return everything he took, and leave something besides.

RUHL GETS $600 AND 60 DAYS

John Ruhl, former resident of the hill who was convicted last week in district court of maintaining a liquor nuisance, received his sentence last Friday and was given 60 days in the county jail and a fine of $600. On his promise that he would be good after serving his sentence, the judge, McCall, suspended the fine.

DISTRICT COURT GRIST

Monitor: The November term of the district court will convene at Clarion on the 28th, with Judge H. E. Fry of Boone presiding.

The jury list comprises seventy-five names, twenty ladies and fifty-five men

Those from this vicinity are as follows:

Rowan: Hattie Aldrich.

Belmond: C. Quandt, A. Mayhew, L. E. Titzell, Wm. Starnes, Jr., Jelto Benken, Joe Stadtlander, Guy Lynch, Maud Packard, Jessie Blake Goetz, Nels Fatland.

To the thirsty fellows of Wright county—take notice: That on the 28 day of October, A. D., 1921, at a regular session of the district court a most drastic order was given by one Judge McCall, to-wit: "The sheriff Wright county is herebby directed and ordered to destroy the liquors used as exhibits, with the vessels containing the same, and make a return of his performance of this order to the clerk of this court. Said judge also ordered all stills in the sheriff's custody to be demolished.

Two perfectly good copper stills and several dozen bottles of moonshine whiskey and "white mule" were included in the order. Sheriff Lang and Deputy Denger took the whole smear to the furnace room Monday and there in the presence of Clerk Goslin, Engineer Hilton and Janitor McGrath proceeded to carry out the judge's orders. As the foaming fluid went gurgling into the sewer the witnesses, collectively and each for himself, vowed such a waste was almost a crime and that the officers were no friends of theirs.

N. E. Hidy, the check forger, was given an indeterminate sentence of ten years at Fort Madison. His case was sent to the board of parole and it is probable a parole will be granted, as such action was recommended by both judge and county attorney. It being his first offense and the fact that a wife and three children were dependant upon him led the court officials to believe that society would be better served in allowing defendant a chance to redeem his past record.

Mrs. Nellie Tunnel, who was indicted by the grand jury on the charge of adultery, changed her plea of not guilty to that of guilty and was sentenced to serve 60 days in the county jail. Upon motion of county attorney sentence is suspended during good behavior owing to the defendent's physical condition.

John Ruhl of Belmond, whom the jury found guilty of selling moonshine liquors, was given sixty days in the county jail and ordered to pay a $600 fine. The jail sentence seems to disturb him the most.

The criminal case agains Herbert Bige and Roy Fortune have been continued upon request of county attorney. There are four indictments against them in connection with the robberies at Woolstock and Goldfield.

John Loux reported the finding of six auto tires in a straw pile on his farm in Wall Lake township to Sheriff Lang a couple of weeks ago. A grip belonging to Gerald Clark of Clarion was also among the loot.

H. A. Oakdale failed to defend suit on note brought by Independent Grain and Lumber Co. Judgement awarded plaintiff for $330. W. W. Frakes is given judgement against same defendant for $1678.

Hester J. Moon, by consent of defendant W. H. Anderson, is awarded judgement against him on his note for $3,278. Chapman Lumber Co. is also given judgement against this defendant for $1,486.

The court re-appointed D. W. Stewart of Clarion, J. H. Reese of Belmond and R. Richardson of Eagle Grove as collateral inheritance tax appraisers.

Lars Johnson vs. Sofie Johnson is a divorce case in which the wife failed to attend. The bonds of matrimony were declared severed.

Judge McCall adjourned court for a few minutes Thursday in order to tie a nuptial knot for Milo Madsen of Goldfield and Fannie Irish.

Judgement for plaintiff on account for $228.68 is entered in the case of Shally Baking Co. of Vinton vs. B. K. Kinseth of Belmond.

Manuel Lopez, who plead guilty to the indictment of adultery, is serving a six months' sentence in the county jail.

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CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

We all enjoyed the splendid sermon by Rev. J. B. Adkins, field representative of our Iowa State Hospital. We were glad also to hear of the great work that the hospital is doing. More than 4,600 have been cared for in this institution during the four years of its history. It is a fine institution and is doing noble work. Miss Iva E. Trumbell, one of our Belmond girls, is the superintendent.

The ladies will meet with Mrs. Hattie Smith on Thursday afternoon to finish up the work for the bazaar. All who can possibly be present are urged to come. The bazaar will be held in the parlors of the church on November 10 and a good supper is guaranteed.

Rev. Royal J. Montgomery of Grinnell, our director of religious education will be with us next Sunday Let us have a full attendance at both the Sunday school and the church services. He will bring us a message that will be helpful and we need to hear him. We hope to do our best and we can only do so as we hear the best and put forth our best efforts. Let us hear what Mr. Montgomery has to say next Sunday.

The evening services in charge of the young folks are always full of inspiration and help. We are glad to see the talent that we have among our young folks.

If you have no church home come with us and we will try our best to make it both pleasant and profitable for you. We are here to serve in every way that is possible.

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HAVE THE UNIONS A RIGHT TO STRIKE?

The press is full of the threatened strike of the railroad workers, for what cause, a justifiable cause, no one seems to be able to tell. There is in the minds of most people a serious doubt as to the right of a strike by the railroad men. Legally they may have every right in the world, but morally have they?

It has always been, and probably it always will be, the history that when a man or an organization becomes powerful, they abuse their power. The railroad unions have done more in the past three years to injure the cause of organized labor in the minds of the American people than the capitalists could have done in a campaign of ten years.

When a body of men, organized for the purpose of obtaining justice, deny that same thing to as hundred million people, it is time that they were shown "where to head in at." If the public is entitled to anything it is entitled to decent transportation and at decent rates. The railroads of America have never been noted for what they gave the public, and this has always been one of the main points in the unions' arguments. If the unions are to follow in the same footsteps of the railroads, ad say "the public be damned," then they may expect the same sentiments to be estertained for them by the public as the public has held for the railroads.

To tie up the transportation facilities of the country at a time when winter is approaching is nothing more or less than an attempt to force the granting of their demands by bringing the fears of the public to bear on the other party. And it is said that only one-fourth of the men are in favor of striking, that the other three-fourths are against it. If this is the case then the government should see why one-fourth can rule three-fourths and place a hundred million people in danger and discomfort.

WHAT GRAVEL WILL DO

If anybody in thas vicinity wants an example of what gavel will do in the way of making a real road, let them drive down and take a ride over and a look at the road that has been made from one of the worst stretches of mudholes and chuckholes in the county.

What used to be a ride-the-ocean wave and chew-your-cud conglomeration of ups and downs and side swipes has been turned into a fine level road where the limit is the speed of your car. This piece of graveling is one of the finest that has come to the notice of the Independent in many a mile, and the county officials as well as the parties who graded and graveled it, are certainly to be complimented upon the splendid improvement that has been made. And this road, we venture to say, was graveled at a cost of about one-third to one-half what it would have cost to pave the road. And if, after you have ridden over it, you do not say that it serves the purpose as well as paving, then you must be hired by the cement trust.

A very noticeable thing this past week has been the difference between the roads that are graveled and the roads that are not. It is one of the greatest arguments in favor of the graveled highway. As an example, take the Solsburg to Clarion road, which has been graveled this summer. Taking what was there to begin with, and considering the excellent result that has been attained, there is really no argument left.

Last week a stove was advertised for sale in the Independent. By the time the paper had been in the mails 24 hours there had been seven replies to the ad. Does advertising pay?

We respectfully submit to the city authorities the state of the pavement on the south end of 4th Avenue S. E.

Belmond needs a new opera house. Not right now; the money can be used other places to better advantage; but later on, it ought to be one of the improvements considered.

GRAIN GROWERS SOLICITORS NOW AT WORK IN STATE

Ten solicitors, each trained in the principles of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., are now at work in Story county introducing this new cooperative endeavor to the farmers and co-operative elevators of that county, following a three day school of instruction held at Nevada last week. As soon as the initial campaign has been completed additional solicitors will be secured and the work carried to other surplus grain producing sections, A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove state director, announced at the close of the school.

T. A. Hougas of Des Moines, former president of the Farmer's Union in Iowa, will assist Mr. Middleton in conducting the campaign as will A. W Carver of Muscatine with years of experience in the cooperative elevator movement. Mr. Carver has been traveling over the state with the state director during the past few months speaking on behalf of the U. S. Grain Growers and he reports as eagerness on the part of farmers to affiliste with this new company.

The cooperative elevators will be asked to sign a contract agreeing to deliver the grain of all members to the sales department of the U. S. Grain Growers. This involves no financial transaction The farmers will be asked to sign a growers contract and pay $10 for a life membership. The farmer is given the reality five different methods of disposing of his grain. The popular method to date has been the direct sales method in which the grower disposes of his grain in the same manner as in the past except that the ultimate sale is made through the U. S. Grain Growers rather than the present channels. The farmer receives a check to cover the prevailing market price for his grain when it is delivered to the elevator.

Reports from farm leaders in Story county at the start of the membership campaign, bristle with optimism. They state farmers there are ready to accept the new movement.

PORTRAIT OF ROOSEVELT TO BE ON NEW CERTIFICATES

Postmaster R. C. Morse of the local office today announced that the portrait of Theodore Roosevelt will appear for the first time on a Government security on the $25 denomination of a new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates which will be placed on sale toward the end of the present calendar year.

The new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates will be a feature of the unified Govrnment savings plan which is now being developed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General and will be annouced later in greater detail. The new plan will combine to the best possible advantage the facilities of the Treasury and the postal savings system, and is designed to promote popular saving and investment in government securities. The securities offered will have a wide popular appeal and will be placed on sale thruout the country in convenient form. It is regarded as particularly appropriate that the Roosevelt portrait should appear on a security of this character, and on the denominaion which will be most available to the general public.

A philophopher, on finding he can't have his own way, gets contentment by making himself believe he didn't want it.

Could a boob who's been jilted be be called a canned lobster?

You'll never get up in the world by being down in the mouth.

Men are not realy as immoral as the souse reformers wish they were.

An automible wreck is so common nowdays that it doesn't often get into print unless it also wrecks a family.

The modern girl doesn't seem to care much what you say about her so long as you don't say she is "slow"

A boy of eighteen understands women better than a man of forty, because a man of forty has given up trying.

A Prouounced Success

The unform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the relief and cure of bowel complaints, both children and adults, has brought it to almost universal use, so that it is practically without a rival and as everyone who has used it knows, it is without an equal.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

CLIPPINGS

Frank Gruetzmacher drove to Belmond Sunday morning to get his son Harold, and wife, to bring them here for a Sunday dinner. Harold and wife are teaching in the Belmond schools this year.—Klemme Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ahrenkeil and baby of Goodell and Casey Blank of Belmond were visiting Klemme relatives Sunday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs Voiles of Belmond were Klemme visitors Saturday on business.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs Harold Jenison from Belmond were visitors here Saturday. —Times.

Paul Grange has rented the house now occupied by the Trafford family who go to Belmond—Times.

Miss Adelaide Houge of Belmond is the new stenographer at the First National bank. Miss Houge began her new duties Monday.—Kanawha Reporter.

W. H. Enabnit transacted business and visited at Belmond Wednesday. —Reporter

Wm. Nelson of Belmond was a business caller here Monday.—Reporter.

Early this Wednesday morning while Henry Africa Jr. and Louis Africa were autoing to the lakes to hunt they run the former's car into an open culvert east of the Pete Benson farm residence and while the car was damaged considerably the boys were uninjured. The car passed over the culvert opening and plowed thru the dirt which had been thrown up on the opposite side, damaging the front wheels, axle, radiators and fenders. No danger signals were up and the ditch could not be seen in the twilight until they were upon it, and it certainly was fortunate that the accident did not prove more serious. Had they been running at high speed the car would no doubt have turned over.—Kanawha Reporter.

Six or more eating houses and lunch rooms in Spencer held a meeting last week and annouced a general reduction in the price of "eats" of all kinds—lunches and meals. Lots of eating houses have not yet discovered that the war is over, and in most cases in the state the fellow pays for a large part of the brick wall in the hotel when he pays for a one night room rent.—Hampton Chronicle.

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Rowan News Items

Miss Alta Allen entertained six of her girl friends at a Hallowe'en party Monday at her home. The basement of the house was decorated in all kinds of spooky arrangements. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Mrs. Irvin Knuths met with an accident this last week which has caused her a great deal of suffering. The top door of the hog house blew shut striking her in the head. She suffered from headache for several days.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Clarion came Saturday to see her mother Mrs. M. Snyder who has been much worse the past few days.

Mr. Gunderson is nursing a boil on his hand these days This is a very unhandy thing to save in corn picking time.

Miss Esther Fowler was a Clarion shopper Monday of this week.

Charley White is having a hog house built on his farm west of town, Geo. Pritchett doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum and family visited at the home of his sister Mrs. Lee Sellers and family at Coulter Sunday.

The Hallowe'eners were out in force Monday night.

Mrs. L. A McCallum was a Clarion caller Monday.

Miss Enid Aldrich of Galt spent several days the past week with her friend Miss Lillian Azeltine.

Mrs. Pete Eson was a Clarion visitor Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harris spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bangs in Dows.

Mrs. F. B. Sheldon has been on the sick list the past week

Miss Viola Charter of Hampton was in town Monday of this week and visited at the R. H. Keith home. She was enroute to Dows.

Nellie Hackley was on the sick list this week.

Last Tuesday evening Mrs. Roland Harris entertained a dozen friends in honor of her husband's birthday. The evening was spent in a very pleasant way with games and other amusements. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time is reported.

Mrs. Ormal Gates was a Dows caller between trains Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D W. Whitten, Mrs. Kate Conn and Mrs. Hannah Whitten were at Dows last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder visited their son Howard and family at Clarion Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. McKinstrey of Waterloo visited with relatives and friends here the past week

Mrs. A. Hoke visited with Clarion friends last week.

V. E. Munson and wife and Mrs Will Bailey were Dows callers on Friday.

Mrs. Andy Sorenson of Fort Dodge came Thursdsy to visit a few days at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Tom Whitten. Their children, who have been staying with their grandparents while Mr and Mrs. Sorenson have been getting settled in their new home returned home with Saturday.

George Ballou was a Clarion caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval visited at Clarion last week.

Mrs. T. K. Holiday was called to Cedar Falls last Tuesday by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Johnson. The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was ill with bronchitis and pleurisy.

Wm. Steffens, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsey and Mrs. Alt Hackley were Dows shoppers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box and family of Clarion spent Saturday at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hilss and baby of Clarion visited at the home of Will Ferguson Saturday.

Mrs. Sim Stout went to Waterloo Monday to visit for a few days

Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lent of Vinton announcing the arrival of Josephine Maris Oct. 24. Mr. Lent was a former druggist at this place

Duncan Farren spent the week end with friends at Belmond.

Mrs. George Wessels and children went to Meservey Sunday to visit for a few days.

Charles Bundy of Estherville has been visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. Henry Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs John Campbell of Belmond visited at the Frank Kercheval home Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Williams spent Sunday with friends in Eagle Grve.

Mrs. Burrows of Dows is very ill. Mrs. Hannah Whitten was with her Sunday and Monday, returning home Monday noon but going back that night. They are sisters.

Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver and baby went to Clarion Sunday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs Heathershaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher were Clarion visitors Monday night at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitz.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey Jr., had a very narrow escape from a serious accident last week. She followed her father from the home on a load of corn which he was going to unload. Her little brother jumped on the wagon and picked up the lines causing the team to back up. The wagon struck the little girl in the side but she was too far from it for it to go over her. She was unable to walk for several days but is reported better now.

Mrs. Chester Bailey was a Belmond caller Saturday.

Miss Edna McCutcheon went to Cedar Falls Friday night to attend the "Home Coming" Saturday. She will visit there during the week of vacation.

Last Friday twenty-seven ladies met at the home of Mrs. Earl Patton to make dress forms. Nine were completed. This is the biggest record made at any meeting. A picnic dinner was served at noon and a very fine time is reported.

The Cong. Ladies were entertained at the home of Mrs. Tice Streveler last Thursday afternoon. Mrs Streveler served "light" refreshments which were followed by a more substantial lunch. The afternoon was very much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stout motored to Thompson last Sunday to visit at the home of his brother Roy and family and niece Mrs. Bert Pierce. They report Mrs. Pierce as recovering nicely from her recent operation.

Miss Mary Farristll spent the week end at Dows visiting her sister Miss Esther.

Miss Wilda Whitten is home from her school duties for a short vacation.

George Liming and daughter and Garnet Stumph were Belmond callers Monday of this week.

J. F. Howell was a Clarion business caller Monday

Rowan School News Notes

Mrs. Holiday went to Cedar Falls Tuesday returning Wednesday. Her classes were taught by a high school girl.

The town team of boys basket ball played at Alexander Wednesday night and the score was seventeen to ten in favor of Alexander.

Miss Kervink left for Cedar Falls Friday to attend the Home Coming and Mrs. Williard McCallum taught her class.

The basketball game between Rowan and Williams on the Rowan floor was a scream from beginning to end. It was hotly contested and said to be one of the best games played here for some time. Everybody felt they got their moneys' worth.

Our girls were superior in nearly every way. Cleo Duffy is a wonderful player at center, so said the Williams team. Frances Farren made a great number of baskets. The final score stood 17-41 in favor of Rowan.

The boys' game was a close match. The Williams boys started out well but the Rowan boys seem to have better wind. Had the game lasted a few seconds longer the Rowan boys would have won. As it was the game stood 24-26 in favor of Williams.

Next Saturday night at eight o'clock Rowan high school plays with Blairsburg on the Rowan floor. This promises to be a great game. Come and enjoy the sport and encourage the school.

Friday night Oct. 29 the Freshmen gave the Sophomores a party in the gymnasium. It did not turn out as good as was expected.

The following week from Oct. 31 to Nov. 7 is vacation week for "corn picking"

Friday afternoon Mrs. Agnew and Miss McCutcheon gave their rooms a party in the gymnasium. The Hallowe'en idea was carried out with games suitable for the occasion. Refreshments were served and the children had a good time to remember for some time.

Mrs. Frank Drury visited the primary room Tuesday afternoon.

A very enjoyable Halloween social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph last Thursday evening. The following couples were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ora Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson, Mr. and Mrs, Leonard McCallum, Rev. and Mrs. Tomkinson, Miss Osterouse and Donald McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCallum, Mrs. anl Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Ormal Gates, Miss Marjory Brooks, Mr. Edgar Mantal. Garnet and Bernard Stumph. All kinds of interesting games were played, and at the close a dainty lunch was served. As this was also Leonard McCallum's birthday special reference was made to it, and a presentation of a purse of money made to him as a tangible appreciation of friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey, and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Neal of Lake Mills called at the parsonage last Saturday afternoon on their way home from the state disarmament meeting at Des Moines.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval enterained the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church last Thursday afternoon, there being a large number present. Both the hostess and guests were delighted with the afternoon's pleasure.

The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs Charles Boyington last Wednesday. Mrs. Willard McCallum was the leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Hansen visited the capital city last week returning the same day. Mr. Hansen's new store will soon be ready for occupancy. It is a slendidly equipped building and is an acquisition to the business section of the town.

A large number of farmers from the surrounding districts attended the hog sale at the pavilion last Saturday. The sales, generally speaking, were very good.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rowan
Pastor: Rev. Harold Tomkinson

Services for Sunday, Nov. 6—
10:30 public worship.
11:30 Sunday school.
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 Evensong.

The pastor will deliver special sermons at both services and invites all who have no church home to be present.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Sunday morning service 11:00.
Sunday school 12.
Christian Endeavor 6:30.
Dr. Montgomery will be with us.
Evening Service 7:30.

Dr. Montgomery will preach and use slides to leave a deeper impression on the minds of the people the great work that is being done for the young and old in this state under the auspices of the Congregational denomination.

The Junior Edeavor will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the children are requested to be present at this meeting. ..

Mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the church. "Let us come together for prayer."

There was a large crowd at the Ladies Aid last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Streveler. The ladies are doing good work and they will end this year with one of the best years in its history with the church.

What chiefly is needed in the church is a new sense of loyalty to our local church organization, to our Congregational heritage, to our missionary societies and workers, and to the great Head of the Church Whose we are and whom we serve, and this is the cry of every denomination, is a "New Sense of Loyalty."

There was as usual, a good attendance at the services on Sunday and the slides on China were very good. These pictures are for the purpose of creating the Missionary spirit and to teach the people what kind of work we are doing in the home and foreign fields. We desire that every one try and come to these services and keep coming, as the srvices are educational, inspirational and spiritual.

You want to be sure to hear Dr. Montgomery Sunday, Nov. 6th., as he is a good speaker and he will help you. We want all the young people to be present as Dr. Montgomery will have a message for you, as he is deeply interested in the young folks and he has sent an invitation for the young people to be at the evening services, as he will be able to tell you some of the good things about Grinnel college which you will be interested in as we have some of your young folks attending the college this year. The mother and father should hear this educator. Come and hear Dr. Montgomery and see the slides that he will bring with him. "Admission free!"

The Sunday school is growing. Come and make us a visit. Come Sunday morning for the 11 o'clock service and stay for the Sunday school.

The Prayer Circle will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon for special prayer, before regular meeting. All are invited to meet with the ladies.

The Missionary society will meet Thursday, Nov. 3 with Mrs. Stevensen as hostess. Mrs. D. Virden leader. All be prepared to respond to the roll call Thursday afternoon.

The Rev. Nye and L. A. McCallum were visitors at Popejoy Sunday afternoon and Rev. Nye preached at the Congregational church in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock to a large attendance at the church.

LEGION MEN HERE INVITED TO MASON CITY CELEBRATION

Members of the local post of the American Legion are invited to attend the big Armistice day celebration at Mason City, according to word received by this paper from the committee in charge of the affair. The celebration is to be staged inconjunction with the football game between Charles City and Mason City high schools, both of them undeated. The championship of North Iowa will be at stake, unless the unforseen happens.

Though the courtesy of the Mason City high school authorities,, all Legion members will be admitted free to the game, providing they march in the monster parade, which will form at the Armory at 1:15 p. m. on Nov. 11. This will be led by a group of soldiers representing all of the allies and carrying all the allied flags, with Old Glory on the right. Three or four bands will be in the march and at least a half dozen fraternal orders, some in full regalia.

For an hour before the game, a military program under the directions of the Mason City post will be put on. A formal guard mount and a tug of war between a picked team from the Mason City post and one from some other (probably Charles City) will be two of the several features. In the evening a great military ball will be held at the Armory.

Mason City's service men are hoping that buddies from every nook of the surrounding country will join them in making this Armistice day celebration a whopper.

WHO MAKES THIS TOWN?

It isn't any one man, or any half dozen, or dozen. It is every person in the town, as well as those who make a practice of coming to the town.

We have citizens who are so modest and retiring that they imagine their influence is of no value, or has no weight—that it makes no difference to the town what they do or not do. They are mistaken.

We have become so accustomed to the progressive citizen that we expect to hear from him on any subject of any importance. We would be more or less nonplussed if he did not come to the front. But it is the action of the quiet and retiring element that adds impetus and puts real life into a movement for civic improvement. They may not assume to be leaders, but when they get behind and push the weight is so great there is no such thing as a permature halt.

Little wavelets, lapping up on the seashore, always precede the great tidal wave that sweeps everything before it. It is so in the community life. In each community there are a few who are always promptly active in every good movement. They are the little waves that never rest, that are ever creeping upon the beach, advancing and receding, incessantly on the move until they create the great wave of public sentiment that moves irresistibly on to victory and achievement.

It is the mass of quiet citizens who constitute the bulk of that public sentiment. It is the citizen who possibly thinks that his own individual opinion has but little influence upon community life. It is the one who acts after others have talked. You therefore, are one of the number who make this town. You are expected to aid in making it even a better town. You can do it if you will.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service commission has annouced an examination for the county of Wright to be held at Clarion and Eagle Grove on December 10 1921 to fill the position of rural carrier at Belmond.

The salary of a rural carrier on a standard daily wagon route of 24 miles is $1,800 pe annum, with an additional $30 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in access of 24 miles. The salary on moto routes ranges from $2,450 to $2,600 per annum, according to length. Separate examinations for motor routes and wagon routes are no longer held. Appointments to both positions will be made from the same register. The examination will be openly only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Women will not be considered for rural carrier appointment unless they are the widows of U. S. soldiers, sailors or marines, or the wives of U. S. soldiers, sailors or marines who are physically disqualified for examination by reason of injuries received in the line of military duty.

FORD'S PLAN TO FIRE RAIL STOCKHOLDERS

Chicago News: Henry Ford is now telling how to run the railroads. Writing in the current number of the official publication of the chamber of commerce of the United States, Mr. Ford says, first of all, he would get rid of the individual stockholders, whom he considers a parasite; then he would turn to the lighter rolling stock and finally "fire the usless employes, especially the lawyers." Finance as it applies to railroads, says Mr. Ford, is a failure and the roads spend money uselessly in red tape of all kinds, particularly in accounting.

"The real purpose of a railroad," Mr. Ford writes, "is to serve the public. There is no reason why it should be diverted from that purpose and set to doing an entirely different thing—putting money into the pockets of stockholders who make no contribution to the road's actual operation. In the end the public pays these dividends. They are a tax on the whole people.

"There is a possible and practical system of fisancing railroads by which those contributing the money will be in positions to aid directly to the success of the undertaking. If the brakeman on a railroad owns stock in it he has an additional inducement to competent service. If the railroad is a success it is due to him and his fellow workmen, and they are entitled to the profit.

"Railroads should not have to go to banks for money They can be otherwise financed. The first thing is to make a railroad work. Make it possible for people to use it as much as they want to. Then there will be no trouble about finances.

"Of course, if such a course were attempted we could expect a great outcry for the protection of invested capitl. It would be said that people had bought these stocks for the financial protectios of their families, their children. Protection from what? From the necessity of earning their living. Their children would be better off if they had to finance them selves.

"After removing this dividend drain the second step would be to remove the great physical burden of the railroad's needless weight in its rolling stock. A freight train is several times the weight of the load it carries, and a passenger train is twenty times as heavy. The cost of pulling empty trains is needlessly large. Contrast this with the efficiency of the bicycle which weighs twenty pounds and will carry a man who weighs 200

"On the Detroit, Toledo & Iroston the old types of engine and car will be displaced by better types. Our patests will guarantee the free use of ideas. We will never proceed against anybody for infringement of our patents. They will belong to the world.

"The third step, an immediate step which should be taken in the operation of any great railroad system, would be that of expediting the journey of the freight carrier. By speeding up our freight over the preliminary part of its journey the D. T. & I. we have been able to shorten the time of its journey by periods ranging from seven to fourteen days. This means that our products gets to the people to whom we sell it from seven to fourteen days quicker than it used to. It means that we carry on our books $30,000,000 less undelivered product."—Published by request.

ISSUES RULES AS TO QUARANTINES

The State Board of health last week issued regulations which are to govern all quarantine matters thruout Iowa, and are prescribing the length of time those afflicted with certain contagious diseases must be isolated. The rules follow.

Diphtheria, twenty-one days, or until two negative cultures taken within twenty-four hour intervals, the ninth day. Maximum period, eight weeks.

Scarlet fever, four weeks, provided there are no abnormal discharges. Maximum period, eight weeks.

Smallpox, ten days, and all lesions must be healed.

Meningitis, fourteen days from onset and until seven days of normal temperature.

Poliomyelitis, twenty-one days.

Septic sore throat, until cessation of clinical symptons.

Influenza, from three to seven days.

Instructions are given as to care in the prevention of disease, and in case of illness it is urged that a physician be called that contagious inflections may be thwarted before general widespread exposure occurs.

It's funny how the other fellow's sucess always is due to good luck and your own ability.

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Values Which Challenge Competition

$18.75 Poiret Quill and Tricotine Dresses $18.75

The material alone in these dresses guarantee bargains for the careful buyer, and added to these values are distinctive, smart styles and the season's best in trimmings.

$28.75 COATS $28.75

All wool coatings, Silk and Satin linings. Beaverette fur collars and cuffs. The newest Fall Styles.

AN EXCEPTIONAL OFFER

A 36 inch, very heavy Outing Flannel in light patterns, on sale next Saturday and all next week. We reserve the right to limit quantity. Unless you ask for it the outing will not be shown to you.

The Yard 12½ Cents

AW, WHAT'S THE USE

By L. F. Van Zelm

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Oh, to Be a Mercury!

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

Martin Cosgriff of Britt was a visitor here the first of the week.

Miss Margaret Monson entertained the girls of the Mission Band at her home Saturday.

Miss Beatrice Barry of Belmond was a guest at the James Rourk home the latter part of the week.

Ross Eggers who has been employed at the Kanawha Auto Company for several years has resigned and left this week for Manly, where he has purchased a barber shop.

James Rourk and Jack Wenzel were business callers at Garner on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Olson of Brit were visitors here Sunday.

Harold Hall who has been quite ill for some time is getting along nicely at this writing.

W. H. Enabnit was a business caller at Belmond Wednesday.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Henry Lein entertained a number of guests at a Sunday dinner. Among them were Halvor Olson, wife and children of Northwood, Mr. and Mrs. Odland, Melvin Toresdahl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Stinson.

The Hallowe'en social at the Olaf school was a success in every way. About $18 was cleared.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor with relatives in Belmond.

Beet harvest closed Tuesday. There are a good many beets which have been pitted and we understand they will not start to load them until about Nov. 15.

School closed Friday for a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Willard Morse of Belmond was a week end visitor at the Orpha Anderson home.

A class of five was confirmed into the St. Olaf church Sunday.

Mrs. Eddie Thompson received the sad news that her step father, L. W. Wendell had died at Nora Springs Thursday. Funeral services were held at Belmond Saturday.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Carlton Johnson Wednesday instead of with Mrs. H. O. Emerson

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

U. B. Church Notes.

Miss Alma Ruka met with her Sunday school class last Thursday evening to fill out note books and for a social time.

Mrs. Graeber and Miss Ina Ahrenkeil taught their Sunday school classes, both having returned from their vacation.

"The Voices of Women" given by the members of the Woman's Missionary society on Sunday morning was a very impressive service. It revealed the downtrodden condition of the women in heathen lands. The offering was $17.18.

Mrs. E. P. Hubbard and Mrs. H. Nelson will entertain the Ladies Aid on Wednesday.

On November 9th the Ladies Aid will serve supper to the public.

Mrs. L. W. Wesenberg's father, Rev. R. B. Emerson of Kingsley, visited her on Friday and Saturday

The Bierkamp Sisters gave a very good and high class entertainment on October 28. Considering the night there was a fair crowd out to hear them. This was the first number of the course and if the other three are as good the committee will not complain. All will want to hear Mr. Bobletts lecture on Jan. 17.

The grade teachers of the school entertained the pupils in the basement of the church on Friday afternoon.

The teachers of the high school had a Hallowe'en party in the basement of the church Monday night.

Miss Ina Burgess who was in Hampton last week is home and improving nicely.

The town of Goodell has now a two tank gas fire extinguisher which meets a long felt need.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber returned home from a five weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Illinois and Indiana. They made the trip both ways in their new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Miller were in Nashua last Friday on business. While there they drove over to the "Little Brown Church.

Miss Maude Griggs is spending a few days this week with her father, who is at Clear Lake finishing his new home.

Last week Dr. Long and Dr. Osborn of the Hampton hospital in company with George Griggs were out at Twin Lakes hunting ducks.

Miss Vogle Christensen has the scar let fever.

Mr. Finis Letch arrived from Minnesota Monday night by auto for a visit with his parents.

Clint Hughes of Garner has been visiting at the home of Mrs. C. Christensen the past week.

Belmond Local News

The young people's choir of the M. E. church accompanied Rev. Wilkinson to Alexander, Sunday, where they sang at the services.

Mrs. E. S. Fyler left Tuesday morning of this week for a visit with her parents at Shellrock. The professor drove her to Rowan where she took the morning train. Mr. Fyler relates that from the appearance of the Main street at Rowan the Hallowe'eners had been busy.

Clyde Jennings went to Cedar Rapids the first of the week where he is attending a convntion of creamery men this week.

Mrs. Fred Mortimer was a visitor at Mason City one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. . Luick drove to Des Moines where they spent the week end

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith were at Hampton where they spent Sunday visiting at the home of friends.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Benson left the first of the week for Kansas City where they will attended the national convention of the A9merican Legion.

Fred Johnson and T. Rierson left on Mnday ight for Kansas City to attend the national convntion of the American Legion.

Mrs. M. T. Heath and children are visiting with her father, Wm. Hembd, and sister, Miss Hazel, this week.

Wallace Ramsay received news on last Friday of the death of his aged mother at Garner. Funeral services were held at that place on Monday of this week. Mr. Ramsay has the sympathy of the community in his loss.

For Sale—Heating stove, soft or hard coal.—W. H. White.

C. R. Townsan drove to Iowa Falls one day last week where he met his wife who was returning from a visit in Missouri.

THE Biggest, Busiest, Little Store of Fort Dodge, Iowa, now grown Bigger, Better, known as the C & C, invites every last one of you to our Opening Sale which is now in progress. We hope for your own good that you have received one of our Opening Sale Circulars which contain values which must, and will, start things a-humming in our new location. If not, come anyway and look around and watch our prices TALK.

By the way, our new location is two doors east of the new eight story Carver Building.

PUBLIC SALE

The holder of a public sale wants his sale advertised in a way that will do two things:

Bring Results

Leave A Good Impression.

Independent sale bills do this. Why? Because we spend as much time, care and thought on your sale bill as we would on a fussy letterhead---that's why *Independent Print* on your sale bill means that you have the best, a bill you won't need to apologize for, one that will bring buyers. It is also the reason why eight out of ten sale bills are printed by the

BELMOND INDEPENDENT

Ask us about it if you intend having a sale. You will find our prices on the "live and let live" principle, for hey are based on the universally used

FRANKLIN PRINTING PRICE LIST

"*Independent Print*" means service and satisfaction.

Belmond Local News

Corn husking is in full blast now in this neighborhood. While some have only 10 or 12 acres left, others are doing the work themselves instead of hiring it done The price paid for huskers is from 3 to 5 cents per bushel. Henry Luick, husking for Frank Quigley, Sr., is husking from 120 to 130 bushels in eight hours.—Goodell News, Garner Signal.

Henry, husking 120 to 130 bushels a day, at 3 to 5 cents, is making, at 3 cents $3.50 a day and his board. Yet there be some loafers who cannot see three dollars a day in cash as being worth while. $75 a month or more and your eats is not enough for some; it may be more than they will get later on.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larson are the happy parents of a fine eleven-pound baby boy who came to their home on Sunday morning.

For Sale—Second hand overcoat, size 37.—Star Cleaner, Belmond, Ia.

A few good ladders for sale.—R. D. Kenefick.

The German Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Henry Weide on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen are the parents of a baby girl, born on Sunday of this week.

Miss Mitta Anderson of Belmond was the guest of Mrs. Hazel Doty a part of last week.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.10 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

W. H. Galliger and mother were Ft. Dodge visitors over Sunday of this week.

Mrs. E. S. Fyler recently enjoyed a visit from her parents who reside at Shellrock

Doctor E. H. Phillips, Osteopathic Physician. Masonic Building, Garner, Iowa. tfc

Good 4-h. p. Cushman gasolene engine for sale, guaranteed in good running order. Will sell cheap.—S. D. Luick.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

The three-day celebration staged at Dows recently did not draw as large a crowd as had been figured on and the backers went in the hole financially. Corn husking and the bad weather were given as the reasons for the slim attendance.

Strayed—Two Durham cattle, both heifers, one white and one red with white feet and legs. Both two year olds. Phone 1315.—Henry Busick. 492t*

A number of Wright county men have obtained an option on the fair grounds and it is reported may buy the grounds and form a stock company to conduct the fair. Whether they could secure buyers for the stock outside of the county seat to any great extent is a question, as the fair has never really returned a dividend on the money invested, altho it should and does in other places.

Miss Marion Lockwood of Clarion, well known by many Belmond people, was united in marriage recently to a Mr. W. T. DeVine of Indianola, who is proprietor of the moving picture theatre at that place. They were married in Des Moines.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

The Epworth League will hold a social in the parlors of the church on November 4th to which all are invited.

The paving from Garner has been opened for traffic the full way now and you can travel from that place to Charles City and only be off the pavement for about a couple miles or so.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading territory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

A meeting of the directors of the Iowa Valley Sugar company will be held at Rochester, New York, on the 14th of November, at which time various questions of importance concerning the future of the company will come up for settlement

List your public sales with the Independent; reserve your dates. And don't forget that the Independent is headquarters for the best farm sale bills in the country, and that your sale advertised in the Independent is reach'ng the entire territory from Rowan to Meservey.

The show "Montana" given in the opera house Saturday night was pronounced good by those who saw it. On account of the home talent the night before the attendance was rather small.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

House to Rent—$10 a month. See F. E. Christie. Phone 283. 502*

See F. E. Christie for cut rates on electrical wiring. 502*

For Rent—Furnance heated room, close to school, for two girls. Phone 150. 501c

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each of the four rural routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or write. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

After a week of almost ideal weather this vicinity was given a dismal rain Saturday and as a result since then it has been cooler. The roads, except where graveled, hav been pretty heavy.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Mrs. Rieke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bettin at the Case hotel, returned last week from New York City where she has been the past few months taking a course in voice culture.

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

The ladies of the Methodist church recently made a challenge to the men folks of the church that they would furnish the material if the men would build a garage at the parsonage. It is reported that the men took them up and a new garage is to be erected atthe parsonage.

D. Bishop has been sporting a new truck on his dray line, the truck being a Ford.

Mrs. Andrew Bullis was a visitor at Dows one day last week.

Mrs. L. W. Wendel returned to her home at Nora Springs, Wednesday, after attending the funeral of her husband here last Saturday She states that she does not intend to move back to Belmond.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

Miss Helen Harberts has been reported as being on the sick list the past week, being quite ill.

Joe Sampson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Finn of Ackley were in town last week, moving their household goods to this place where they will make their future home. Joe expects move on the farm in the spring and Tommy will enter the plumbing business here. Belmond welcomes them back again as citizens.

The Mason City American Legion is extending an invitation to all the surrouding Legion posts to attend the big observation of Armistice Day to be staged there.

Art Cuppet who left for Minnesota this fall to locate, has settled at Ripley, in that state, where he expects to make his home for the future.

Belmond Welding & Tank Company

EXPERT OXY-ACETYLENE WELDERS

Auto and Tractor Repairing done by us for

70c per Hour

Beginning November 1st. Come in and give us a trial and we will prove satisfaction.

We Handle

Monogram Cylinder Oil

Denatured Alcohol, 188 proof, only 75c per gal.

Don't wait until it is too late. Come in and we will put the right mixture in your radiator.

Phone 39 E. G. MILLER Belmond, Iowa

The Wright County News came out last week in two sections necessitated by the immense amount of advertising carried. The feature of the issue was a double-page ad by the Jesse M. Smith furniture firm of that place, altho there were numerous other large ads. Evidently the Clarion merchants find that advertising is a paying proposition.

We have some used clothing, almost new—overcoats and suits,—for sale. One suit nearly new for $14.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of hotel.

The Mason City Daily Globe Gazette is fast becoming one of the leading papers of the Northwest. It carries the full leased wire Associated Press, complete markets, lots of state news and gives daily all the important happenings in this territory. The price is only $4.00 per year. 3tc

Helen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earn Luick, is reported as being ill with an attack of the scarlet fever but getting along very nicely.

A few local people attended a sale of blooded stock held at Klemme on Saturday of last week.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

A letter from Leo Kenefick states that he has been granted government training, and while he has not as yet decided what he will take, says he may pick on wireless telegraphy as a life vocation. He is in fine health and enjoying the country.

The corn picking in this immediate vicinity is pretty well completed, a few of the farmers still being in the fields. The exceptionally good weather this fall has enabled them to get thru with the husking considerably quicker than usual.

Got a stove to sell? Advertise it in the Independent. Last week a little twenty-cent ad sold a stove to the first answer in less than a day after the paper was in the mails. It was the first of seven inquiries for the stove.

Chester Cullinan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cullinan of this place and who is attending college at Ames, is one of the judging team from the college to be sent to the International Livestock show at Chicago to participate in the hog judging contest. He has also been at Sioux City and at Peoria, Illinois, on judging contests for the school.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voiles drove to Des Moines and Perry where they spent the week end visiting with relatives and friends. Their niece, who has been visiting them the past week or so, accompanied them on the trip and returned home.

Miss Everrill Thompson gave a very enjoyable party to some 16 of her school friends at her home last Saturday evening. The party was in the Hallowe'en nature, and the decorations were carried out in that style Games and other amusements filled the evening and delicious refreshments were served. A very pleasant time is reported.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

For Sale—Big type Poland China spring boars. Priced to sell as I need the rom. Phone 3717.—O. D. Jenison.

Messrs. Herschel Nelson and Russell Ludloe of Fort Dodge came up last Saturday to attend the party given that evening by Miss Everill Thompson.

Mrs. Wm. Nelson of Fort Dodge is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mrs. J. E. Ericson and son from North Dakota are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Harry Harberts from Canton, South Dakota, came the first of the week to spend a few days here visiting at the home of relatives and greeting his old friends.

The Chain of Ten met on Monday of this week at the home of Mrs. Chris Enger.

Miss Jane Ramsay was absent from her school duties Monday, due to the funeral of her mother at Garner.

Now is the time to buy a new trimmed or tailored hat at half price at DORENKAMP & GREENFIELD'S

Wanted—4 or 5 school children to room. $1.00 per week. Mary Gealow Phone 316.

ROBINSON'S

Green Tea, per lb.	50c
20 oz. Loaf of Bread	10c
Small Loaf of Bread	5c
Good Bacon, per lb.	25c
2 cans good Salmon	25c
No. 10 Karo, dark	50c
No. 10 Karo, Light	60c
No. 5 Karo, dark	25c
Black Tea, 1 lb.	40c
Rolled Oats, 5 lbs.	25c
$1.25 Broom	75c
6 bars Good Soap	25c

SPECIAL THIS WEEK
Picnic Hams, 15c per lb.

We Buy Butter and Eggs

For Sale—Second hand overcoat. Size 38.—W. T. Wilson, Star Cleaner.

Wanted—Job on farm by year by a married man. Experienced. Call this office.

Boars for Sale.

Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Gotlieb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Account Iowa-Minnesota football game at Minneapolis, Minn., Saturday, November 5th the Chicago Great Western Railroad will sell round trip tickets at the one way fare. For further particulars apply Chicago Great Western agent.

All trimmed and tailored hats at half price the remainder of the season at
DORENKAMP & GREENFIELD'S

BAZAAR

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold the annual bazaar and supper on Thursday, November 10th.

Turkeys for sale, young Toms.—Sheriff Bros. 502*

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy and family drove to Hampton Sunday where they spent the day visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsay and Rex came up from Des Moines last week and spend the day Sunday at the Wallace Ramsay home here, going on to Garner Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Ramsay's aged mother.

The Des Moines Sunday Register had a picture of the new Clarmond Country club house at Lake Cornelia.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. We want 100 men and boys to line up with this organization as new members. Be one.

Preaching service at 11 a. m.—Bring the family

Womans' Foreign Missionary society meets with Mrs. H. F. Luick. Mrs. Russell will be the leader, on Thursday afternoon.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening. Study "Seek ye first the Kingdom."

Epworth League Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

We plan to take a religious census soon and need volunteers to help in the work.

Hugh Jamison of Dows was a visitor here the first of the week attending to some business matters in this vicinity.

The sale held Saturday in the sale pavilion at Rowan was quite largely attended and the stock, Duroc Jersey hogs and Shorthorn cattle, sold at fair prices.

Miss Bernice Butts arrived home last week from California where she has spent the past year. While she likes the west she say there is no place like good old Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Scott drove to Huxley on Saturday to visit relatives and friends. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Otis Tendall and her husband.

Announcement!

The Belmond Produce Co. announces that it has purchased the business formerly conducted by E. M. Lathrop, located

Just South of State Bank

and open for business on November 1st.

THE HIGHEST PRICES

paid for Poultry, Eggs, Cream, Hides and anything in the Produce line.

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AND A SQUARE DEAL

is our motto. If you want the highest cash prices for your produce bring it to us.

Belmond Produce Co.
Belmond, Iowa
South of State Bank
Phone 25

EXTRA! Yes! Opportunity!

That intangible and mysterious thing about which so many essays have been written, so many sermons preached and so many poems inspired. It is not a stranger to some people. It knocks at every persons door. It is not in disguise--not a winged meteor--its not an Archangel that suddenly awakes you. Opportunity is what you do when it is shown to you. It comes to you if you will.

Just Buy a Home, be it a Farm or a Town Dwelling, or a Lot

We have those to show you that will make you money, and that is OPPORTUNITY.

Do It Now

Wm. H. Wolle

Belmond, Iowa

FARM BUREAU NEWS

BOOST THE FARM BUREAU

Every agricultural community has its "doubters", its "chronic kickers" and "pessimists," those who can prophesy how soon the agricultural interests of the community will be on the rocks. Occasionally we hear of some fellow, who has contracted a severe case of grouch thru natural causes or by reading some propaganda which has been printed in some newspaper or agricultural publication. This type of man claims that he has never gotten his money out of the farm bureau, that he has never seen any good it has done and that it costs too much.

Peder Pederson, known to every Wright county farmer said: "Even if we had done nothing more than prevent some things from happening the farm bureau would have more than paid for itself thru these savings." To what savings did he refer? The daylight savings law that cost the Iowa farmer, who hired help, a good many times $5.00 per year. The proposed Nolan bill, if ever allowed to become a law, would exact from $200 to $400 additional tax on every Iowa farm annually.

The legislative accomplishments of the American farm bureau federation in the last session of our national congress is sufficient proof that the federation has been on the job and looking after the farmers' interests. It will be remembered that when congress adjourned last August it had seven agricultural bills to it credit. These have all been signed by the president of the United States and are now laws of the land. Senator Kenyon and Representative Dickinson, both from the good old Iowa turf, are the leaders of the agricultural blocs in the senate and house and we should honor them for the stands they have taken in the interest of agriculture. The agricultural bills as passed were:

1. Packer and stock yards bill.
2. Capper-Tincher bill for regulation of grain exchanges.
3. Extension of war finance corporation.
4. Increase rate interest on federal farm loan bonds from five to five and one half per cent.
5. Increase by $25,000,000 working capital of federal farm loans.
6. Limiting immigration to 2 per cent foreign born on 1910 census.
7. Emergency tariff bill.

ATTEMPT TO SPLIT BLOC UNSUCCESSFUL

All efforts to disrupt the senate agrarian bloc proved futile when seventeen members met in the capital last Saturday night and decided to carry the war into the enemy's camp by serving notice upon the senate finance committee that one of its subcommittees had persistantly refused to consider and report out a bill for liberalizing farm credits, and failing to get action, to move in the senate for the dismissal of the committees.

The bloc also appointed a committee of Senators William J. Harris, Peter Norbeck and Wm. S. Kenyon to call upon the federal farm loan board to speed up loans on farmers' applications. The senators will also ask the farm loan board to do all possible in promoting the sale of farm loan bonds. This action was taken after considerable criticism of the board because of the lethargy shown in administering the act for maximum benefit of agriculture.

WANT CAPPER-VOLSTEAD BILL

The bloc's program calls for the enactment of the Capper-Volstead cooperative marketing bill and the Kenyon bill for the appointment of a Federal Reserve Board.

In opening the meeting Chairman Kenyon of Iowa told the senators that he did not consider it improper as has been intimated for a group of congressmen interested in agriculture and its welfare to meet and discuss pending legislation and lay plans for its proper advancement. He considered the meeting a success and there was plenty of evidence that the bloc is not "dead" but more enthusiastic and active than ever, actually gaining in strength, influence and membership.

SET DATES FOR CONVENTION

The third annual convention of the Iow Farm Bureau Federation will be held in Des Moines, January 11-12, 1922. The time was made one week later than the date of the last convention in order to give the county organizations more time for perfecting arrangements to attend, following their meetings the first week in January. The opening session will be given up largely to reports of committees and other details summing up activities of the year. After that there will be music and addresses by men prominent in Federation work. Program will be announced at an early date

INFLUENCE HELPED RATE REDUCTIONS

Producers and snippers of grain, grain products and hay in all states west of Chicago, will experience considerable relief thru the freight reductions recently ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The order will go into effect not later than Nov. 20 and applies to all the western half of the U. S. Reductions on wheat and hay amount to seventeen and one-half per cent while the cut on rye, oats, millet and corn is about 29 per cent.

Considerable disappointment follows the order because it has to do only with interstate rates and does not apply to shipments within states. However, it is a beginning and the belief is general that the order has opened the way for an early reduction of interstate tariffs, as well as further reductions on interstate hauls. In some quarters the opinion prevails that the railroads themselves may decide to apply the cut to shipments within states.

A liberal share of credit for this order effecting such a large scope of territory should be given to the Iowa Farm Bureau federation and the Iowa railroad commission, both of which appeared at the August hearings conducted in Washington by the Interstate Commerce commission. The federation was represented by Sec. Cunningham and Dr. Nourse of Ames, while Dwight Lewis and Chas. Webster appeared for the railroad commission.

The testimony of Cunningham and Nourse was along lines so distinctly unusual, in presenting the claims for agriculture, that it amounted to an innovation. Their stand was rendered impregnable by the presentation of valuable data covering the cost of producing corn, oats and wheat in Iowa along with figures showing the general cost of farming operations under present conditions. This data was compiled by the federations' cost of production committee, and represents the results of the cost account ing projects carried on in 1920 and 1921 under the supervision of Dr. Nourse.

It was the only data of the kind submitted at the hearing. One other state presented a series of estimates covering the cost of producing grains, but as evidence it was not altogether outside the range of criticism. But the figures submitted by the Iowa Farm Bureau federation are absolutely beyond question. Their accuracy is unimpeachable, hence their value as testimony. They were so unusual that a lively attempt was made to discredit them, but in the end they were accepted and made a part of the records.

The question of intrastate rates is slated for an early hearing. Even tho the railroads should voluntarily apply the order from Washington to shipments within states the Iowa Railroad commission expects to conduct a hearing before long for there is still a vast amount of readjustment work to be done toward restoring a proper balance between different lines of industry.

ACHIEVING CIVILIZATION.

To achieve civilization a race must conquer itself and each individual must master the savage existing within him. The fact that we have not yet succeeded in doing this Doctor Mayer advances as the reason why cultured man have never civilized a primitive race. Under our domination, as is well known, the savage either dies or becmes a worthless parasite of a helpless slave.

No Subsitute Offered.

Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, when the best medicine for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know from what their customers say of it, that it can be depended upon.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

RELIEVED OF $265 IN CASH, A DIAMOND RING AND AUTO

Garned Leader: Tuesday morning, Sheriff E. P. Hanson received a telephone call from Howard (Skinny) Hunt of Mason City, appraising him of the fact that he had been held up and robbed early that morning by three masked men and told the sheriff to be on the look-out for the thugs. Howard was formerly a resident of this place, but a little more than a year ago, he and his mother moved to Mason City. Since going to Mason he had been operating a taxi. He had his stand with the Redekkar cars on West State Street near Central Park in that city. Tuesday morning about 3:00 o'clock, Howard drove to his home in his Cadillac and when he arrived at his garage three men stepped from behind the building, and covered him with their guns. They ordered him back into his auto and forced him to drive them seven miles west on the south road to Clear Lake. When near Emery, they commanded him to stop and made him get out of his car. Some time prior to this they had releived Skinny of his diamond ring valued at $1400 and $265 in cash. As they drove away in his Cadillac they bade him good-bye and informed him that his car would be in Chicago in the morning. As soon as they had forced him to alight, they started down the road with the engine wide open. Howard's car had yellow wheels and a tan top. The initials H.H.H. at the top of the door on the driver's side. It is very probable that the car will be found abandoned somewhere along the line. One thing seems to be apparent and that is that the fellows who pulled this deal, were acquainted with Howard. They knew of his diamond ring, and that he was in the habit of carrying considerable cash about with him.

The loss to Mr. Hunt is a serious one but the affair could have terminated much worse. Men who will pull a stunt of this character are desperate and will do most anything to cover up their tracks. Had Howard not conformed to their demands in all things, it is more than likely that he would have been murdered. What passed through his mind while he was being piloted to the lonely spot near Emery where they left him we do not know, but imagine that all sorts of horrible acts occurred to him. We sincerely hope that the guilty parties will be apprehended, and that Howard will be able to retrieve his stolen property.

PAVING IS NOW ALL OPEN

Leader: The Henkel Construction Company has opened the balance of the paving between here and the county line east, and we can now travel from Garner to Charles City and be on paving practically all the time. The last mile and one-half was open ed Wednesday afternoon. This is one of the best improvements that has ever been made in this section of the state and Garner is on the longest continuous stretch of paving to be found in the state. And now is the time for Garner merchants to put forth an effort to have people who are accesable to the paving make this their trading point.

MAIL ORDER HOUSE READS COUNTRY PAPER

"We have a bureau whose duty it is to read each week the country newspapers from all over the country There is not a paper of any consequence in our trade territory that our bureau does not get. This bureau looks over these papers and when we find a town where the merchants are not advertising in the local paper we immediately flood that territory with our literature. It always brings results far in excess of the same effort put forth in territory where the local merchants use their local papers," said Herman Rosenfield, advertising manager for Sears, Roebuck & Co.

SHUCKING CORN NO VACATION; TRY IT, ALL YOU DOUBTERS

The corn husker!

This caption does not refer to that contrivance invented by man and drawn by six or seven horses, wonderful as that may seem. It is however, a very wasteful machine. Wasteful of power of lubricants of corn and for the amount of power used a very different machine as compared with the one we have in mind

We are thinking of the up to date corn picker of today, a young fellow, 16 to 25 years old, or it may be a young woman of the same age. There you have a wonderful machine and the more you watch one in action and note all the adaptations of this machine the more you will wonder and admire.

Consider what it means to husk 100 bushels of corn a day. Let us suppose that there are 130 ears big and little in the average bushel as the husker finds it. That means 13,000 ears and he has about ten hours of daylight in which to gather them. That would be 130 an hour, or 20 a minute, every one sees seconds on the average.

Almost anyone can husk an ear of corn in three seconds. It is the 12,999 that bother. And then those twelve thousand odd ears are in every conceivable position. Some are high, some are low, some on the ground, some leaning away over into the next row. In the morning they are often covered with white frost. Frequently they are on the muddy ground but the husker has only three minutes on the average to get any one of them and he has a lot of other things to do in between. He has to encourage his team to go or, worse yet to hold them back so he can keep up with them. And that bang! bang! bang! must be kept up and if he loses out for a minute or two he must make it up. As a matter of fact he does a lot better than one in three seconds.

If you will listen to one of them on a still, frosty morning you will hear an ear striking the bangboard about every other second for minutes at a time, and if you will think of the number of motions of fingers, wrists and arms necessary to seize an ear, get the husk off, break it from the stalk and throw it, without look or aim, into the wagon box 13,000 times a day with not one miss in a hundred you will admit that that is a wonderful machine. But that is not all. This machine is self oiling and self repairing over night and it does this on the energy developed from three or four pounds of fuel and possibly a gallon of water.

That is some machine, especially if it is of the feminine gender, and if we add to this the job of unloading the corn, that means tossing 8,000 to 9,000 pounds up three feet above one's head, then we surely can say tha man is wonderfully made.

And some of these machines will keep this up for 20 or 30 days with only Sundays off and they are at work as soon as it is light and they are still at it when it is dark that one cannot see ten rods ahead. Talk about athetics! They have the foot ball man skinned a mile when it comes to action. There is hardly a moment the whole day through that they are not changing position. It may be cold and windy and disagreeable but that bang goes on. The snow may come down but that corn must be gathered. So the machine keeps steadily at it until the last ear is in.

It is hard work. It is worth all he gets for wages; but it has its compensations also. The young fellow who tackles a big husking job and sticks to it is also training to tackle bigger jobs later on and the appetite he developes in picking 100 bushels would be the envy of many a millionaire.

Here's to the corn husker.

—Globe Gazette.

HELP YOUR LOCAL PAPER

Don't make fun of your local paper. It has possibilities of being as good as any in the country—and remember that it reflects the community in which it is published, and it is the one product that goes to far places bearing the town trade mark. It deserves the best you can give of active support and sympathetic understanding.

Give the editor news, wether it benefits you or not.

Don't ask him to print it on the front page and just the exact way you have handed it in.

Don't worry lest the editor makes too much money. If he's prosperous, he'll be foolish enough to give his community a better paper; that's an etitor's ambition—that's why he engages in the publicity business.

Tell him when he has a good paper You are willing to congratulate your preacher on a good sermon, and your merchant on an attractive window display. The editor is no less grateful for a word of praise.

Make it a point to visit the print shop and learn of its difficulties and complexities. At least that will give you more charitable attitude. The paper should not be the product of the editor solely, but of all those who are interested in it as friends, contributors readers or advertisers.—Southland Farmer.

If everybody who advises thrift were to practice thrift, poverty would be reduced to less than one-half of one per cent.

The men who are afraid of their wives are found mostly in the joke columns, but when you find one that is, it's no joke to him.

When a great desire to reform somebody or something comes over you, go back to the barn and look yourself over carefully.

The Ideal Purgative

As a purgative, Chamberlain's Tablets are the exact thing required. Strong enough for the most robust, mild enough for children. They cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any of that terrible griping. They are easy and pleasant to take and agreeable in effect.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

GREAT EXCITMENT AT WALCOTT

Davenport, Ia., Oct. 25.—There is great excitement in the town of Walcott, twelve miles west of Davenport. For the first time in its history the community has a Sunday school. It started with 26 pupils.

Walcott is unique in its religious sentiments. It has not a single church, Catholic or protestant, and since the founding of the town, more than fifty years ago, its citizens have steadfastly refused to support or even tolerate religious services

Walcott is a town of fine homes, schools and banks. It recently erected a public auditorium where chautauquas and other educational affairs are held. Until a few years ago it had the distinction of being the wealthiest city per capita in the United States.

But the town doesn't want churches In years past, efforts have at various times been made to establish a mission or church in the place, but all have met with failure. The citizens simply boycotted all such movements and on Sunday mornings closed their doors and windows to the peal of church bells.

"We have always had peace, loyalty and order in our town without churches and we don't want this spirit disturbed," is the remark of a leading citizen expressing the community's opposition to the churches.

FOR THE FAMILY

You may have seen the family group that The Youth's Companion has chosen for its symbol. It appears on all Companion stationery and on all Companion advertising matter. It typifies the idea that the Companion stands for—the solidarity of the family. In its stories, in its articles, in its contents generally, The Companion speaks to the family, animated by the spirit that draws parents and children together round a common hearthstone, sharers in the same duties, the same joys, the same aspirations. New subscribers for 1922 will receive:

1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues in 1922.
2. All remaining weekly 1921 issues.
3. The Companion Home Calendar for 1922.

All for $2.50

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Belmond, Iowa Phone 115

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

CHAPTER VIII. — Returning to the Halfway Switch, Dale meets Major Bradley, lawyer, and real friend of the mountaineers, whom he engages as counsel for the company. A man named Goff, of evil repute, tries to bribe Dale to betray the Morelands by selling him the coal deposits, and telling them they are of little value. Dale attempts to thrash him, but Goff draws a revolver. Dale is unarmed.

CHAPTER IX.—Goff enlists the aid of a turbulent crowd, the Balls and Torreys, to make trouble for Dale's company. The Littlefords and Morelands agree to forget the old feud and dwell in harmony.

CHAPTER X.—"Babe" returns to her home, fearing she is a burden to the McLaurins. Dale remonstrates, and she agrees to go back, for the sake of an education. Waylaid by "Black Adam" Ball, Dale fights a pistol duel with the desperado, and Ball is killed. Dale is arrested and taken to jail at Cartersville. He doesn't see how his shot could have killed Ball.

CHAPTER XI.—There is much speculation as to who really killed Ball, the general opinion being it was By Heck, who had constituted himself Dale's guardian.

CHAPTER XII. — Caleb Moreland, son of John Moreland, admits firing the shot which killed Ball, and takes Dale's place in jail. He is innocent, but takes the blame for the killing in order that Dale can continue the development of the mine.

CHAPTER XIII.—On the pretext of investigating another coal deposit, Dale is decoyed to a gathering of the Balls and Torreys. They "try" him for the murder of Adam Ball, find him guilty, and sentence him to be hanged next day. He is rescued by By Heck. Goff is forced to leave the neighborhood.

"If ever I have the chance," muttered Bill Dale, "I'll thrash you for this cute little joke of yours."

"You won't never have the chanst," laughed Walt Turner.

The Balls and the Torreys began to close in on all sides, and a solid ring of dark and for the most part bearded, wickedly triumphant faces formed itself around Dale. Adam Ball's father, the acknowledged leader of that band of cutthroats that was now the Ball-Torrey faction, glared at Dale with black eyes that were filled with the fire of intense hatred; then he seized Dale's revolver and thrust it inside the waist-band of his worn jeans trousers. Dale felt the grip of rough hands on his shoulders and arms. He fully realized his great danger; but he strove to keep all signs of fear out of his countenance, and he was not unsuccessful.

"I presume this is what you call taking the law into your own hands, isn't it?" he said with a smile that was forced.

"Edzactly!" snapped old Ball. "We ketched ye fo' the law, and we held ye fo' the law, and we turned ye over to the law; and 'en, by gonnies, the law turned ye loose the very next day! And 'en the shuriff he comes out here and arrests four o' us! Ef the law won't try ye and punish ye fo' a-shootin' my son Adam in cold blood, by gonnies, we'll try ye and punish ye fo' a-doin' it. But ye needn't be skeered none at all. Ye're plumb shore to git jestice. I'll promise ye jestice."

"You've evidently overlooked the fact that another man confessed to the killing, and that that was why they liberated me," said Dale.

"It's some cussed frame-up," snarled the leader of the gang. "No man on earth don't like no other man well enough fo' that. Asides, you're the one 'at killed my son Adam, by gonnies, and you're the one 'at must suffer fo' it. Right here onder this here warnut tree we're a-goin' to hold co'te and have yore trial, by jedge and jury, and you'll shore git what's a-comin' ——"

Bill Dale cut in with some bitterness: "And you'll be the judge, and your plans have already been laid, and I'm to be hanged by the neck until dead; eh? Well, you'll pay dearly for it, I promise you. We always have to pay for what we get, you know. The Morelands and the Littlefords will be quick to settle the account. You know that."

"No," old Ball disagreed hotly, "I don't know that!"

He turned to the others.

"Set down, boys. It's the same price as standin'. The jury will please set over thar," pointing to his right. "The pris'ner and his gyards will please set right over thar," pointing to his left. "The hon'rable jedge, which same is me, will please set right thar," indicating a spot at the base of the gnarled walnut. "The rest," he finished, "will set anywhar they d—n pleases. Set down, men."

His orders were obeyed. Dale found himself sitting on the ground between two pairs of mountaineers and facing a line of twelve mountaineers—the so-called jury. To his left was the self-appointed judge, and to his right lounged a score or more of men whose attention was then being turned toward a jug of fiery new whisky that had never been near to a revenue stamp or anything else that was honest. The jug traveled rapidly from one hairy mouth to another.

Old Ball passed the jug to a member of the "jury," and announced:

"Well, dammit, co'te's open now."

"Kitty, kitty, kitty!" taunted Walt Turner. "Pore little kitty!"

The mockery began. It was ridiculous, and yet it was grim. Adam Ball's father himself furnished most of the evidence; also he acted as prosecuting attorney. Of course there was no counsel for the defense, and it wouldn't have helped if Dale had had a proverbial Philadelphia lawyer on the grounds; all the proof and eloquence and pleading in the world never would have changed, in the slightest degree, the sentence that had been cut and dried for Bill Dale. The mock trial was being held solely because the Balls and Torreys felt that by holding it they were insulting the majesty of the law and making their vengeance sweeter. It became worse than a travesty. . . .

Night fell during the wordy and profane harangue of the Ball leader, and it was ordered that a fire be built at once. At once a fire was built, dry brushwood being used, and in its red and flickering glare the faces of the hillmen looked doubly dark and doubly wicked. Then the judge begged a chew of tobacco and deliberately kept the whole twist, and told the jury to go out and bring back a verdict without losing time.

The twelve mountaineers rose unsteadily and went to the creek, and there one of them uncovered another jug of fiery new whisky that was alien to a revenue stamp. They drank heavily and returned to the walnut tree court without mentioning the trial.

The foreman was a Torrey, and a particularly bad one. His swarthy face, with its high Cherokee cheekbones and its thin-lipped mouth, was ultra-cruel, ultra-vicious. He entered the circle of red and flickering firelight slowly, smiling evilly, and the other eleven crowded up close behind him. He cleared his throat, spat between two fingers at the fire, and turned to the judge.

"Gentlemen o' the jury," growled the ruling Ball, "have ye reached a verdict?"

"We have, yore honor," very promptly answered the Torrey who was foreman. "And we ha' found the pris'ner guilty o' the wust kind o' coldblooded, premeditated mudder in the fust degree, yore honor."

Old Ball leveled a knotty forefinger toward Bill Dale.

"Fo' the killin' o' my son Adam," he pronounced sentence, "you sh'll hang by the neck ontel dead, from a limb o' this here warnut tree, by gonnies, at sunrise in the mornin'."

Although he had well known what the sentence would be, Dale went suddenly ashen. Then he took a firm grip on himself and began to reason.

He could not hope, he decided, that the Morelands and the Littlefords would find him before the sun rose. They would miss him, of course, and they would suspect foul play and look for him; but finding him in that wilderness—it was impossible. It became plain to him that he would have to save himself if he were saved. He believed his best chance lay in his proving that he was anything but a coward; the worst mountaineer, he knew, admired a brave man.

So he turned slightly toward the self-appointed judge and asked calmly:

"Is there anything really game about you?"

"Shore, by gonnies!" quickly. "I'm all game. I'm the feller 'at showed wildcats how to fight. What about it?"

"I'll see if you're all game," Dale said, and he smiled when he spoke. "I'll make you this proposition: I'll fight any ten of you, two at a time, with five minutes' rest between fights; if I whip them all I go free, and if I don't whip them all I hang immediately. All parties to be barehanded, no guns and no knives. Are you that game?"

Ordinarily, it would have been a thing well nigh impossible to do, much as Dale knew of the pugilistic art, great as was his strength and endurance. But now most of those about Dale were drunk and therefore weakened, and he believed he had a chance if old Ball accepted.

But Judge Ball didn't accept. Doubtless he remembered his son Adam's fight with Dale.

"The' cain't be no fightin' in co'te," he said. "You sh'll hang by the neck ontel dead, at sunrise in the mornin'."

There was a mumble of approval from the others. Doubtless they, too, remembered that the young man whom they held a captive had once whipped Black Adam Ball, the mountaineer Goliath, with his bare hands. They did not have the one good trait that Dale had hoped they possessed; while they must have admired him for his courage, they were afraid to fight him without weapons. Dale recalled the fact that the Balls were not originally hillfolk, but lowlanders who had taken to the mountains in order to avoid being forced to fight during the Civil war, a people without a principle. The Cherokee Torreys, of course, were even worse.

"Kitty, kitty, kitty!" Walt Turner called tauntingly again. "He walked into the trap like a pore little kitty!"

A plowline of half-inch cotton rope was produced, and the condemned man was securely bound, standing on his feet and facing outward, to the big walnut. Desperate as was his case, Dale couldn't help being a trifle amused at that part of it. It was

It Was So Very Melodramatic.

so very melodramatic. And yet, it was so grimly real, and his hopes seemed so thin. . . .

The Morelands and the Littlefords would eventually learn the truth and make the Balls and Torreys pay a dear price, no doubt, but that—that wouldn't give him back his life!

The men were divided into two watches. The first was to remain awake and on guard until midnight, and the other was to go on duty from midnight until dawn. The second watch, with which was the faction's leader, had a nightcap of the vitriolic whisky, flung itself sprawling on the ground and straightway went to sleep.

The first watch sat around the crackling brushwood fire and played cards for chews of tobacco, cartridges and pocket knives, sang strange and outlandish songs and drank more whisky. One very drunk Torrey gambled away all his tobacco, all his cartridges, his knife, his rifle and his belt, his coat and his hat, his boots and his shirt—and offered to bet his trousers and his ears on the turn of a single card! It was funny, and it was disgusting, too. It was all the work of whisky, which Bill Dale had always hated because it made men fools, made them mouth their secrets and made them commit murder. . . .

After some two hours of these worse than bacchanalian orgies the first watch, heavy with drink, stopped playing cards and singing outlandish songs, forgot all orders and began to nod. Then it was that Dale thought of the man who had been his faithful guardian for many days, the lanky By Heck. Why hadn't he thought of Heck before? He wondered if Heck had followed him to the trap, if Heck was near him even then, if Heck had gone for help.

By Heck had not followed Bill Dale to the little basin. But he had followed Henderson Goff, and Henderson Goff had followed Dale to the little basin. Goff had returned to the Big Pine Mountain country only that day and he knew nothing of the plans of the Ball-Torrey faction until he witnessed the mockery of a trial. Goff was now crouching in the darkness on the low line of cliffs to the eastward from the walnut tree; and not far behind him, well hidden in the black laurels, watching him and watching Bill Dale, crouched By Heck.

Dale's guardian had not gone for help, because he feared to leave Dale utterly unprotected in the hands of the gang of cutthroats. He believed that he could rescue Dale himself. When the first watch became a little more drowsy, he would steal up behind the tree and cut the cotton rope.

Then he realized that Goff had disappeared entirely. He crept forward silently, his eyes alert, and a moment later he saw Goff stealing toward the walnut tree. He climbed noiselessly down over the face of the cliff and followed Goff like a shadow. When Goff's hands touched the tree, By Heck was within ten feet of it. Heck made sure his rifle was ready and took another step forward, watching, listening.

The shyster coal man leaned around the tree to the left. In the glow of the low-burned fire the blade of a small knife in his hand gleamed dull red. He whispered cautiously:

"Youre in a fix, Dale. And it's none of my doing, either. Give me your word that I'll get that coal property for fifteen thousand, and I'll slash the rope. How about it? Sick of this country, aren't you?"

There came a few seconds of silence save for the lusty snoring of the sleepers and the musical tinkle of the little creek, after which Goff muttered disappointedly:

"Well, then, hang!"

And Heck knew that Dale had refused to sell the Moreland coal for a song even to save his life. As Goff stepped backward, the muzzle of the tall hillman's rifle went against the small of his back, and the tall hillman whispered hoarsely, through teeth tightly clenched:

"Slash 'at rope, d—n yore soul! Slash 'at rope, or I wisht I may drap dead ef I don't shoot yore backbone into four thousand pieces, igod! Slash it!"

Goff straightened in surprise. The rifle's muzzle went harder against his back and he knew it for exactly what it was. He moved a hand upward, then downward and the cotton rope was severed in half a dozen places.

"Stiddy thar, now!" whispered By Heck, and he began to back away. "Come along wi' me, ye dadslatted, banjer-bellied skunk. Bill he'll foller."

The three of them hurried into the deeper shadows. Soon Heck halted Goff and turned to Dale.

"S'arch him fo' a gun, Bill, old boy."

Dale lifted from Henderson Goff's right-hand coat-pocket a blued and stub-nosed magazine pistol.

"Dang my eyes and blast my forrard!" Heck exclaimed in a muffled voice. "He's plumb death on them little popguns, ain't he? Say, Goff, ef ever ye shoots me with a thing like that and I find it out, danged ef I don't spank ye ontel yore nose bloods; Now, le's go, you'uns. And ef ye jest cheep out a noise, Mister Goff, the buzzards will pick the meat offen yore bones afore tomorrer night."

"Move, shyster!" frowned Bill Dale.

By Heck led the way to the line of cliffs to the westward. They had climbed the rugged wall and were about to set out through the pitchy dark woodland, when a voice that they knew well hailed them softly from the laurels to their left:

"Hold on, thar!"

"John Moreland, by jiggers!" muttered Heck.

Moreland hastened soundlessly to them. "I reckon ye didn't mean no harm, By," he said in tones that expressed a deep regret, "but yit I shore wisht ye hadn't ha' done it."

Samuel Heck was very proud of himself. He straightened there in the darkness.

"What'n the name o' the devil makes ye wisht sech a thing as that, John?" he demanded in a half angry voice.

"'Cause," growled the big hillman, "you went and sp'lled h—l out o' the main big picnic. We meant to wipe out all o' them thar lowdown Balls and Torreys, By. When they went to hang Bill Dale in the mornin', we'd ha' had a good reason fo' a-killin' 'em everyone—the weasels! Ye see, By, every man Moreland but Caleb, and every man o' the Littlefords, is hid here in these laurels, and has been ever sense that thar fool trial begun. We was jest a-waitin'. How did we happen to know it?

"'At's easy, By. Me and Ben Littleford was on our way atter more dynamite, when we seed Bill Dale a-follerin' that stranger man, and Goff a-follerin' Bill, and you a-follerin' Goff. We knowed somethin' ongodly mean was in the wind. So I follered you, By, a-breakin' off bushes as I went to mark the trail, and Ben he went back and got the rest of 'em and follered me."

Then to Dale, "Well, Bill, what're we a-goin' to do with this here cussed polecat Goff?"

Dale turned to the shyster coal man, who was still being closely watched by Heck.

"I told you I was pretty apt to thrash you the next time we met, didn't I?" clipped Dale. "Do you want to get out of this country for good, or do you want to fight me to a finish? I'm through talking right now, Goff."

"I'd guess I'd rather fade," acknowledged Goff.

"Then fade!"

Goff slunk off through the brush.

When they had covered a mile, John Moreland grasped Dale by an arm and said to him:

"I reckon you think we're sort o' bloodthirsty, by us a-waitin' to kill off that pack back thar; don't ye? Well, we ain't blood-thirsty, Bill. Them Balls and Torreys ain't wo'th nothin' to theirselves, nor to their famblies, nor to nobody else. The sooner they're dead the better off they'll be, and the better off their famblies'll be, and the better off everybody else will be. You ain't safe, nor I ain't safe, as long as they're alive.

"We like you, Bill Dale," he continued gravely. "And you're shore wo'th it. You wouldn't sell out to that cussed polecat, even to save yore own life, and 'at's what I calls narve and principle in ye. Bill Dale, the' ain't many men in this here whole outfit who wouldn't give ye the last d—d drop o' blood in their bodies, ef ye needed it. To the right, Bill—ahead of us is a clift."

CHAPTER XIV.

A Letter and a Proposal.

The Moreland Coal company's two big rough buildings were completed in record time. There had been no further manifestations of interference from the Balls and Torreys, and Henderson Goff had been nowhere in evidence since the night of Bill Dale's ironclad verbal ultimatum. Work on the little railroad was progressing like wildfire, and everybody was in high spirits.

By Heck had just arrived with the mail. He stalked with an air of great importance into Dale's office, and threw the mail down on the new roll-top desk; then he stepped backward, dropped into a straight-back chair and began to nurse his rifle tenderly on his knees. There was a puzzled look on his leathery face. Dale had received half a dozen letters, and By Heck was at a loss to figure out the why of such an overwhelming amount of mail.

Dale finished his figuring, leaned back in his swivel chair and took up a letter that seemed altogether too bulky for a business letter. Moreover, its address was in pencil, and somewhat scrawled, though a chirography expert would have said that the handwriting showed strength of character.

"I wonder who it is," Dale muttered, "that mistakes us for a newspaper office and is sending us copy?"

"Jest what I was a-thinkin'," drawled By Heck through his Niagara

"Open Her Up, Bill, Mebbe It's Money, by Jake!"

Falls mustache. "Open her up, Bill; mebbe It's money, by Jake!"

Dale saw the postmark then, and his brows drew with interest. It was the postmark of his old home city.

"From Babe," he told himself—and it was.

He opened it and read it. She had spelled most of her words correctly, but the only punctuation she used was a period and her capitals were few. For a wonder, she had put it into paragraphs:

Mr. bill Dale.
cartersville.
tennessee.

Kind friend.

I seat myself with pen in hand to drap you a few lines to let you know i am well hoping you the same. well bill i have some news to tell you about what happened when i got back hear and since i got back and hear it is.

the first person i seen when i got to the railrode stashun was jimmy fayne and he was dressed up like a millionair and i reckon he is one. he took me in his moter car up to pats home. patrisha you know. pat she hugged me and jimmy left rite away but said he would be back. i asked pat had she heard about yore trubble bill and she answered no what. then i told her bout you and the lowdown black adam ball bill and she said pore old bill he had such a high temper nobody could ever understand it but it cant be are you serious elizabeth.

well i said yes i mean it. pat shook her head sorrowfle and said tell me all about it elizabeth deer. when i had told her the hole story about it we went up stares. pat went to a closet and got a butifle dress my size. i ordered this the day before you left us pat said but it mite half to be altered. wile you are dressing pat said i will speak to Mrs. Dale over the telephone. pat said yore mother has softened tord her son and i promised to tell her any news i had conserning him. i said all rite.

pat was gone down stares talking over the telphone for a long time and when she returned to me i was dressed and we went down stares together and the new dress diddent half to be altered. after dinner was over me and pat went to a swing at the end of a vranda which had a dim lite on it. pat spoke all of a suddent and said to me how would you like to go to live with Mrs. Dale bills mother. i remembered i haddent liked yore mother bill cause of what she said about me and i got about half mad. dont you want me to live hear with you pat i asked.

of course pat said. ide be glad to have you but Mrs. Dale wants you too pat said. her treatment of her son which is you bill has most broke her hart pat said. pat said the only hold Mrs. Dale has on her son is through you elizabeth and she is a sad and remorsefle woman. then i got to thinking bill i mite be the cause of bringing peece between you and yore parrents and so i told pat i would go and i did. ime glad said pat but ime sorry to lose you but it is the best way and we can see each other often cant we deer.

well bill it wassent long until a big moter car called around at pats for me and setting in the hind seat was yore father hisself john k Dale. he helped me into the car with him and he seemed glad to see me. after we had said good morning and so forth he said anxious like now elizabeth please tell me all about bills trouble for patrisha mite have omited something you know. at first i was awful afeard of him but i soon got to likeing him fine and i told him about you and that lowdown black adam ball from beginning to end and when i told him about the fite in the river he grinned and grinned and said you always was jam full of the fite stuff.

hell come out of it all rite the worst of it is his haveing to stay in jail until the trial comes off said your father at the next term of cote. weed better see if we can't get him out on a bond he said haddent we elizabeth and i said yes. bill i found yore mother indede a sad woman. there wassent much about her to remine me of the time when she called me a savaje person. she said i am delited you came elizabeth and i cride a little i couldent help it when i jest half to cry i jest half to cry and nothing else don't help a bit. Because she kissed me bill.

well bill yore father he wired the athorties in cartersville and found out that cale Moreland had confessed to the shooting of black adam and you was free and it has set his mind at rest. but it diddent set my mind at rest for because i no the mountain hart. i know cale Moreland is jest takeing yore place in jail until the day of the trial for that is the way of the Morelands. pore cale is a good boy. i am doing fine hear bill but i often wish i could have old Doe River hear to sing me to sleep like it used to. yore mother is teaching me how to read and rite and spell like pat did and i am learning fast. you can see by this letter i can rite an spell fine cant i.

well bill kind friend jimmy fayne has jes sent yore mothers made up hear to ask if he can see me and i will half to go down stares and see what he wants.

yores respectively.

Babe.

Bill Dale folded the bulky letter and put it slowly back into the envelope. Then his gaze wandered through a window and to where a golden-winged high-holer was hammering industriously at the top branch of a dead tree. He smiled to himself, By Heck and nearly all of the rest of the world for the moment forgotten, and muttered aloud:

"'Yores respectively, Babe.'"

"Haw, haw, haw!" laughed the keen-eared and watchful hillman in the straight-back chair behind him. "'Yores respectively, Babe!' Haw, haw, haw! Well. Bill, dadsling it, it shorely to goodness ain't nothin' to turn all that red about! When the night's gone the day comes, don't it? Bill, old boy, it's the same thing!"

"You get out of here, By!" Dale stormed in mock severity. "Go and help the commissary clerk with the new goods; eh?"

Heck laughed another horselaugh, rose and went out.

When he had gone, Dale began to think—of the ultra-spoiled, charming-after-a-fashion, wealthy, young, high-night devotee, Jimmy Fayne. And he wondered, and wondered, what would come of Fayne's quick liking for Babe Littleford.

After he had viewed the matter from above and below and all sides around, he frowned like a berserker.

Here is what came of Jimmy Fayne's quick liking for Babe Littleford—

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The days had passed swiftly, and autumn was far advanced. Save for a few chrysanthemums and asters that grew in places sheltered from the frosts, the flowers were all gone; the maples were shedding their leaves of brown, crimson and gold.

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READ THE WANT ADS

The CLAN CALL

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Ben Littleford's daughter had changed much in many ways. She had tried as hard as ever mortal tried to learn the correct use of words; and Mrs. Dale had been patient, painstaking and efficient in her teachings. Not that Elizabeth was educated, in any real sense of the word. Far from it. But her improvement was, in all truth, quite remarkable. She wore more or less costly gowns now, and a few jewels, thanks to Mrs. Dale, and wherever she went she attracted admiring glances.

Jimmy Fayne had been coming to see her when Mrs. Dale would permit it, which was not very often. Jimmy Fayne, as Patricia McLaurin had once been moved to say, was a far seeing young man for all his weaknesses; he had known in advance that the laurel bloom would change to a rose, and then to a white hyacinth. Perhaps he even considered the fact that she would make a better wife for him, and a better mother for his children, than some fragile and over-cultured woman of a patrician house that had about run out. At any rate, Jimmy Fayne, the ultra-spoiled, had decided that he would marry her.

During those weeks that had been made happy by an occasional hour at the home of the Dales, Fayne had not once mentioned marriage. He figured, and wisely enough, that to be too quick with his proposal would be to lose everything.

But now he meant to propose, for he knew that Miss Littleford intended going home for a visit—and he knew that when she went home she would see Carlyle Dale. The truth was, of course, that Miss Littleford was going to Tennessee to attend the October term of court at Cartersville.

It was a little after the middle of a bright afternoon. He found her sitting on an iron settee in a secluded corner of the lawn, where cape jessamines and lilac bushes grew in orderly array. She wore a light wrap, and there was an easy-to-read book in her hands; but she wasn't trying to read at the moment.

He bared his head, greeted her pleasantly, and asked permission to sit down beside her. She looked up at him. He was immaculately dressed.

"Of course," she granted with a smile that was very winsome.

He stated his mission briefly, for Mrs. Dale might appear at any minute.

"I came, Elizabeth, to ask you to marry me."

She sat as still as though she had not heard. He went on hastily:

"I confess that I'm a little ashamed of trying to take you away from Carlyle Dale, for he was always very nice to me. But I may be forgiven for that, I think, because I care for you a great deal. Anyway—'All is fair in love and war'—you know."

His voice was hardly businesslike, but it lacked original fire. Elizabeth Littleford closed the book in her lap, and lifted her clear brown eyes to his eager face.

"No," she disagreed, "all ain't—isn't fair in love and war. That's one o' the very silliest sayin's I've ever heard. As for the other—I like you, Jimmy, but not in the way you want me to. It's Bill Dale that I like—in that way, Jimmy."

Fayne looked disappointed. He was silent.

"You're a good boy, Jimmy," she went on, "and I hate to make you feel the least bit bad. It makes me—oh, Jimmy, it makes me blue. I wish you hadn't asked me. I'm sure you'll find some better girl than me—than I—for a wife."

"There is no better girl than you. Elizabeth. I'm going to wait—and hope."

He took up one of her hands and kissed it, rose and went toward the street. Before he had gone a minute, she rose, her face a little pale, and stared after him, sorely tempted—for Fayne's money could bring her people out of their long night of ignorance!

Well, if she didn't marry Bill Dale—and she feared that she wouldn't—she would marry Jimmy Fayne, if he still wanted her—if he would agree to help her people. After all, it wasn't so much to give. What was one poor little, unhappy human life?

It was late, that night, when Elizabeth Littleford went to sleep. And when at last she slept, she dreamed of walking through a fragrant green meadow with Bill Dale. There was the low humming of wild bees about the purple crowns of the ironweed and the scarlet bloom of the clover; there was the mating call of the partridge, and the loveiorn coo of a dove. . . .

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READ THE WANT ADS

Belmond Local News

Watch our windows for Saturday specials this week.—Townsan Hardware.

20 per cent reduction on all tailored-to-measure clothes. Order your fall suit or overcoat now.—Star Cleaner, under the post office.

Test your eyes on our Reel of Vision. Perfectly ground lenses and gold filled frames, $4.00 a pair.—Schultz Drug Co.

If you don't wish to buy a new suit—let us clean and press your old one. We do all kinds of altering and repairing, also relining.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of the hotel.

Harry Harberts, who has been here a few days visiting friends and relatives, returned yesterday to his home at Canton, South Dakota.

The city authorities had a boy on the job Tuesday cleaning off the pavement on the south end of Fourth Ave. Southeast.

Wanted—Light housekeeping rooms. P. O. Box 465.

Duck hunting has been picking up a little the past week, the flight of the ducks south having commenced. Hunting nowadays is exactly what the word says, hunting, and the man who gets a duck certainly has to hunt for it.

The baseball season is over, and football will soon be a thing of the past. Almost time to get out the checker boards. Who's the best player? Let's hold a tournament, have a lot of excitement, and decide the question. Probably have to hire the opera house to accomodate the crowd.

J. H. Fetrow of Palsville was in town yesterday on business matters.

Watch our windows for Saturday specials this week.—Townsan Hardware.

Wanted—Some second-hand furniture. State what you have, and price. —P. O. Box 465.

Wanted—Light house work, more for home than wages.—P. O. Box 465.

H. J. Klemme loaded a car of their household goods last week and he and the family left for California where they will make their home in the future.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD BETTER

Propositions made you than the one we make: The Home News One Year for One Dollar? Half price, and a losing proposition at that. Four days more. Why not get in on this offer; it will not be made again.

When a man's trying to deceive himself, he always thinks it necessary to make a lot of explanations to his friends.

DISTRICT COURT GRIST

(Continued from page one.)

Farmers Savings bank of Woolstock is given judgement against T. F. Moore who defaulted on his note for $329.

Lillian Aldrich of Rowan has been granted a divorce from Nathan Aldrich, he having failed to defend.

State bank of Belmond vs. J. Z. Thayer, suit on note, defendant defaulted, judgement for $335.

Florence Peters of Eagle Grove has been awarded temporary alimony in the sum of $250.

Independent Electric Co. has been awarded judgement against J. T. Johnson for $136.97.

Case of Bank of Galt vs. John Cartney has been transferred to Hamilton county.

No man will ever understand how women can play cards all afternoon for the kind of prize that is given at a party.

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

ROUTE ONE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Gladys Jenison and her sister Mrs. Floyd Thayer were Mason City callers on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Anderson are delighted over the arrival of a 12 1-2 pound boy, who came to their home on Sunday, Oct. 3.

A great many of the farmers of this vicinity have finished their corn picking.

Mrs. E. D. Jenison and daughter Virgie were callers at Garner on Friday. Miss Virgie is having some dental work done.

Ralph M. Edwards, the county agent, was a business caller in this vicinity last Tuesday.

The August Rabe family is quarantined for scarlet fever. The daughter Alma has the disease in a mild form.

Mrs. Floyd Thayer and sister Miss Virgie Jenison spent the week end with relatives near Latimer.

Miss Bertha Gealow is assisting with the housework at the S. A. Anderson home.

Mrs. J. B. Jenison and daughter Cloe attended the club rally at Clarion Saturday.

Kinseth Store News

AS YOU KNOW—We started last week with the Cash and Carry basis of business: You pay cash and carry your money home. We think this is the best thing for both of us; because when we sell for cash we can give lower prices on our goods, and when you pay cash you get them. No interest on thousands of dollars standing out in accounts. Many sales, a small profit, not few sales and a big profit. It works both ways, you see, and we are both benenteu. Try the Store on the Corner.

And remember that we pay cash on the dot for your butter and eggs. Bring them in and get the money.

Try our floor—it makes the finest bread you ever tasted.

And it makes the tastiest cakes and pies too.

When you want the quality in canned goods and at quality prices, try ours. You can buy cheaper, but none better.

Try The Store on the Corner—Cash and Carry home your savings.

B. K. Kinseth

Belmond, Iowa

Girls, Boys, Everybody! Here Is Something New!
Oh, How Wonderful. It's

Eskimo Pie

Patent Allowed

And what is Eskimo Pie? Is It a Moving Picture? Is it a Story?
Is it a Story? Is it really Pie? Well, what can it be?

ESKIMO PIE IS GOOD TO EAT

You buy an Eskimo Pie here---then unwrap it carefully---take one bite---start to chewing it---and if you don't say it's the finest "eats" you've had for many a day, then we lose.

ESKIMO PIE IS STRICTLY NEW

Your great grand parents never heard of, nor saw, nor tasted of delicious Eskimo Pie. It's new, it's different and it's, oh, so good. Just wait 'till you get a piece of Eskimo Pie,

Eskimo Pie---A Frozen Confection

It is wrapped like a candy bar, it looks like candy, some will say it is candy. But No sir-e-e! When you eat it, you'll say it's Eskimo Pie, a Frozen Confection.

Eat it down town or take home a pie or more for the family. They'll like it--because it's delicious and nutricious.

Buy it at the

Belmond Candy Kitchen

Steve Antonio, Mgr.

SPECIALS

1-quart jar of Cocoa	30c
Jell, per glass	10c
2-lb. can of String Beans	10c
A large loaf of Bread	10c
1 pound of good Cookies	25c
2 1-2 can Peaches	25c
5-lb. can Syrup	25c
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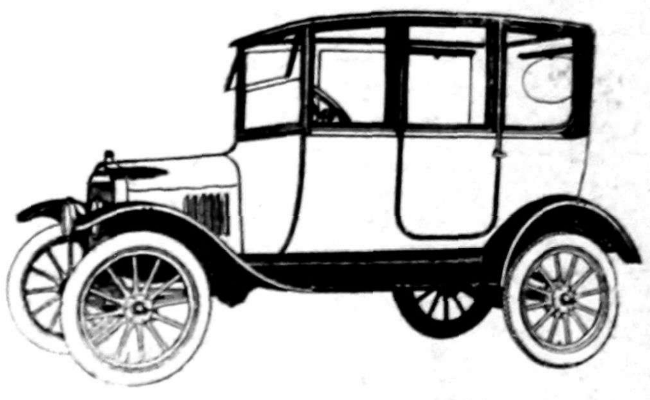

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Town Requested To Observe Armistice Day

In Accordance With Governor's Request Legion and City Urge Observance

ALL BELLS TO BE TOLLED

Governor N. E. Kendall in a proclamation issued a few days ago, asks "that all public and church bells in Iowa be tolled at stated intervals between 11:45 o'clock a. m. and that from 12 o'clock to two minutes past that hour devout and patriotic citizens indulge in a period of solemn thanks to God for the valour and heroism of the American soldier, and of humble supplication for a continuance of the divine power for our beloved country."

The American Legion post of Belmond, thru Dr. George H. Steele, the post commander, and the city, thru Mayor M. C. Barry, request that the observance of the day be carried out here in this manner, and that the various churches, the schools and the city toll the bells as requested by the governor.

THEY MADE TWO CONTRACTS —DID EAGLE GROVE LEGION

Humboldt Republican: The Eagle Grove Legion that put on the forty and eight celebration there and employed the Thor base ball club to play the Eagles, admits that the matter was bungled badly by the committees in charge of amusements for the day One committee made an oral contract with the Thor boys to play on a basis of winner take sixty per cent of the gate receipts. Another committee mad a contract with an airplane committee to give an exhibition offering fifty per cent of the gate receipts. The airplane man put a checker at the gate and got his money. When Thor went after her share, she was put off with one excuse and another and kept out of settlement for more than a month. The plain fact was that the airplane man had the cash and Eagle Grove had no money with which to settle. Instead of facing the music she evaded and dodged. Of course the facts had to come out and the delay only brot out more bad blood. Thor is disgusted. More, she is sore at Eagle Grove.

The facts disclose the amount of the gate receipts as about $800. Thor received $60 for winning the game. She had been promised sixty per cent of the $800.

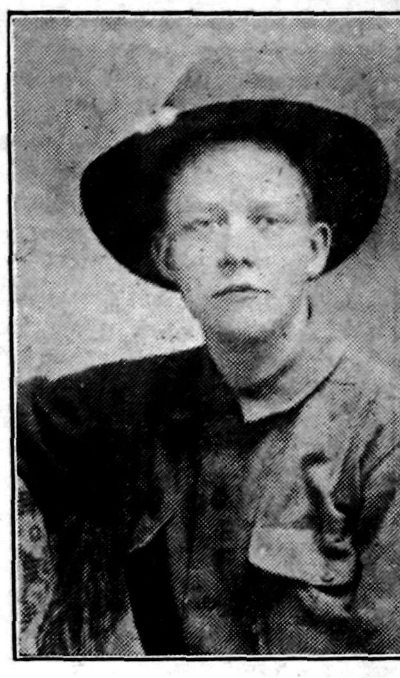
It is a mix-up mess, with the blame resting on the Eagle Grove legion.

The Thor boys have seen all the money they will ever see from that game.

NO HONOR AMONG THIEVES SAYS THIS MAN

Humboldt Republican: Two bootleggers in a neighboring town were skinned by a party on the sale of some hooch. He was supposed to run a distillery on the side. This party brought a bottle of "sample" whiskey to his friend and proposed the sale of a keg of the stuff. The deal was made. The barrel was delivered, tested and paid for. Later the purchasers attempted to draw more of the hooch and the barrel stubbornly refused to give up its contents. Investigation disclosed the fact that the supposed distillers had fastened a bottle of real hooch against the bung of the barrel and then filled the balance of the barrel with water. When the pint of real hooch was gone the barrel refused to give up any more, and the men are out their cash.

The Independent is in receipt of some literature from the Tyrrell-Combest Reality company of Beaumont Texas. The pamphlet was dealing with a lot sale at Beaumont, being promoted by the company mentioned. We presume that this is one more of the various lines of activity with which Mr. Tyrrell, an old-time Belmond resident, is connected. What we would like to know is how "Cap" ever keeps track of the many lines of endeavor in which he is interested.



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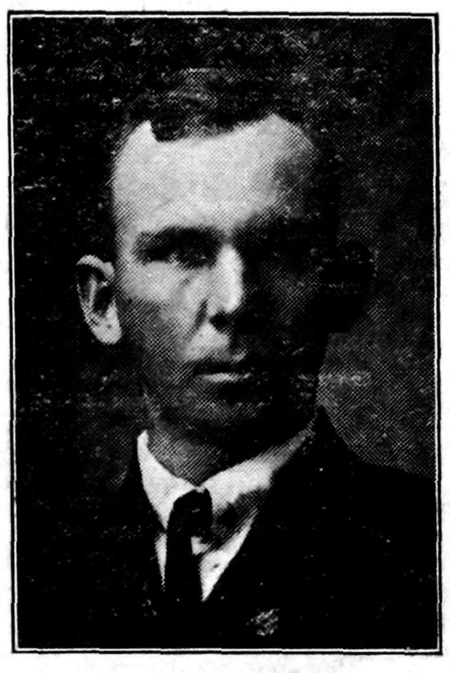

HARVEY C. EIMBRINK
Born December 8, 1893
Died December 8, 1917

IN MEMORIUM

In Flanders' fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place,
While in the sky the larks,
Still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead.
Short days ago we lived,
Felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
And now we lie in Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from falling hands we throw
The torch,
Be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, tho poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

CLIFFORD RIERSON
Born December 7, 1892
Died June 3, 1920

CHARLES JOSEPH McGUIRE
Born January 9, 1894
Died October 17, 1918

RAY BARTON
Born April 30, 1894
Died October 8, 1918

J. BERNARD WALLACE
Born May 28, 1901
Died October 7, 1918

Many Activities Being Lined Up By The School

School Calendar Gives List of Many Affairs To Be Held This Fall

PUBLIC RECITAL NOV. 30

B. H. S. Calendar

November 15—Goodell at Belmond.
November 18—Sheffield at Sheffield.
November 25—Goodell at Goodell.
November 30—Miss Shattock's Recital at Belmond.
Decmber 2—Sheffield at Belmond.
December 15—Lecture Course Number.
December 16—Belmond at Clarion.
December 23—Kanawna at Belmond.
January 16—Lecture Course.
January 13—Hampton at Hampton.
January 20—Dows at Belmond.
January 26—Garner at Garner.
February 3—Clarion at Belmond.
February 10—Dows at Dows.
February 14—Garner at Belmond.
February 17—Kanawha at Kanawha.

Next week, November 14-18, is to be Better Speech Week in High School. A special program for the week is being prepared; posters are being made and many other preparations are under way. We hope our Better Speech Week will result in better spoken English all the rest of the year.

The next Literary program is a better speech program. At this program the purpose and aims of Better Speech Week will be explained. A mock trial will be given.

Last Friday afternoon Miss Shattuck, head of the public Speaking Department at Ames, was here. She kindly consented to read a few short selections to the high school. Nov. 30 she will be here to give a public recital. Plan to hear her.

Miss Mabel Cramer visited the high school Monday of this week.

REMEMBER, the Athletic teams want your new subscriptions and renewals to the Ladies Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post and Country Gentleman. Give them your order and they will do the rest.

The Goodell basketball team will play our boys on the local floor Tuesday night, Nov. 15. Be out to the first game with lots of pep for the team.

Last Thursday night our high school boys were matched against the Belmond High School Alumni, and altho they fumbled the ball many times they showed speed and head work that with practice should develope a first class team. Altho the high school boys won by a score of 13 to 8 the game was very close and interesting. The Alumni lacked team work, but their advantage in weight was apparent to the spectators thruout the entire game. Come out and see our boys matched against teams of their own weight. The dates are listed in our school calendar.

The high school girls played their first game against the town girls and met defeat. The town girls team was composed of all former high stars, while the high school team, with two exceptions, is new material. The first fifteen minutes the score stood even, but after that the superior strength of the older girls, with bad luck at basket shooting on the high school side, lost the game to the school. From the interest and pep exhibited among the girls, B. H. S. has a right to expect a good team for future games.

Junior High Notes.

The seventh and eighth grades have organized two literary societies.

The Athenian Literary society with Shirley Brooks president, Beatrice Strieby vice president, Faye Jenison secretary, and Willie Finn as treasurer.

The Hesperian society with Roger Leinbach president, Ruth Jones vice president and Leroy Eaton as secretary and treasurer.

Class organizations:

Seventh grade: Class colors Maroon and Silver, class flower American

(Continued on page six.)

RED CROSS ANNUAL DRIVE STARTS FRIDAY

The fifth annual Red Cross roll call starts this week Friday, Armistice day, and extends to Thanksgiving, Nov. 25. The annual dues are one dollar, and half of this dollar is kept by the local chapter for use here,t he other half going to headquarters.

The local chapter is making no direct campaign this year, but is depending upon each person to pay their dues to the Red Cross. The dollar may be paid at either of the local banks. The Red Cross needs no explanation, its work and deeds are known by all. The privilege of belonging to an organization of this character for the dues of one dollar a year is a privilege which everyone should take advantage of. The Independent will give next week some facts of what the Red Cross has done the past year. Meanwhile, pay your dollar at the bank.

OPTION IS SECURED ON COUNTY FAIR GROUND

The Commercial club of Clarion held a meeting on Friday night of last week, at which the chief business was the report of a special committee that had been appointed to go into the fair ground matter. The committee reported that an option had been secured.

SAY, YOU—

Have you seen our "Independent pup"? Lost, strayed, or stolen, we haven't seen hide nor hair of him and we want him back. He is just a little white dog, with some brown and black spots around the head, and he wags his tail to the name of "Gyp." That dawg, folks, is just a dog, a full blooded dawg, with ancestry connected with pretty nigh every line of canine family trees in existance, but there isn't enough money in both Belmond banks to buy or keep him. He's full of fleas, he hasn't any more beauty than the law allows, but say—if you have him, or you know where he is, "tie him loose" and send him to us, will you? We can't do business without him. Any information will be gratefully received. by the editor. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold the annual bazaar Thursday, Nov. 10, beginning at 9:00 a. m. The sale will include fancy work, aprons, cut flowers, plants and bulbs, country store, and rummage sale.

Fine roast chicken supper to be served, beginning at 5 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Price of supper, adults 35 cents, children under 12 years 25 cents

IF X EQUALS Y, WHAT IS Z?

You've read a lot of tales of the farmer who brought in a cow hide and didn't get enough to pay for having his shoes half soled, but we present for your consideration this week the case of Andrew Scot, residing on a farm west of town, who recently in the course of his labors butchered a calf. Being a farmer, he naturally was looking out to save every cent this year, so he skinned the animal while he was about it—a task which required some time, and when he had completed the job he drove to town and sold the hide.

And received 22c.

The same day that we were told this story by a friend of Mr. Scott's a man was in the office who had just purchased a pair of shoes. He paid five dollars and a half. Now if a calf hide is worth 22 cents, and a pair of shoes sells for $5.50, then the farmer either has to skin twenty-five calves of go barefooted.

"Ain't we got fun" raising calves at the rate of 25 per pair of shoes and donating the labor? It's a great life if you don't weaken, but at this rate something has got to crack before long.

See L. Tokman before you sell your hides and furs.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express thanks to our friends for flowers and the many acts of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement. Also to the choir and pastor of the Congregational church for their services.

Mrs. L. W. Wendell and children.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The members of the Idle-a While club entertained their husbands and a few friends at a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brady.

The home was beautifully decorated and the Hallowe'en designs were artistic and very effective.

Thirty guests were met at the door by "spooks" and "ghosts," each wrapped in a long sheet and taken thru a long dark hall where they were made to climb steps and then slide down a slide to the floor. From there they were taken back into the living room where the rest of the evening was spent in games and all kinds of Hallowe'en stunts, among which were the witches fortune telling den, and the terrible electric chair.

At a late hour the guests were invited to the dining room where a bountious two-course luncheon was served by the club members.

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THE BOOZE LIAR

The booze liar still lives. He is a persistent propagandist and he has little sense. You can still hear him on the streets, in the pool halls, almost anywhere and anytime that men assemble. His mouth is always open to declare that there is as much booze drank as ever, that you can buy it anywhere and that drunkness is on the increase, says the Fairmnt Sentinel.

The fact is that there is at least a thousand times as much booze talk as there is booke—and that isn't denying that some moonshine and other contraband liquor still cirulates among anarchistic people who won't abide by or respect the law that conflicts with their own stubborn ideas and appetites.

Charley Dillman, of the Blue Earth Post, a reliable editor of the old school, sophisticated and observant, whose observations on all matters other than political can be safely rated at par, makes the following significant observation in this week's paper:

It has been our privilege to attend two big gatherings of late, one at Estherville, the other at Sherburn. It is conservatively estumated that at these two gatherings there were 25,000 people. In all this vast concourse not a single person was to be seen under the influence of liquor. And say, good people, what a happy change has come to us in the recent years. Ten years ogo 10 per cent of the number would have been under the influence of liquor, lives would have been endangered not only in the towns named above, but along the public highways leading to and from these places. We still have more or less reckles auto drivers, but thinks be, they are sober as a general thing. No, the man who used to "take one" occasionally and semi-occasionally, is today the man who will stand with body erect, look you straight in the eye and tell you he would not go back to old conditions for the world."—Northwood Anchor.

Some men seem destined to go down life's pathway parked on the wrong side where they get the bumps of everybody else.

"One man's meat is another man's poison," and in these days of home-grown hooch about everybody's drink is everybody's poison.

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WORTH THIRTY CENTS

(Editor's note—The following, taken from an exchange, rings the bell for real truth, and expresses the sentinments of the Independent better than any editorial we could write. We pass it on to our farmer readers with but one comment, "Them's our Sentiments!")

Did you ever get up early
When the day was newly born?
Get your good team and your wagon
And go and husk a load of corn?
Did you ever stop and ponder
With your back against the fence,
That the corn you'd been a husking
Might be worth just thirty cents?

Did you ever stop to wonder
When the kiddies needed clothes
And your wife said flour and sugar
And some powder for her nose?
Did you ever stop and wonder
When she said your head was dense
How you ever got that sugar
With the corn at thirty cents?

Did you ever want a Buick
Reo, Overland, or Grant
Did you ever want a Chandler,
With its gentle purr and pant?
Did you ever want a Hudson
With its overhead expense?
Did you ever want a Jitney
With your corn at thirty cents?

Did you ever read the bible
When the tots were reading theirs?
Did you ever sit and whistle
When your wife was at her prayers?
Did you ever help the heathen
With little recompense
Can you be a right good christian
With your corn at thirty cents?

Did you ever ask your father
When your banker wasn't home?
Did you ever go and ask him
For a nifty little loan?
(And you'd pay him back in August
Interest-principal-expense)
You'll play thunder a-payin' father
With your corn at thirty cents.

You may rave and rant and rattle
Till your head and throat are sore;
You may curse and "cuss" and battle,
But you won't get any more.
You may go and tell your Uncle Sam
You bear your own expense;
You may die and see who gives a darn
When your corn's at thirty cents.

TOLD IN RHYME
By
Ryley Ryck

"NOVEMBER 11, 1921"

A brief three years since that auspicious day
When from the clouds of war a shining ray
Of hope descended to the sons of men
And grew in radiance until again
The morning sun of Peace smiled calmly down
From skies which four long years had worn a frown.
Now on this anniversary they come,
The Nations of the Earth, nor fife nor drum
Nor gaudy trappings of that monster dread
That smiling ghoul who fattens on the dead,
But solemnly and with high seriousness
May they have come together to impress
Upon the world the Greater Armistice,
A truce to wars, a death to avarice!
God give them minds above the petty hates
And broils and bickerings of jealous states!
O'er all the world wnere War's dread children thrive,
Famine and suff'ring, crime and death all strive
To teach the lesson mankind long has sought
(Yet strive in vain, for man will not be taught)
Eyes with despair long dimmed at last are bright
With hope, and hearts bowed down and crushed by Might
Are beating faster on this day of days.
Oh, fail us not, ye in whose care the ways
And destines of nations are assigned,
Whose hands now hold the fate of humankind!
Else your inheitance shall be the scorn
And contumely of those yet unborn.
Oh, fail us not, we cry from East and West,
And millions shall rise up to call you blest.
(Copyrigh 1921 by Raymond R. Rychener.)

CLIPPINGS

A big football game between Clarion and Eagle Grove will be the main attraction at Clarion on Armistice day Nov. 11. A second team game is also being arranged for. Coffee and dough nuts will be served free from a tent in the court house yard. The Legion men of the county are especially invited. All are welcome.—Monitor.

Many autoes went in the ditches along the pavement Sunday. The shoulder at the sides was soft and if one wheel went off into the dirt it was almost impossible to get back onto the pavement again without help. The dirt had been graded recently and the heavy rains of the latter part of the week caused this condition. The road from here to Mason City was lined with cars all day Sunday. Cars that came in from dirt roads were using chains and in many places they could scarcely get thru at all.—Garner Signal.

L. T. Buschmann of Belmond had business at the court house yesterday and was a special caller at the home of his old friend Treasurer John Surballe.—Garner Signal.

A 22 calibre rifle was accidently discharged Tuesday evening, the bullet lodging in Frank Tanner's thigh. With W. C. Jaehnel, Mr. Tanner stopped in to see Mr. Cosner. Mr. Cosner was cleaning his rifle and when the mechanism refused to work, Mr. Jaehney attempted to fix it for him. The rifle discharged and the bullet struck Mr. Tanner who was sitting in a nearby chair.—Eagle.

Chas. Papousek came over from Belmond the latter part of the past week and done sofe electrical work for the Northern Lumber company. They have their building about finished now. Times.

H. Trafford and family moved to Belmond Monday. Paul Grange and family moved into the house vacated by them.—Times .

Miss Marian Luick came from Belmond Saturday for an over Sunday visit with Klemme friends.—Times.

Miss Kate Liddle has been attending the meeting of the state nurses' association at Iowa City the past several days and participating in the program.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atherton of Belmond were visiting here last week.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and son Herbert of Belmond were shopping here Thursday.—Times.

R. D. Box of the Belmond neighborhood was a county seat business caller Thursday. Speaking of hard times, he said the trouble with most of the younger farmers these days is that they begin business with an automobile and a tractor. Thirty years ago an old lumber wagon and a few horses were all that was required.—Monitor.

IOWA'S GOLDEN CARGO NOW OVER SEAS

Iowa's "golden cargo" of gift corn shipped by the farmers of the state for the relief of the starving Armenians in the near east, has arrived. Word of the delivery of the more than 4,400 tons of corn products at the port of Batoun was received today by Iowa headquarters of the near east relief.

Practically entire cargo of corn products, shipped last summer on the "Datchet," was contributed by the farmers of the state from their own fields. The corn was milled chiefly at Cedar Rapids, Le Mars and Omaha and shipped in finished form.

"The corn grits and flour have been issued to all districts" says the official report received today at the Iowa headquarters. "This is the first known introduction of corn products into the Caucasus and they bid fair to outrival wheat in many respects in popularity for food."

The releif workers are making a bread out of a mixture of 35 per cent corn products with wheat. The hominy grits sent from Iowa are being used chiefly in the form of porridge or mixed with soup or meat and served from the food kitchens in the famine areas.

The report continues:

"The medical staff declares that the corn is a Godsend because of its strength in vitamines. In fact, served in any form, the corn meal, corn flour and hominy are eaten with great avidity throughout the stricken areas."

The new corn campaign which has been launched in Iowa this fall by the Near East Relief will seek further donations of grain from the farmers to be used in these same forms in the famine regions. The first shippment from Iowa last summer contained 42 carloads of corn products.

HE DENIES HE IS DEAD— BUT RED TAPE SAYS HE IS

Immediately after the war it was uncommon to hear that a man declared dead by the government was not dead. Such mistakes were bound to occur we suppose but three years after a war would suppose that the government would have checked all such cases up. At Atlantic, Ia., there is a lady whom the government insists is a widow, in spite of all her repeated protests that she is not. Her husband returned from the war without a scratch and he also insists that he is very much alive. Their congressman has also tried to convince the war department that they are mistaken, but still the department insists that the man was killed in France.—Palo Alto Reporter.

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Rowan Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and family were Fort Dodge shoppers on Wednesday.

Mrs. Walt Carmon and Mrs. O. F. Braden were Belmond callers Tuesday.

Darrell Stout was a Clarion caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Tomkinson and daughter Constance were Clarion shoppers Wednesday.

Mrs. R. H. Keith and daughter Margaret and son Kenneth, and Russel Bailey motored to Renwick Wednesday where they spent the day visiting relatives.

Mesdames Guy Stumph and Leonard McCallum were Clarion shoppers on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond spent Sunday of last week at the parental home of both.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pester of Clarion visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and Mrs. M. Snyder Tuesday.

Clifford Ballou of Ft. Dodge visited relatives in town Wednesday. Mrs. Ballou is at Parkersburg at present. A new baby girl arrived to gladden their home.

Mrs. Ed. Riley and daughter Dollie visited Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey at Belmond.

J. D. Pritchett and E. Bingham were Belmond business callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Shaffer and daughter Eleanor, Mrs. Claud Patton and son Donald, and Mrs. Guy Hinderson and daughters Arlene and Ruth of Hampton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley Thursday.

The Misses Laura McCallum and Frances Farren were Hampton visitors Thursday. Miss Laura remained to visit her friend Miss Pals for a short time.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen and Mrs. Ida Ryder visited Friday at the home of their sister, Mrs. Packard at Belmond.

Mrs. George Wessels and children returned from Meservey Friday. They have been spending the school vacation at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and baby and E. Bingham were Belmond callers Friday.

J. F. Howell and daughter Clara Jane were Ft. Dodge shoppers Saturday.

Little Ivan Williams was quite sick the latter part of the week, threatened with pneumonia. He is some better at the present writing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Duffy were at Clarion shopping Saturday.

Miss Mable Cramer of Belmond spent the week end with her friend Miss Mary Forristall.

Mrs. Alta Coddington left Saturday for Council Bluffs to spend the week end.

Mrs. Jesse Steffens visited Tuesday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Packard at Belmond.

Mrs. L. L. Johnson and baby from Sioux Falls came last week to visit at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler. Mrs. Brown of Meringo came also to visit her sister while she was home.

Mrs. L. R. Fitz of Clarion visited at the home of her daughter Mrs. Guy Fletcher last week

Mrs Earl Patton and Mrs. Jennette Patton were Belmond callers Saturday.

Miss Goldie Williams of Hampton was a week end visitor at the home of her friend Miss Frances Farren.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box went to Fredericksburg Wednesday to visit at the home of his brother Martin. The returned home Saturday. They report that his brother is suffering with rheumatism.

Miss Wilda Whitten was a Belmond caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler and family were Mason City shoppers on Thursday.

Fred Ward of Ft. Dodge spent the day Sunday in Rowan.

Mrs. Ed. Riley and daughter Dollie and Chester Bailey went to Belmond Monday of this week to assist Fuller Bailey's in their moving.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher went to Clarion Saturday to spent over Sunday at the home of her parents.

George Whitten has purchased a new Ford the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Haupt of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Aldinger. They went to Coulter Monday to visit their son Ed. and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady Templeton of Clarion spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks and two daughters Eloise and Shirley and the Misses Pierce and Bailey visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton and family and Mrs. Jennette Patton went to Clarion Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dorr. Mrs. Jeanette Patton remained to visit for the week.

Messrs. Archie McCallum of Thornton and Bernard McCallum of Alexander visited at the home of relatives in town Saturday.

Miss Mary Forristall who has been assisting at the J. F. Howell home completed her duties and went to Dow Monday to visit for a short time before returning home to Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and two daughters Wilda and Billie, Mrs. Clint Kercheval and Mrs. J. F. Howell were Mason City shoppers Tuesday.

Floyd Hackley spent his vacation at the home of his uncle Earl Patton helping pick corn. The reports are of good loads for him and his cousin.

The Wisely road gang worked Sunday on the state road. They were filling the old river channel and a large crowd of spectators were present to watch the work as they expect to be done some time this week. Amon those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill and son and Miss Pearl Mickelson of Clarion, Mr. and Mrs. Cady Templeton of Clarion and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Haupt of Clarion.

Mrs. G. C. Tutin of Arnott, S. Dak., J. A. Baines and J. T. Baines of near Clear Lake and H. W. Baines of Orlando, Oklahoma, have been visiting their sister Mrs. Hannah Whitten. They had been called to Dows by the death of their sister Mrs. A. W. Burrows.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten has returned home from caring for her sister at Dows.

Walt Carmon and Alfred Larsen were Mason City callers Monday of this week.

George Ballou is having a hog house built on his farm north of town. O. F. Braden has been doing the mason work on it.

Jens Kjar and Pete Eson were Garner callers Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stumph and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McCallum were Mason City shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and daughter Gladys visited at the home of his sister Mrs. Milt Ramsey and family at Latimer Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Braden has been having some interior decorating done in her residence. Mr. Pagh of Coulter did the work.

Little Max Sheldon got his arm hurt very much Saturday when he was thrown against a tree while coasting in a little wagon. It was thought it was broken but it proved not to be.

Jesse Holmes of Pontiac is visiting friends in Rowan this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden were Belmond callers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Conn of Coulter entertained several families from this place Sunday in honor of his mother, Mrs. Kate Conn, the occasion being her birthday.

George Whitten has been doing a bit of improving on his property in town this week. He is having the back porch enclosed.

The ladies of the community have been busy the past week making dress forms. Tuesday they met with Mrs. Howard Box and several were completed. Wednesday they met with Mrs. Ed. Azeltine when more were completed, and Saturday they met with Mrs. Arthur Emerson and made two.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice Streveler spent Sunday with relatives at Blairsburg.

A. E. Emerson and D. W. Whitten have been having some plastering done on their house on the farm. O. F. Braden has been doing the work.

Mrs. Pete Eson is on the sick list this week.

Rowan School News Notes

The game of basket ball Saturday evening on the home floor was much enjoyed by all present. The game was between the high school boys of Blairsburg and Rowan. Quite a few Blairsburg people drove over to see the game and to encourage their boys, but were disappointed because they were defeated. As the time drew near to the end of the game people were on their feet yelling as the score was close. The final score stood 12-13 in favor of Rowan. Supt. Murphy of Alexander was referee for the game.

The Tom Thumb wedding will be given at the school house on Tuesday, Nov. 15., by the children of the school. If you want an evening of good entertainment do not miss this. The price of admission is only 25 and 15 cents. Forty percent of this goes to buy books for the school.

Theo. Hansen's new store is about completed and ready for occupation. It is modern in every way.

Miss Mildred Azeltine spent the past two weeks at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Azeltine.

The Rev. H. Tomkinson speaks at Lake Mills next Sunday and at Alden the following Thursday.

There are three dates that the public of Rowan will do well to keep open, namely, Saturday, Nov. 19, when Dr. Barry will deliver the first lecture of the Lyceum course; the second is Saturday Dec. 3 when the friends of the Congregational church hold their bazaar and supper; the third is Friday Dec. 9 when the Methodists will hold their bazaar. Put these dates down in your book and plan to have a share in the festivities.

Rowan M. E. Church Notes.

The Rev. Fred Neal, pastor of the Astbury M. E. church at Lake Mills, will occupy the pulpit at both services next Sunday.

The morning subject: "The Supreme Attribute of God."

The evening subject: "Preparedness."

Mr. Neal has the reputation of being an arresting preacher, so don't fail to hear his message.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will serve an oyster stew in the basement of the church next Thursday, Nov. 10. This will be one of the best times of the season.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. F. M. Myers last Wednesday afternoon. There was a large number of the members present and a most enjoyable and instructive session was held. A telegram was sent to Senator Cummins expressing their sympathy and hope fr a program of world peace. Miss Shaffer, Mrs. Guy Stumph, Miss Angie Baines and Mrs. H. Tomkinson were appointed delegates to the Northwest Iowa Missionary convention which convenes at Clear Lake this week.

The teachers of the school have had a week's vacation on account of the corn picking season. They are all back and ready for work.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Pastor: m. Herbert Nye.

Sunday morning worship 11 a. m. "The Great Need of the World."

Sunday school 12 n.

Parents come to church and stay for the Sunday school.

Cristian Endeavor 6:30. p. m.

Evening service 7:30. "The Great Apology."

The Junior Endeavors will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at the church at 7:30.

The Rev. Montgomery gave a good sermon to a full house Sunday evening and the address was inspirational to all who attended. The slides that were thrown on the screen were very good and showed us what the Congregational denomination was doing for its churches and people in this state, and the grand work that we are doing for the young people, and what Grinnell college, which is the best college we have in this state.

Dr. Montgomery gave a real message that was helpful to all, and that we will not forget. We are glad that our Congregational people of the state and all over the world, are beginning to see the real need of being true and loyal to the great cause of the Master.

There was a large attendance at the Missionary society at the home of Mrs. Stevenson last Thursday and the roll was called and a large number responded to the roll call.

The ladies of the Rowan Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Ben Hadley on Monday evening. There is lots of work to do, and the ladies are good and always ready to respond to the great work for the best interest of their part of the church life. "What kind of a church would our church be without the ladies?"

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Pete Hanson on Thursday afternoon. A good attendance is desired for this meeting. For ways of going to these meetings call on Mrs. Box or Mrs. D. W. Whitten.

Let's go to church Sunday—If you have not a church home—Come with us.

A Prouounced Success

The unform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the relief and cure of bowel complaints, both children and adults, has brought it to almost universal use, so that it is practically without a rival and as everyone who has used it knows, it is without an equal.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

IOWA FALLS MAN TELLS COURT NEWS IN HIS AD

There is a merchant at Iowa Falls whose display advertising in the newspapers at that place are full of more personalities and ginger than is ordinarily found. This merchant, Berfield by name, recently wrote up his experiences at district court in Clarion in the following way, which was the leading article of his advertisement:

"I was called to Clarion last week as a witness on a case being tried in that fair city, I spent three days and one night in Clarion at an expense of $9.70 to the county and every blessed thing I did for the money was to occupy the stand for possibly two minutes on one occasion.

"Court is a necessary function of government and as a function of government I suppose we should not expect it to operate efficiently or economically.

"While in Clarion I heard a story purporting to be true, of a certain man who made an error of one cent in remitting his income tax. The department sent him several letters about it but being a careless cuss he neglected to send in the cent until finally a collecter made a special trip to get it. Well, he got the cent all right and his expenses, including salary, while so engaged, was $60.00. Efficiency and economy?"

IOWA TO HAVE MILITARY TACTICS IN PRIMARIES

Iowa is to have a taste of military tactics in the primaries next spring.

A thoro-going organization is being recruited thruout Iowa this month by Col. Leon W. Ainsworth who will make the race for Republican nomination for State Treasurer at the coming primaries. He has announced that he will have everything from colonels to corporals in the organization which will direct his campaign for the nomination.

The state has been divided into sectors, a plan of campaign laid out for each and a commander placed in charge. Each county and city will have its corporal or captain, whichever it may be.

Most of Ainsworth's organization will be composed of world war veterans and farmers. He is a large farm owner and a veteran of the world war and Spanish-American war and is relying on these forces for his chief support.

A new factor likely to figure in the race for the treasurership is the probable candidacy of E. H. Hoyt, former state treasurer. Hoyt has not announced himself but has been pushed forward in political circles during the last few weeks. C. H. Le Valley of Sheffield is also working in the direction of a nomination for the same office.

Politicians declare that the fight for the treasurership will be one of the hottest witnessed in Iowa in a long time.

AUTO TAGS FOR 1922 ARE NOW HERE

The 1922 automobile license plates for Wright county motorists are now at the county seat. The new plates are smoewhat similar to the ones that are now in use, the numbers this year being black on a silver background. The difference in the new and old is noticeable enough to make it easy to tell the difference.

The serial number for Wright is the last on the list, number 99, and the numbers of the license plates will start with 99-1 and run up to 99-4500. Truck numbers will begin at 41901 and go to 42300.

If you want a 1922 license you can pay for it now, but you cannot get the plate until the first of December. Blanks for the work are also on hand at the treasurer's office, so that the man who desires a low number will have his wish gratified if he pays the tax ahead of time.

ROADMAKING PLAN FALLS SHORT

Farmers living on the Woolstock-Clarion road which has just recently been graded and tiled out, and which will not be graveled for at least another year, broached the matter of having the county arrange to go ahead with graveling the road this winter letting the farmers along the road do the work, taking their pay in county warrants and liquidating some of their indebtedness to the merchants of the two towns with the same warrants, says the News.

But this plan struck a snag. On work of this nature a contract must belet according to bids, and as it would be impossible to contract with fifty farmers as individuals, the plan did not get farther than a speculative stage. At that, tho, it wouldn't be a bad way of giving employment to such farmers as wished.

HOME BUTCHERING AND CURING OF MEATS PROFITABLE NOW

Under the present conditions the home butchering and curing of meats should be very profitable. The high freights combined with the numerous handling charges make the packing house products unreasonabaly high when compared with the price the farmer receives for the animal on foot.

The labor on the average farm during winter months is not so urgent but that ample time for home butchering could be found.

Animals selected for food should be healthy. They should also be in good condition. Lean, scawny animals do not give much satisfaction when served on the table. Fat improves the flavor, tenderness, and appearance ot the carcass.

Meat from old animals is usually tough; while that from animals which are too young lacks flavor and substance due to thehigh water content. An old animal will make a fairly edible carcass if fattened rapidly.

Animals should not be fed for a period of 24 to 30 hours before killing. This clears the system and aids in bleeding. Food in the digestive tract decomposes rapidly after slaughtering and is liable to taint the meat. The animal should be given all the water it will drink as this clears the system of food and makes it easier to drain off the blood.

Anamals intended for immediate slaughgter should not be bruised or whipped. This tends to excite them, increasing the body temperature and thereby making it impossible to properly bleed the animal. Bruises also cause a blood clot at the point of injury which disfugures the carcass.

DO YOU KEEP A BUDGET?

Iowa families all need budgets, if the family finances are going to be handled properly, says Miss Eda Lord Murphy, of the home economics department of Iowa State College. Not only does the budget help the women but it is a great assistance to the husband who can plan on some of the larger items which require goodly portions of his income.

Due to the increased number of applications for information on how to make budgets and where to get information on them, Miss Murphy has prepared a list of some valuable books on the subject and she will furnish this list with names of publishers and prices to anyone interested.

A recent inquiry on the budget problem came from an Iowa farmer who started keeping books on running of the farm and decided that as long as he was studying the farm accounting he might as well plan a budget for the household.

"If your husband gives you an allowance, you should keep a budget," says Miss Murphy.

"Whether he expects you to ask for money or treats you as a partner in the game of homemaking, the budget will solve many problems."

ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION AT CLARION

A most cordial invitation is extended to all Legion men of Wright county to attend the Armistice day celebration at Clarion Friday, Nov. 11. The program will begin by an excellent concert by the Clarion Municipal band at 2:15 on the court house square. At 3 o'clock will be staged one of the best football games of the season—Eagle Grove vs. Clarion. At 6 o'clock a free supper will be served to all Legion men; others 50c. In the evening a dance will be given at Cornelia pavilion, which is also free to Legion men; others $1.00 ana tax. The Clarion American Legion is planning on entertaining a large crowd on Armistice day.

SENATOR SCHAFFTER DIES

Eagle: Senator Eugene Schaffter died at his home in this city Monday at one o'clock a. m. For several weeks he was known to be a very sick mand and that his strength would not be able to withstand the progress of disease, which was diagnosed as pernicious anemia. For the past two years the senator knew he was afflicted with this dread disease but it did not develope seriously until last spring. He made several trips to Rochester, Minn., where the Mayos were consulted. Several blood transfusions were attempted but none with lasting results. The last one was attempted Sunday evening in a vain effort to prolong his life. He was conscious but a half hour afterwards and passed away without suffering about one o'clock Monday morning. Owing to the prominence of Senator Schaffter in lodge circles and his wide acquaintance in the state, the funeral services were held in the Methodist church in order to provide for those who wished to attend.

LAKE MILLS MAN MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS

Forest City Summit: Word was sent out from Lake Mills last Friday that Samuel Elam, farmer near there, disappeared from his home almost two weeks ago and has not been seen nor heard from since by members of his family. It is believed that discouragement because of reverses is the cause of his taking leave. Elam leaves a wife and several children, ranging in age from 1 to 17. Mrs. Elam stated that her husband had just returned from Chicago where he sold a herd of cattle, and that there had been no domestic troubles between them. The fact that he was unable to meet heavy loans and lease terms with the returns from his crops and cattle is believed to be responsible for the disappearance.

MANY STORES GOING ON CASH BASIS PLAN

Hampton Chronicle: Many stores thruout Iowa have gone n the cash basis during the past few months and in every instance so far reported the new system of doing business is pleasing to both patron and store owner. The credit system has been a curse to many families and the ruination of many a business institution.

When people go away from home to buy goods they pay cash, but the home merchant who has always trusted ed them is never appreciated. Why is he not entitled to as good treatment as is accorded to the merchant in a distant town? Cash buying helps keep the family expnses down, because one realizes more every day where the "cuts" in expenses are necessary. The merchant can also sell cheaper and always has the money on hand to pay his bills and is also able to pick up cash snaps which he can pass on to his customers at a big saving.

AN EASY TASK

It takes money to run a newspaper. What an exaggeration. What a whopper. It doesn't take money to run a newspaper. It is not a venture. It is a charitable instution, a begging concern, a highway robber. The newspaper is a child of the air, a creature of a dream. It can go on when any concern would be in the hands of the receiver and wound up with cobwebs in the windows.

It takes wind to run a newspaper; it takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes scintillating acrobatic imagination, half a dozen white shirts and a railroad pass to run a newspaper. But money! Heavens to Betsy and six hands round. Who ever needed money to conduct a newspaper. Kind words are mediums of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. When you see an editor with money, watch him. He'll be paying his bills and disgracing his profession. Never give money to an editor; make him trade it out. He likes a swap.

Then when you die, after you have stood around for years and sneered at the editor and his little Jim Crow paper be sure that you have your wife send in for three extra copies by one of your weeping children and when she reads the generous and touching notice about you, forewarn her to neglect to send the editor nine cents. It would overwhelm him. Money is a corrupting thing. The editor knows it, and what he wants is your heartfelt thanks; then he can thank his printers and they can thank the grocers. Give your job work to a travling man and then ask for half rates for church notices. Get your lodge letter heads and stationery out of town and then flood the editor with beautiful thoughts in cards of thanks and resolution of respect. They make such spicy reading and you are so proud of your local paper when you pick it up filled with these glowing mortuary articles.

But money—scorn the filthy thing! Don't let the pure, innocent editor know anything about it. Keep that for sordid tradespeople who charge for their wares. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He takes care of the editor, who has a charter from the state to act as a door mat for the community. He will get out the paper somehow, and stand for the town and whoop it up for you when you run for office. Don't worry about the editor—he'll get on. The Lord knows how—but somehow.—Hastings-on-the Hudson news.

No Subsitute Offered.

Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, when the best medicine for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know from what their customers say of it, that it can be depended upon.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

AW, WHAT'S THE USE

By L. F. Van Zelm
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Why Not Institute a Time Clock?

KANAWHA NEWS ITEMS

J. S. Magor left Wednesday for Minneapolis where he will remain for some time taking treatments.

Fobe Deibler, Mrs. Art Deibler and daughter Audrey and Mrs. Geo. Baldridge were Clarion callers Wednesday.

Mrs. John Kalvig of Belmond was visiting relatives here last week.

Thos. Shaw, who has been employed in the western states for several years, came Monday and is visiting at the home of his father, James Shaw and family, and with other relatives and friends.

Miss Adelaide Houge was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends at Belmond.

Ed. Heckerson and daughter Jennie and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Engstrom were Ft. Dodge callers Saturday.

Carl Foster of Clear Lake was a caller here Tuesday.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

S. O. Windecker has two hard coal stoves which he will sell cheap. One is practically new, having been used but one winter, the other is in very good shape and would make an excellent stove for soft coal by taking the magazine out. Will sell at a bargain. It will pay you to look at these stoves before buying. Adt.

A number will finish picking corn this week, if the weather continues good.

Fred Lynch was out from Belmond Saturday helping haul tile to his farm.

The members of the farmers elevator company official board held their regular meeting last Thursday evening.

Geo. Baxter and Jacob Thompson drove to Grundy Center last Friday on a business mission.

Andrew Scot has lost several head of his very best cattle by being poisoned from cornstalks. The veterinarian said that it was not safe to turn the cattle into the fields until there had been some severe freezing weather.

Peter Erdman, living on the Gunderson farm, was so severely injured Friday by trying to stop a runaway team that he died Saturday morning. He leaves a wife and several small children.

Geo. Baxter and wife drove to Alexander last Tuesday evening to see the new baby at the A. C. Lieuwen home.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP NEWS

Quite a number of farmers have finished corn picking.

Mrs. Geo. Thompson spent the week end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen.

Jennie Pals, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Pals, has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mennenga and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Pals autoed to Mason City last Saturday with the former's car to see Mr. E. Noteboom who is at the Park hospital.

John Pals, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pals, underwent an operation on one of his eyes at Mason City last week.

Vida Jenison spent over Sunday at the home of relatives in Ft. Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gartz are the happy parents of a baby girl, born Saturday last.

The Misses Wilamena Loats, Lena Steenblock, Anna Steenblock and Mr. Anneus Meints motored to Cedar Falls Sunday to visit Carl Gruis and Fred Bohning who are attending school there.

ROUTE ONE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Bertha Gealow is suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Miss Vida Jenison was among the shoppers at Fort Dodge the first of this week. She visited at the Louis Stark home while there.

The August Rabe children who have been sick with scarlet fever are quite well again.

Mst of the teachers of Pleasant township have taken up their school duties again after a few week's vacation.

The Ralph Jenison home is quarantined for scarlet fever. They are having it in a mild form.

L'ES ALL SHING A SHONG! HIC!

The following D. T. spasm is taken from a little pamphlet put out by a once-was brewery, and will appeal to a lot of folks in many walks of life:

My country 'tis of thee,
Land of grape juice and tea,
Of thee I sing;
Land where we have all tried
To break the law and lied
From every mountian side,
The Bootleg springs.
My Native country, thee,
Land of Home Brewerie,
Thy brew I love.
I love thy booze and thrills
And thy illicit stills,
The moonshine runs in rills
From high above.

CLARION COMMERCIAL CLUB VOTES $300 ARMISTICE DAY

At a meeting last week of the Commercial club of Clarion, the club voted three hundred dollars for the observance of Armistice Day at the county seat, which amount is to go towards the celebration to be staged there by the American Legion post of that city. The Legion has been busy the past week arranging a program which is reported to be one of large interest and range. A free lunch is to be served according to report, and various attractions, including a football game between the high school teams of Eagle and Clarion, are to be given.

LOSES CATTLE FROM CORN STALK POISONING

Andrew Scott, residing on a farm west of town, had the misfortune to lose three head of cattle, two calves and a cow, from poisoning caused by eating corn stalks in the field. This is an unusual case of poisoning from this cause and one that does not occur very often. The loss to Mr. Scott is made extra heavy by the tight times. And it wouldn't pay to skin the critters and sell the hides for 22 cents either.

NOTICE!

My blacksmithing business heretofore operated by W. A. Dittmer, will be continued in the future under the management of Lars Johanson, who has been giving you first-class work for the past six months. This will no doubt be good news to our customers. We guarantee to give you first class work and our prices are right.

Yours respectfully,
PETER STACY
LARS JOHANSON

NOTICE TO CREAM PRODUCERS

I have taken a cream buying agency for E. B. Higley & Co. of Mason City. I will be glad to have any patronage from cream producers of this vicinity that you should see fit to give me. I will be on the job six days in the week. I am located 1st door west of the Independent office.

Yours truly,
J. S. WHITE, Belmond, Iowa.

E. S. Fyler went to Shellrock last Friday and brought home Mrs. Fyler Sunday. She had been visiting relatives there the past week or so.

Belmond Local News

Wanted—A load of cobs. Also sanitary cot pad. State price.—P. O. Box 465. 511tc

J. S. White, agent for the American Railway Express company, has in connection with the express office a cream station, buying for E. B. Higley & Co. of Mason City. He now has the office for the business alone.

See L. Tokman before you sell yodr hides and furs.

The Ladies Aid and the Dorcas society of the Trinity Lutheran church will hold their annual bazaar Saturday, Nov. 19, Beginning at 1 p. m. cafeteria lunch and home made candy will be sold. 512c

Mrs. E. C. Taylor from St. Louis is a guest this week at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Fyler. She is a cousin of Mr. Fyler.

See L. Tokman before you sell your hides and furs.

A few friends of Mrs. Pernell got together the first of the week and shingled the roof of her house, which had been in bad shape all summer. The three hardware stores donated the necessary hardware, the three lumber yards the shingles, and Harold Wallace, together with J. C. Atherton, Henry Dipple, M. C. Madsen, and Messrs. Greenlander and Trumbell put them on the first part of the week. F. P. Dibble and D. Bishop, city draymen, donated the draying from the three yards and the hardware stores. Oscar Jacobson donated some roof cement. Mrs. Pernell is very thankful to the parties in the affair and has asked the Independent to thank them for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Corn is worth 61c and oats 41c per bushel when fed to milk cows under present conditions when butter fat sells at 40c per pound.—J. S. White Cream Station.

Mrs. O. R. Hanson's division of the M. E. Ladies Aid will hold a sale of home baking at the Townsan Hardware store Saturday afternoon.

Strayed—2-year old red heifer from my place. Finder please notify John Chapman. 511c

BANKS TO CLOSE FRIDAY

The State Bank of Belmond and the Belmond Savings bank will be closed all day Friday, Armistice day, November 11th.

Do not let your radiator freeze. Buy denatured alcohol now. seventy-five cents per gallon.—Schultz Drug Co.

The Cash Market needs money. We have accomodate you, please accomodate us.—Cash Market.

For Sale—Reed baby buggy, nearly new. Phone 197. 512c

Wanted to buy—Two loads of cobs. —Lee W. Stacy, Phones 325 or 115.

Don't forget that you can get the home news one year for one dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greenwood are the happy parents of a fine new ninepound baby boy, who arrived at their home Tuesday evening.

FREEK FROHLING DIES

Freek Frohling, well known here and for many years a resident of the vicinity, died at his home here on Sunday evening about seven o'clock, death being caused by a cancer of the throat. He was seventy-four years of age. Funeral services are to be held Thursday (today) at 1:00 o'clock at the house, and from the house at the Methodist church. The Rev. A. H. Waalkes will have charge of the services. Interment will be in Franklin Grove cemetery. An obituary will be printed next week.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, Nov. 7, 1921.

Regular meeting of Town Council held in town hall, Mayor Barry presiding.

Members present: Greenlander, John son, Gfeller, Thompson.

Absent: Wright.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Petition of Geo. P. Hardwick received and referred to the Street Committee.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

John Anderson, labor on crossings .... (C) $ 54.80
Iowa Falls Electric Co., Sept. & Oct. power .. (W) 84.70
Iowa Falls Electric Co., Sept. & Oct. light .... (L) 257.10
Thos. Brooks, July, Aug. & Oct. road dragging ...... (D) 16.00
Belmond Ptg & Pub. Co. ptg. .... (C) 2.27
Nordschow Motor Co., labor with grader .... (G) 15.55
C. J. Papousek, labor & mdse. .... (W) 13.74
Earl McNamara, cleaning gutters .... (R) 7.20
Ft. Dodge Culvert & Iron Mills Co., mdse. .... (S) 24.84
E. L. Madsen, Compensation insurance .... (C) 61.56
F. P. Dibble, draying .. (C) 16.70
M. A. Holtzbauer, labor & mdse. .... (S) 86.20
M. A. Holtzbauer, labor & mdse. .... (W 118.02
Ben Smith, labor on road (G) 30.60
Guy Byers, expenses to Ft. Dodge & mdse. ...... (S) 6.81
J. N. Johnson, 20 ft. 14-inch tile .... (S) 10.00
Raymond Buchanan, labor on storm sewer .... (S) .70
E. Stadtlander, hauling gravel .... (G) 31.20
Jno. Greenlander, Clerk, Pleasant township labor with tractor .... (G) 76.25
Will Collins, labor on street .... (R) 1.50
Ernie Standtlander, labor on road .... (R) 10.80
Chester Buchanan, labor on storm sewer .... (S) .70

On motion council adjourned.

GUY BYERS, Clerk.

DISTRICT COURT ITEMS

(From the Monitor.)

Malisa White, who is out on parole from a ten year sentence in connection with the Goldfield and Woolstock robberies of a year ago, says she has married Herbert Bige. They are residing on a farm near Robertson. Bige is to be tried for his part in the above robberies. The fact that the couple are now man and wife will prevent damaging testimony being given against Bige by this witness. That is a new way of defeating the ends of justice. The outcome will be awaited with interest. The above facts came to light several days ago when the White woman made her monthly report to Sheriff Lang as required by law.

Birth Record

Elnor Marie, born Nov. 5th to Mr. and Mrs. John Amsbaugh of Clarion.

Elizabeth Baxter, born Oct. 30th to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen of Iowa township.

Joseph, born Nov. to Mr. and Mrs. Hilario Calasar, one of the Mexican families at Clarion. The infant son passed away the same day and was buried in the Catholic cemetery.

Gladys Julia, born Nov. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gates of Lincoln township.

Marriage Licenses

Maurice Henry Gangstead and Florence E. Ransford of Goldfield.

Oscar S. Hobbet and Bertha Ersland of Eagle Grove.

John McFarland an Eagle Grove barber was brought to Clarion Monday by Marshal Reynolds and is now serving his second thirty-day sentence at the county jail.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Pastor.

Sunday school meets at the usual hour. We were pleased to see so many out last Sunday, but we ought to have more men and boys.

Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. We plan to make this a profitable hour for all ages.

The Epworth League meets at 6:30 p. m. Why not help make the Belmond chapter the best in the district?

The King's Heralds meet at the home of Mrs. Gowdy on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. All that have not paid their dues are urged to bring them. Bring a new member and help us grow.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Service at Alexander at 3:00 p. m.

We expect to have special music.

You will find a cordial welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The largest attendance at Sunday school last Sunday for some time. If we keep going as we have started in we will be able to make this the banner quarter of the whole year.

The talk by Rev. Montgomery at Sunday school and his sermon were very helpful and we hope to see many good results from his short visit among us.

Let every one be in his place next Sunday at 10 o'clock and also at the morning church services. Mr. Montgomery was very much pleased at the number of young folks who attend the preaching services. We hope to have every member of the church in the Sunday school and every member of the Sunday school in the church.

The morning worship at 10 and the evening services at 7:30. Miss Vida Jenison will be the leader.

The Ladies Aid will hold their bazaar on Thursday and we would like to see all present to enjoy that good chicken supper and to carry home some of the nice things which the ladies have been making. Come and have a good time.

MANY ACTIVITIES BEING LINED UP BY THE SCHOOL

(Continued from page one.)

Beauty, Motto, to be decided.

Eighth grade: Class colors Navy and Old Gold, class flower Lily of the Valley, motto, to be decided.

New pupils, seventh grade, Ralph Jones, Charles Allison. total enrollment 29.

Eighth grade, Elma Wilkinson, total enrollment 29.

Basketball—Much enthusiasm is being exhibited by the Junior High over basketball. Suits have been ordered and teams are to be organized. This is proving an incentive for better school work as no one is allowed to play whose grades are not above 80 per cent. The pupils are preparing yells and a class song has been written. Watch the news items for schedule of game.

Second Grade

Bernadine Pullin has been absent on account of having her tonsils and adenoids removed.

Visitors in the first grade the past week were Mrs. O. T. Jacobson and Miss Mabel Cramer.

The kindergarten visitors the past week were the Misess Cecelia and Beatrice Barry, Mrs. Mack and Master Harold, and Mrs. Clare Christie.

Announcement!

The Belmond Produce Co. announces that it has purchased the business formerly conducted by E. M. Lathrop, located

Just South of State Bank

and open for business on November 1st.

THE HIGHEST PRICES

paid for Poultry, Eggs, Cream, Hides and anything in the Produce line.

A FAIR DEAL
AND A SQUARE DEAL

is our motto. If you want the highest cash prices for your produce bring it to us.

Belmond Produce Co.
Belmond, Iowa
South of State Bank
Phone 25

Kinseth Store News

By this time you have begun to realize that the Cash and Carry system is the ony system—the best for us both. Our business has picked up splendidly since we started theh Cash and Carry, because folks know that when we sell for cash we sell for less.

And to help the good work along, we offer to you this week some extra fancy goods at extra good prices.

SIX BARS of Swift's White Laundry Soap AND a Package of Soap Flakes for only 25 cents.

Isn't that selling lower?

And sardines, the best grade for only 5c a can. Get a couple of cans for emergency use, for sandwiches and the like.

And too, you can get a large can of kippered herring this week for only 15 cents. It makes fine eating: Ask the man who's tried it, or better yet get one of these large cans and try it for yourself.

And don't forget, folks, that the Store on the Corner is the Cash and Carry Store: Cash, and carry home your savings. Once tried, never forgotten.

Watch for the next special price list. Let's co-operate and both benefit in the deal.

B. K. Kinseth

Belmond, Iowa

Belmond Local News

The paved road from Garner to Forest City has been extensively traveled since it was opened a couple of weeks ago, and several accidents are reported on it. Severl cars have skidded or slide off the grade and into the soft dirt at the side, one or two cars turning completely over, but so far as reported there have been no serious accidents and no injuries.

Watch our windows for Saturday specials this week.—Townsan Hardware.

Saturday evening of last week was like the Summer evenings with the streets full of people, especially the farmers, coming in to trade, attend the movie and have a general good time. Belmond when the electroliers are going and the streets packed with cars and the walks lined with people, certainly bears a metropolitan appearance.

20 per cent reduction on all tailored-to-measure clothes. Order your fall suit or overcoat now.—Star Cleaner, under the post office.

Wanted—Girl for general housework. Phone 73.

If you don't wish to buy a new suit —let us clean and press your old one. We do all kinds of altering and repairing, also relining.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of the hotel.

For Sale—3-burner New Perfection oil stove with oven, in good condition. —Mrs. Gus Larson, in the Jackson house.

Watch our windows for Saturday specials this week.—Townsan Hardware.

R. H. Klemme and Mikesell were callers at Des Moines one or two days last week, where they were attending to some business matters. They made the trip by auto and returned last Thursday.

Your advertisment in the Independent reaches 1,100 families, 90 per cent of whom are in Belmond's trading territory, not off in California, Minnesota or New York. Independent ads reach the home merchant's customers and bring the results.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wenzel and children of Meservey were in town on Saturday of last week doing some shopping and attending to business affairs.

Circulation brings results on advertising. The Independent has the circulation. Over one thousand.

A few local people went over to the county seat Sunday to witness a foot ball game there between Clarion and Kanawha, which the latter won by a score of 21 to 3. Louie Baldridge of Belmond was with the Kanawha team in the game. The two teams were the town teams.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

The Belmond Produce Co. which opened for business last week, reports a very nice trade in their first week of business.

Good 4-h. p. Cushman gasolene engine for sale, guaranteed in good running order. Will sell cheap.—S. D. Luick.

Renew your subscription to the Independent before December 1st for only one dollar and a half. You'll never have such an offer made again when it means as much.

Doctor E. H. Phillips, Osteopathic Physician. Masonic Building, Garner, Iowa. tfc

If anybody complains of the weather we have been enjoying the past few weeks he ought to be sent to another climate. The almost ideal weather of the real Indian summer variety the past month has enabled the farmers to get their corn picking finished in record time. Many of them are entirely thru and others are about finished. We saw ne farmer doing something that you very seldom see, and that was plowing under his corn stalks.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.05 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

FOR SALE—5 April Duroc Jersey pigs, weighing 175 to 200 lbs. Some of these pigs are from sows who were litter mates to the 1st and 3rd prize winners at the Short Course last winter. Some are from the 1st and 3rd prize winners. They are eligible to registery and papers will be furnished. Also one fall yearling, from some mighty good blood lines, with whom I will furnish papers. For 15 days ONLY at from $20 to $35.—Win Dziewanowski, Belmond. Phone 3106.

Several bidders from out of town were present Monday at the sheriff's sale at the Motor Inn.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

The Hampton merchants have m[illegible] of them declared for a future basis of cash in their business, a course which is being followed by more and more merchants every day. This cash system has also been adopted recently by the merchants at Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nelson are moving into the residence on the sugar company grounds formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

Christmas Greetings

The prettiest, cheapest and most appropriate rememberance of the yuletide season are the Christmas Greeting cards at the Independent. Come and see them. Shop early, get the pick of the best, and advoid the rush.

Scott Smith of Cedar Rapids and a student at Coe college was a guest at the McBurney home a day or two the past week.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Mrs. Geo. Elder has been suffering from a badly injured finger the past week caused by the finger becoming caught in the lid of a flour bin when it fell shut.

Do you want some pin money? The Independent wants a correspondent on each of the four rural routes in Belmond and will make you an interesting proposition. Come in and see us, phone or write. We want the news and are willing to pay right for your work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Nettles are the parents of a new baby boy.

See F. E. Christie for cut rates on electrical wiring. 502*

Miss Bernice Murphy returned last week from a visit at Mallard Iowa, with friends.

House to Rent—$10 a month. See F. E. Christie. Phone 283. 502*

Miss Ida Thorman, who is teaching at Lester, Iowa, spent a few days last week with her mother here.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anfinson and little daughter, and Miss Frohling autoed to Fort Dodge Sunday to visit friends.

Theo. Hansen of Rowan was a business caller here on Tuesday of this week. He is one of the largest merchants in Rowan and will soon move into a new building, entirely modern in every way.

Belmond Welding & Tank Company

EXPERT OXY-ACETYLENE WELDERS

Auto and Tractor Repairing done by us for

70c per Hour

Beginning November 1st. Come in and give us a trial and we will prove satisfaction.

We Handle

Monogram Cylinder Oil

Denatured Alcohol, 188 proof, only 75c per gal.

Don't wait until it is too late. Come in and we will put the right mixture in your radiator.

Phone 39 **E. G. MILLER** **Belmond, Iowa**

List your public sales with the Independent; reserve your dates. And don't forget that the Independent is headquarters for the best farm sale bills in the country, and that your sale advertised in the Independent is reaching the entire territory from Rowan to Meservey.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby and family of Goldfield were visitors with friends in town last Saturday. Miss Colby was at one time a teacher here.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hostin from Sanborn, Iowa, were guests of friends here a day or two last week.

Got a stove to sell? Advertise it in the Independent. Last week a little twenty-cent ad sold a stove to the first answer in less than a day after the paper was in the mails. It was the first of seven inquiries for the stove.

Fuller Bailey and family of this place were guests of relatives and friends at Rowan last week a day or two.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Miss Adelaide Houge, who is the new stenographer at the First National bank at Kanawha, spent the week end with her folks here.

The Mason City Daily Globe Gazette is fast becoming one of the leading papers of the Northwest. It carries the full leased wire Associated Press, complete markets, lots of state news and gives daily all the important happenings in this territory. The price is only $4.00 per year. 3tc

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was a caller at Thornton on Saturday of last week, where she was attending to some business matters.

We have some used clothing, almost new—overcoats and suits,—for sale. One suit nearly new for $14.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, Phone 28. South of hotel.

Miss Anna Mae Aldrich and her sister from Clarion were guests last Saturday at the Harry Nihoof home.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

Mrs. Thos. McNulty Sr., and Mrs. McNulty Jr., and daughter were at Mason City Saturday.

Mrs. C. I. Williams went to Rochester Sunday.

For Sale—Big type Poland China spring boars. Priced to sell as I need the rom. Phone 3717.—O. D. Jenison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Benson and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Fitts were visitors Sunday at the A. C. Lieuwen home near Alexander, where they made the acquaintance of the new daughter at the Lieuwen home.

Reduction Sale

33⅓ per cent Discount this Week Only

China, Cut Glass, Notions, Silverware, Jewelry

T. B. WALLACE

Jeweler **Belmond, Iowa**

For Sale—Second hand overcoat. Size 38.—W. T. Wilson, Star Cleaner.

Mrs. N. A. Nelson and son Herschel of Fort Dodge were visitors with local friends last week.

Wanted—Job on farm by year by a married man. Experienced. Call this office.

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. Fitts on Wednesday of this week.

George Brady, Fred Johnson and C. Nissen went to Des Moines Monday to take in the big wrestling match at that place that evening.

Boars for Sale.

Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Gotlieb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderham, former residents of this place, were greeting old friends here last week. Mr. Vanderham had charge of the creamery here several years ago.

A. I. Luick and family went to Dubuque last week where they visited at the homes of relatives for a day or two.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour. —Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Mrs. Clyde Jennings was a guest of friends at Eagle Grove several days last week.

The Chain of Ten will meet next week Monday at the home of Mrs. Gus Johnson.

Turkeys for sale, young Toms.—Sheriff Bros. 502*

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wheelan are the happy parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Thompson drove to Story City last week where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were visitors here with relatives and friends last week Friday.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Phone 73.

Miss Ramsay and Miss Dodd were shoppers at Mason City last week Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Braga of Iowa Falls have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jas. Courtney the past few weeks. While here Mr. Braga has been quite seriously ill.

Philip McBurney is expected home some time the latter part of the week from his college duties at Coe. They are having a short vacation at the college the end of this week. Philip has been working in a printing shop in Cedar Rapids during his spare time, and has been given one of the most responsible positions in the shop at very good wages, which fact is an excellent endorsement of his ability as a printer.

The Independent gained close to one hundred new subscribers during the past week, making the circulation of the Independent now over 1,100. Watch us grow!

Take a look at the window display of the Independent, and see what kind of work we do.

T. B. Wallace in the jewelry store is selling ut his stock and expects to go to Reinbeck this winter where he will work in a store with his son, and in the spring the two plan to establish a store of their own as soon as they find a suitable location.

Fred Brooks of Rowan is starting a movie at that place and expects to have the show open for business sometime in the immediate future.

E. Bingham and Fred Kercheval of Rowen were in town one day last week doing some shopping and attending to business matters.

Have you ordered your Christmas Greeting cards yet? Better call at the Independent office at once and have your order sent in before the supply is taken. As cheap as $1.10, with your name printed on.

Honus Thompson shipped two more barrels of snappers and muds last week, and had another consignment the first of this week. Turtle soup is something most of us have read about but never experienced, and with the supply of the "raw material" right at our door it's up to us whenever curiosity gets the better of judgement.

ROBINSON'S

Green Tea, per lb.	50c
20 oz. Loaf of Bread	10c
Small Loaf of Bread	5c
Good Bacon, per lb.	25c
2 cans good Salmon	25c
No. 10 Karo, dark	50c
No. 10 Karo, Light	60c
No. 5 Karo, dark	25c
Black Tea, 1 lb.	40c
Rolled Oats, 5 lbs.	25c
$1.25 Broom	75c
6 bars Good Soap	25c

SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Swifts' White Laundry Soap

27 bars for $1.00

100 bars for $4.60

We Buy Butter and Eggs

Girls, Boys, Everybody! Here Is Something New!

Oh, How Wonderful. It's

Eskimo Pie

Patent Allowed

And what is Eskimo Pie? Is It a Moving Picture? Is it a Story? Is it a Story? Is it really Pie? Well, what can it be?

ESKIMO PIE IS GOOD TO EAT

You buy an Eskimo Pie here---then unwrap it carefully---take one bite---start to chewing it---and if you don't say it's the finest "eats" you've had for many a day, then we lose.

ESKIMO PIE IS STRICTLY NEW

Your great grand parents never heard of, nor saw, nor tasted of delicious Eskimo Pie. It's new, it's different and it's, oh, so good. Just wait 'till you get a piece of Eskimo Pie.

Eskimo Pie---A Frozen Confection

It is wrapped like a candy bar, it looks like candy, some will say it is candy. But No sir-e-e! When you eat it, you'll say it's Eskimo Pie, a Frozen Confection.

Eat it down town or take home a pie or more for the family. They'll like it---because it's delicious and nutricious.

Buy it at the

Belmond Candy Kitchen

Steve Antonio, Mgr.

FARM BUREAU NEWS ITEMS

NOT ABLE TO SUPPLY DEMAND FOR CORN PICKERS

We have not been able to supply the demand for corn pickers coming to this office. Why? Because an effort has been made to keep the price uniform, three cents for elevators and 3 1-2 cents without. Farmers thruout the county are breaking over this price and instead of men looking for work, coming to the office in the usual way, they go out looking for the high bidders. No one blames the pickers for taking the places where the highest wage is offered. Take a survey of your own district and see who is to blame for the scarcity of huskers at the uniform price.

Men are plentiful and will take up the jobs husking corn for the price that is generally being paid as soon as the four and five cent corn is out. Some renters selling their corn for twenty cents are giving the owners one-half and the corn picker one-fourth, leaving them five cents per bushel. When will farmers learn to stick, setting their own price, instead of letting the other fellow always tell what it is worth?

Many farmers have a large acreage of corn to harvest and of course are anxious to get it in, but are determined not to overbid their neighbors in order to secure help. Wait until we have had a little cold weather and some of the told-of millions out of employment quit riding and sleeping in box cars, then help will be much more plentiful. Let the office know if you wish pickers at three and one-half cents per bushel.

GRAIN BEETLES AND WEEVILS

We are receiving a number of reports about the weevils and beetles that are working in the stored grain. There are a number of types of these but only three that are generally found in the state. The ordinary weevil is a small, chestnut brown, about one-sixth of an inch in length. There are four or five generations of this a year. The weevil is the most common and works on practically every kind of grain. There is also the sawtooth grain beetle which works on all kinds of grain and also eats flour, cardboard boxes, etc. It is about one-tenth of an inch in length and secretes a sticky substance which holds the kernels of grain together. It has four or five generations a year. The third weevil is much larger and only has one generation a year.

The method if killing these is by the use of carbon disulphide, one lb. per hundred bushels of grain or stronger. The bin should be made as nearly tight as possible and then the carbon disulphide placed in shallow earthen vsesels on the top of the grain and the grainary door closed. This material will evaporate and as it is heavier than air will settle down thru the grain. Carbon disulphide is inflamable and very poisonous and care should be used in handling it. After a day or two the bin may be opened and aired out.

The farm bureau has made arrangements for securing carbon disulphide thru the Fruit Growers association at a considerable saving to members who make application.

FARMERS FOR WORLD-WIDE PEACE

Thousands of farmers a day are enrolling in the army of disarmament and permanent peace. The state farm bureau federations which have had time to reply to the American Farm Bureau federation's call for two million signers to the peace petition pledge themselves to do all within their power to voice effectively the wishes of rural America to the disarmament conference.

A digest of national expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, the latest available, reveals the following startling situation:

Expenditures arising from recent and previous wars $3,855,482.60. War and Navy departments $1,424,138,676,-57, Primary and Government functions executive, legislative, judicial, etc., $181,087,222.41. Public works $186,203,557.46, researches, educational and develópement $57,093,660.93.

Out of the total $5,686,005,705.97, 67.81 per cent was for recent and previous wars; 25.2 per cent was for the War and Navy departments, which in fact means preparation for future wars; 3.19 per cent was for the cost of operating the government; 2.97 per cent was for the public works, and 1.01 per cent was for research.

To the Iowa Farm Bureau federation goes the credit for starting the disarmament petition. In the October issue of the "Iowa Farm Bureau Messenger" the petition was printed. The replies are coming in to the Des Moines office of the state farm bureau in mail sacksful.

The last meeting of the executive committee of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation took a very decided stand on the matter in favor of disarmament and expressed the thought that all the state farm bureaus should join in a petition with as many signers as possible favoring disarmament.

The petiton is now before all the state farm bureau federations. It is believed that 2,000,000 people will sign it.

FARMERS SECURE GRAIN RATE CUT

The farm bureau has taken the first trench. On Oct. 20 the Interstate Commerce commission rendered a decision in the grain case, which was submitted on Sept. 3, 1921. The commission said:

"We find that the present rates on wheat and hay involved here in will be for the future unjust and unreasonable to the extent that they may individually include more than one-half of the increase authorized in Ex-Parte No. 74. We further find that the present rate on coarse grains will be for the future unjust and unreasonable to the extent that they may exceed rates 10 per cent less than those herein prescribed as just and reasonable on wheat from and to the same points ***An order will be entered in accordance with our findings if that becomes necessary. We shall expect the reductions to be made as soon as practicable, and not later than November 20, 1921.

This means a substantial reduction in the freight rates on grain and hay. The commission authorizes a reduction of one-third of the advance of last year, or 17 1-2 per cent on wheat, and hay based upon the rates of Aug. 24, 1920, and 17 1-2 per cent on coarse grains. Translating these percentages into figures applicable to present rates, it means a reduction of 13 per cent on present wheat rates and 23 per cent on present corn rates. It is estimated by the transportation department of the American Farm Bureau federation that this is a net saving to the farmers of America of $40,000,000 annually.

In the grain case the American Farm Bureau federation appeared as on intervenor. The farm bureau submitted more evidence than any other organization, directed the cross questioning and participated in the oral argument.

ATLANTA MEET WILL DETERMINE POLICY

What the American Farm Bureau federation will accomplish in 1922 will be determined at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21-23 at the third annual meeting of the organidation.

Within the past twelve months this national organization of farmers has grown into one of the most powerful forces in the U. S. It has completed its organization work in 47 states; organized state federation headquarters in Chicago and built up a legislative office in Washington, D. C. The farm bureau at its annual meeting this year will review the past year's work, but of far more importance will be the outline of the program of work that the federation will undertake during the next twelve months.

The Farm Bureau prides itself on representing the individual farmer. Its actions, according to the officials of the federation, are determined entirely by the wishes of its 1,300,000 members. The policies of the organization are determined by delegates from each of the state federations. The number of delegates from each state is determind by the paid up membership of the state federation. One voting delegate is allowed for the state at large and one for every 20,000 paid up members. These delegates constitute the board of directors. In addition to the board of directors there is a house of delegates made up of the floor, but no vote. A state is allowed one representative in the house of delegates for every 10,000 farmers in the state.

The activity of the American Farm Bureau federation in promoting the organization of nation-wide co-operative marketing organizations and the powerful stand it has taken on national legislative problems have aroused such a nation wide interest in the organization that not only the eyes of the entire agricultural section but also those of the commercial and political world will be centered on the annual meeting.

In the review of the federation's work in 1920 particular interest will be attached to the report of Gray Silver, who is in charge of the Washington office. The present congress has to its credit more agricultural legislation than any other since the first congress convened in the old state house in Philadelphia. This agricultural legislation has been passed largely at the instigation of the farm bureau.

J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the federation, who has charge of the department of organization will include in his report not only an account of the organization of federations in 47 states, but also the reports of the eight departments housed in the Chicago office of the organization.

VITALIZED CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

The report of the department of co-operative marketing will tell how the commodity idea has been developed by the farm bureau, will tell of the six commodity meetings held during the year and of the appointment of export committees to work out the problem of marketing of each of these commodities. It will tell in detail the work of the farmers' grain marketing committee of 17 and its plan which grew into the U. S. Grain Growers Inc. It will also tell of the establishment, within the federation of divisions of wool marketing, dairy marketing, and grain marketing. It will tell of the plans for the immediate creation of divisions of fruit marketing, livestock marketing and cotton marketing.

Outstanding in the report of the department of transportation will be the story of its intervention in the grain rate case, which resulted in the recent cut of $40,000,000 in grain rates, a reduction of $10,000,00 in livestock rates, and of its activity in securing a rate reduction on all basic commodities.

SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS TO USE THEIR CORN FOR FUEL

A dispatch from Huron, South Dakota, states that despite the hysteria that prevails in some parts of the state anent the buring of corn by farmers while thousands of people are starving in Europe and Asia, reports show that farmers in many quarters are determined to handle their own affairs and do their own thinking on this subject.

Recently a farmer living near the town of Wessington who was hard up for ready cash and the second installment of his taxes becoming delinquent November 1, decided to sell off some corn, even tho the price was then down to 14 cents. He had paid five cents a bushel for picking, and then had to pay four cents to have it shelled. He hauled two double boxes of corn to Wessington and the best price he could get for it was nine cents per bushel, barely the cost of picking and shelling.

It is reported that he sold the corn corn is not even good for fuel. He rather than haul it home,and shelled made the statement to business men at Wessington that he intended to burn the remainder of his 1921 crop on the cob instead of buying fuel.

According to the Brookings County Press, regardless of scientific analysis, the comparative heat unit value, the hysterical objections of sentimentalists who think it is wicked to burn corn while millions are starving in other lands for lack of food, a great many farmers in Brookings county are now burning corn for fuel instead of coal. And these farmers do not think they are wicked. They believe the charge of wickedness should be placed against those responsible for the prices of corn and coal. Moralizing, sentimental arguments or comparative scientific "dope" on the heat values of the two articles, based on present prices, will not outweigh the practical tests that the farmers are making in their own homes.

Farmers say they are not going to haul corn to town and sell it at 17 to 24 cents a bushel and use the money to buy coal at from $11 to $18 per ton. Not, at least, while they have the corn right on their own farm, and while it makes good fuel.

Roughly estimated, there are about 3,500,000 bushels of 1921 corn in the county, over and above that used for silage. It will thus be seen that the farmers of Brookings county, while hard pressed for ready cash, and up against big odds, especially on a coal basis, are pretty well supplied with both fuel and feed, and in the final showdown can eat "Johnny" cake and burn it too, from the same crop.

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

AN ARDENT PRAYER

The following prayer, thaken from an old issue of a Gloucester, Massachusetts paper, was given us for publicity by an old subscriber. Read it.

At the Glouscester, Mass. Municipal Council on January 17, the following prayer was offered by the Rev. Levi M. Powers of the Gloucester Independent Christian church:

Almighty Father, the love of our city calls us here this morning. We begin today a new year of civic life. We know that it is useless to ask thy blessing unless we want it and are anxious for it. No matter how much you may want to bless this city, you cannot do it unless the citizens are willing to be blessed.

We pray therefore first of all for the voters of this city. There are some too lazy to vote but not too lazy to grumble. Bless them.

We pray for the taxpayers who want good streets, good schools, good fire and police protection and good health officers, but who wish other people to pay for their cost.

We pray for the business men whose votes are always determined by the expectation of special favors for themselves. Bless them if you can.

We pray for those who believe that all laws should be enforced which they do not like or which if enforced would trouble them.

We pray for the comfortable who do not care about anything so long as they are left at ease.

We pray for the political managers who swap votes and sell out their friends and let the bad candidate go unopposed.

We pray for those who vote for the saloons simply because they have the property that rents for more for that than for any other purpose.

We pray for the men who are so mean they are not willing to give their neighbors the same privilege they have themselves.

We pray for all connected with the newspapers who openly advocate civic righteousness and secretly promote crooked politics.

We pray for the lawyers to whom law means only a knowledge of helping those who wish to evade the law to do so safely and so enable themselves to get something for nothing. —Reporter.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Green Tomato Mince Meat

The housewife often considers things made with green tomatoes as not quite so good as some other combinations. However, this unusually tasty recipe proves that this is not true. It is made with green tomatoes, brown sugar and raisins.

Use 1 peck green tomatoes, 2 1-2 lbs. brown sugar, 2 lbs. raisins, 1 lb. beef suet, 1-2 cup vinegar, 2 T salt, 2 T ground cinnamon, 1 T ground cloves, 2 T nutmeg, and 2 cups of chopped apples if desired.

Slice the tomatoes thinly, or put them through a food chopper. Allow them to drain, cover with cold water, place over fire and allow to boil for five minutes. Drain well, add suet, vinegar, fruit and seasoning. Return to the fire and allow to simmer from 30 to 45 minutes. Pack hot.

How Can I Tell if This Fruit juice Will Jell."

This is a common question among housewives when the jelly season brings with it worries of whether the jelly glasses will be filed with firm jelly with the "runny" variety. A specialist recommends this test as sure. Add 1-2 T Epson salts and 1-2 T sugar to 1 T of hot fruit juice. If the juice contains pecin (the technical name for jelling property) the solution will become jelly-like.

To Cut Cut Down A Beaver Hat

Beaver hats are being shown among the best millinery styles for this winter. Many folks have old beaver hats left over from another season and can be cut into more fashionable shapes by this simple method.

Do not use scissors or knife. Take any size beaver hat. Remove bobbin and thread from the sewing machine and make the smallest possible stitch. Mark the size desired on the brim of the hat with tailor's chalk or if the edge is to be the same all around place the guage on the machine. feeder and run just as if making a seam. Sew it twice in the same place and break the hat apart at the place where its been stitched. The needle cuts through the heavy part of the brim but does not break and hair and the edge comes out as soft and fuzzy as when the hat orignally came from the factory. The part of the brim which is removed may be utilized as trimming by cutting it into different shapes using the same method as was used for the hat.

Protect Leather Furniture Coverings.

Leather furniture coverings last longer and look better if occasionally rubbed with castor oil which gradually dries out. The liquid should be rubbed in well and the excess taken off with a soft cloth. Otherwise the film of oil will collect dirt, will darken the

HOW EDITORS GET RICH

A great many persons have wondered how editors got rich so quickly and with such small effort. One of them who has grown rich at last told the secret of it. His outline is as follows:

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"For $40 worth of advertising and $25 in cash we can own a bicycle. The wheel sells for just $12.

"A fellow out West wants us to run a lot of advertising for him for nothing and if it brings results he may become a customer.

"For running $12 worth of locals we can get two tickets admitting us to the circus in the city and pay our own fare on the railroad.

"A gun firm wants us to run $19 worth of advertising and then send $10 in exchange for a shotgun. Such a gun would retail at about $6.

"By running $50 worth of advertising and sending $25 to Atlantic City firm we will be given a deed to a lot. When the tide is in the lot stands six feet under water.

"When a man dies the undertaker gets from $75 to $150 to bury him and the editor gets nothing for publishing his obituary notice."

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12 extra quality small cotton batts.
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An 8 1-2 in. Ladies' Boot, medium weight, a shoe we sold one year ago at $12.75, now $4.95
Ladies' High Boot, very fine kid, full Louis heel; a shoe we sold a year ago for $16, now $7.50

The CLAN CALL

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

CHAPTER VIII. — Returning to the Halfway Switch, Dale meets Major Bradley, lawyer, and real friend of the mountaineers, whom he engages as counsel for the company. A man named Goff, of evil repute, tries to bribe Dale to betray the Morelands by selling him the coal deposits, and telling them they are of little value. Dale attempts to thrash him, but Goff draws a revolver. Dale is unarmed.

CHAPTER IX.—Goff enlists the aid of a turbulent crowd, the Balls and Torreys, to make trouble for Dale's company. The Littlefords and Morelands agree to forget the old feud and dwell in harmony.

CHAPTER X.—"Babe" returns to her home, fearing she is a burden to the McLaurins. Dale remonstrates, and she agrees to go back, for the sake of an education. Waylaid by "Black Adam" Ball, Dale fights a pistol duel with the desperado, and Ball is killed. Dale is arrested and taken to jail at Cartersville. He doesn't see how his shot could have killed Ball.

CHAPTER XI.—There is much speculation as to who really killed Ball, the general opinion being it was By Heck, who had constituted himself Dale's guardian.

CHAPTER XII. — Caleb Moreland, son of John Moreland, admits firing the shot which killed Ball, and takes Dale's place in jail. He is innocent, but takes the blame for the killing in order that Dale can continue the development of the mine.

CHAPTER XIII.—On the pretext of investigating another coal deposit, Dale is decoyed to a gathering of the Balls and Torreys. They "try" him for the murder of Adam Ball, find him guilty, and sentence him to be hanged next day. He is rescued by By Heck. Goff is forced to leave the neighborhood.

CHAPTER XIV. — "Babe" writes Dale that she is living with his parents and that her education is progressing. Jimmy Fayne, rich and dissolute, asks "Babe" to marry him, but she tells him she loves Dale.

CHAPTER XV.—"Babe" comes to Cartersville to attend Dale's trial. He is acquitted of the murder of Ball. Dale asks "Babe" to marry him. She loves him, but tells him she cannot be his wife.

CHAPTER XV.

Tried.

Two days before Bill Dale was tried in court at Cartersville, the new Elizabeth Littleford alighted from an afternoon train at the Halfway switch. She was dressed in a smart and neatly-fitting suit of dark blue, with lacey white at her throat and at her wrists; she wore a hat of dark blue relieved by a touch of white. In one of her strong and well-shaped, gloved hands she carried a traveling bag of black leather.

A big and sunburned young man in boots and corduroys hastened to her. He raised his broad-rimmed hat, smiled, took the bag, and pressed her hand as though he was very glad to see her.

"Bill Dale!" she cried joyously above the roar of the passing train. "Bill Dale, it's you!"

"Sure, it's me!" laughed Dale. "How good you look! I can hardly believe it's you."

"But it is," she smiled. "Tell me: what do you think the outcome o' your trial is going to be?"

Dale noted that her English had improved, and it was gratifying to him. As for the trial—

"I don't know," he said. "But Major Bradley thinks I'll come clear. He believes that somebody that was hidden on the moutainside above us shot Ball to save me. By Heck hinted that he knew that this was the case; and he intimated that I would stand a better chance of acquittal than anybody else would stand, and that if I received a sentence the right man would come forward with a confession. I have an idea that By Heck himself killed Adam Ball—that is, if I didn't do it."

"And Cale Moreland—wasn't it fine for him to do what he done for you, Bill Dale? How are you gettin' along with the mine?"

"First rate," Dale answered, brightening at once. "We're shipping now. And we're getting a smashing price for every ounce of it."

"I see," said the young woman. He went on:

"All of the boys and girls of the Morelands, except the very little ones, are in school at Cartersville, and they're learning fast. When our borrowed capital is paid back, the Moreland families are going to buy farms lying near Cartersville and go to them. A big lowland farm close to good schools and a good little town—well, there are worse places on earth. Pity poor David Moreland can't know about it."

"I'd say!"

She hung her head. She was thinking, as she had so often thought before, of her own benighted people.

"And the Littlefords?" she murmured. It had slipped past her lips. Dale and the Morelands owed the Littlefords nothing.

Dale understood, and he gave her a sympathetic glance.

"A few of the boys and girls of the Littlefords are going to school in Cartersville, perhaps one from each family," he told her. "It is rather expensive, you know, on account of the boarding, and they can't afford to send all their children. However, I think—ultimately—your people will have their chance for education, too."

"But it won't do much good to educate *one out o' each-family*," said Elizabeth. "They'd come straight back here when they got through with their schoolin', and soon fo'git—I mean forget!—it all. If they make their learnin' pay 'em anything, they'll have to stay where they can use it."

She began to stare absently toward her well-shod feet.

"Are you ready to go?" Dale asked.

Elizabeth Littleford raised her head with a slight jerk and said rather awkwardly:

"Has the valley changed much?"

"Not very much," answered Dale. "There's a new log church, where an old minister named Ashby Cross preaches the gospel of straight walking and human kindliness every Sunday. Henderson Goff isnt here any more, but he sent me his address in case we wanted to sell the mine! The Torreys have gone back to Jerusalem cove and Hatton's hell, and the Balls are as quiet as mice. These, I believe, are all the changes worth mentioning."

Together they set out and walked, without saying much, to the crest of David Moreland's mountain, and there they halted. The autumn sun, a great red ball of fire, was just setting beyond the majestic Big Pine.

Dale pointed to a *long, moss-covered* slab of brown sandstone.

"Let's sit down there and rest," he suggested. "You're tired, Babe, I know. Don't mind my calling you 'Babe,' do you?"

She looked at him as though she were surprised at his asking that. They sat down.

Bill Dale suddenly leaned toward her and took one of her hands; and he didn't take it as Jimmy Fayne had done—as though he were afraid of it.

"You know I love you, don't you Babe?"

"I've been believin' it," she told him after a moment of painful silence. She was a trifle pale now. "But it—Bill Dale, it somehow don't seem just right for you to love me. Because I'm such a pore little nobody. I'm as ignorant as sin; and I hain't—haven't even got good manners. But—but if you love, if you're sure you do, tell me why!

There came another minute of painful silence.

"Because," said Dale, speaking slowly, "you have always seemed to be one of my own kind. You seem real, to me. I was so sick of artificialities in women that I loved you the moment I saw you. I know you are primitive, but I am primitive, too. And you weren't calling yourself 'Ma-a-am-mah' to a d—d poodle. . . .

"Major Bradley," he went on, "feels sure that I will be acquitted. If it turns out like that, I want you to marry me at once. Tell me—will you, Babe?"

How boyishly impatient he was. Was he afraid he would lose her by waiting?

"You love me, don't you, Babe?" he pursued.

She faced him with the sudden, queer light of a tragedy in her eyes. But she didn't speak. He pressed her hand until it hurt and demanded:

"You do, don't you, Babe?"

"Yes," she told him, in a voice that he barely heard.

"Then why won't you marry me?"

She didn't answer. She wouldn't answer.

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The day of the trial dawned clear, with the snap of autumn in the air. The courthouse was filled to its capacity within fifteen *minutes after* the doors were thrown open. Every man who had a rifle was forced to leave it behind with the sheriff's deputies; a company of the state's militia was *there, and each member of it* had a hundred rounds of ball cartridges in his belt—the authorities were taking no chances.

Amid a breathless hush, the wheels of the law began to move. Caleb Moreland quickly told what he had to say, and backed it up with proof; he brought out a perfect alibi. The judge and the jury frowned and smiled in the same instant. Dale went forward and took his place. He pleaded "Not Guilty." A little later the state introduced its evidence and rested.

The counsel for the defense, patrician and soldier-like, immaculate from his toes to the crown of his head, went eagerly to his feet. He had fully prepared himself, and he delivered his argument with an eloquent and forceful swing. It was plain that the jury was *favorably* impressed by the words of this man who never accepted a case unless he was absolutely sure that his client was in the right.

Major Bradley hinged his argument on the mysterious third shot. If Dale's bullet had killed Adam Ball, would not Adam Ball have been shot squarely or at least nearly squarely from the front? As it was, the Goliath had been shot straight through the temples! That third shot had been fired by some hidden friend of Dale's, the major declared, and it had been done for the purpose of saving Dale's life. Ball had been in the act of playing a cowardly trick; he had killed a man in North Carolina by just such a trick—and he had boasted of it.

The attorney for the state made a rejoinder that almost favored the *defendant. Then the court charged the* jury, and the twelve good men retired.

The jury was out not more than twenty minutes, but to Elizabeth Littleford it was an age of torture.

The twelve *men* filed slowly in and faced the judge, who turned austere eyes upon them and asked:

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you reached a verdict?"

They had. Elizabeth Littleford's head swam as she bent forward to catch the foreman's words—

"Not guilty!"

A wild shout rose from the leathery throat of the happy By Heck. The Morelands and the Littlefords cheered until they were hoarse. Sheriff Tom Flowers had difficulty in quieting the tumult. Bill Dale shook hands until his shoulders ached. The Balls and their relatives, bitter with resentment and hatred, stole out, were given their rifles, and went toward the big hills with the eye of the miltia hard upon them.

Then the Morelands and the Littlefords and the Hecks, with Dale and his mining man Hayes, came out, and they, too, started for the big hills.

Dale had hired a horse and a side saddle for Ben Littleford's daughter, and the two rode in each other's company on the journey home. When they were well into the mountains, Dale drew his horse over close to that of his companion.

"As soon as I can build and furnish ——" he began, when Elizabeth interrupted:

"We're ridin' too fast. We're too much ahead o' the others. One o' them Balls might try to pick you off with his rifle gun."

"Not much danger of that," Dale replied. "The Balls have already been warned about sniping; your father told them that their very name would be scoured off the earth if there was any sniping. Besides, By Heck is acting as advance guard somewhere ahead of us."

He continued, "As soon as I can build and furnish a little house out near the mine, I want you to marry me, Babe. Will you?"

Elizabeth Littleford seemed not to have heard.

"Will you, Babe?"

She faced him sadly. He saw in her hazel eyes the same queer light of tragedy that he had seen there a day or two before; and now, as then, he wondered what it could mean.

"Tell me, Babe!"

Her head fell forward. The sunlight found glints of gold in her thick chestnut-brown hair. She was silent for a moment; then her voice came dully:

"*I'd better not marry you, Bill Dale.*"

Dale sat up straight and rigid in his saddle and stared hard at her solemnly beautiful profile. He could hardly believe that he had heard correctly. He knew she loved him. She had told him that she loved him. Then why wouldn't she marry him? He tried to reason it out, and the attempt made his brain ache; he was unable to reason. He knew only that she was all of the future to him, all of the world to him, and—that she had refused to marry him.

When they were within two miles of home, Dale went suddenly white and caught her almost rudely by a wrist.

"Is it Jimmy Fayne?" he demanded hotly.

She gave him a reproachful glance and said nothing. He flung her hand from him angrily.

Dale did not speak again until they had entered the broad valley that was home to him. Somehow he felt limp now. The great wave of anger had passed.

"I guess you are too good for me," he said. There was weakness in his voice, and it was the first weakness she had ever known in him.

"Will you always *think* of me as the finest and most beautiful woman in the world?" she asked.

"Always."

"It's the best I can hope for," murmured Elizabeth.

"What do you mean?"

"It's the best I can hope for," Elizabeth repeated as though she were talking to herself.

They rode on in silence.

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There was no sleep for Bill Dale that night. The sweetness of his liberty had all been taken away by Babe Littleford's refusal to marry him. He became bitter toward her again. She *had been exceedingly unfair to him:* while she really loved him, she was going to marry Jimmy Fayne because he had so much money. She was ungrateful to him: it was through him that she was being educated, being lifted out of her uncouth and illiterate self and set on a higher social and intellectual plane. All he had ever heard of the so-called unfathomable mystery of womankind he now believed, and more. All this, of course, was unworthy. But Bill Dale was intensely human, and to be human is to be unworthy.

"Will You Always Think of Me as the Finest and Most Beautiful Woman in the World?" She Asked.

It turned cold that night. A little *before noon of the next day,* By Heck stepped into the Moreland Coal company's office.

Dale looked wearily up from his littered desk.

"I am very much obliged to you for shooting Adam Ball, By."

"It's h—l, Bill, ain't it?"

"What?"

Heck leaned over and rested his knotty hands on the muzzle of the inevitable rifle.

"Whatever it is you're a-grievin' about, o' course. Babe Littleford she went back to yore home town this mornin', Bill. Sort o' quare, I thought, 'at you never went with her over *to* the switch. Sort o' quare, too, 'at she never rid over on the little ingyne instid o' walkin'. But mebbe she was afeard o' gittin' her fine city clo'es all smutted up. Say, Bill, old boy, I wisht I may drap dead in my tracks ef you don't look like a d—d corpst, igod. It haf to be h—l, or you wouldn't grieve about it. 'Smatter? Babe?"

Dale rose and glared at By Heck.

"I'm going to have the truth, By; now get that. Did you, or did you not, kill Adam Ball to save me?"

By Heck realized that he would have to be very cunning if he evaded the question now. Bill Dale, his god, would not be put off longer.

So By Heck answered: "I wisht I may drap dead this minute and turn into a cross-eyed mink with a green tail and pink eyes; I wisht the devil may take me and spend ten thousand etarnities a-sticking' red-hot, peppercoated pitchforks in me and not let me have any tobacker; I wisht I may be struck blind and deef and dumb and paralyzed and ha' my tongue cut out and my ears and toe-nails tore off—ef I killed Adam Ball to save you or anybody else."

And then, having answered, he favored Dale with an odd look, took up his rifle and strode out of the office humming:

"When I die, don't bury me deep
Put no tombstone at my head and feet
Put a bear's jawbone in my right hand——"

"But he's the biggest liar in the state," muttered Dale, turning back to his desk.

He closed his desk, and he didn't work any more that day. Babe Littleford had gone without even bothering to tell him good-bye!

CHAPTER XVI.

Confession

If the impulsive, fighing Bill Dale could have heard across the intervening miles the conversation that took place in his old home the next evening, he would probably have followed Ben Littleford's daughter by the next train if he had had to hold it up at the point of an honest blue gun in order to get aboard it.

John K. Dale and his wife had gone into the library with Elizabeth at her request. The three sat down facing each other. The younger woman was ill at ease; she was glad that the lights were subdued and soft. When the silence had become heavy, she straightened in her chair and blurted out falteringly:

"Bill asked me to m-marry him, and I wouldn't do it. I—I thought maybe I—I ought to tell you."

The Dales exchanged glances; then they looked back at Elizabeth Littleford. Dale smiled a fatherly smile. Mrs. Dale's eyes narrowed. The old stiffness rose within her and began to make stubborn war against her more recently acquired common sense.

"Have you quarreled?" she asked.

"No."

'Well," old Dale said bluntly, "what's wrong?"

"It isn't his fault," Elizabeth told them. "I'm a savage," she went on desperately—"and he isn't my kind."

John K. Dale retired very early that night. When the sound of his footsteps had died away, his wife bent toward Elizabeth and said curiously:

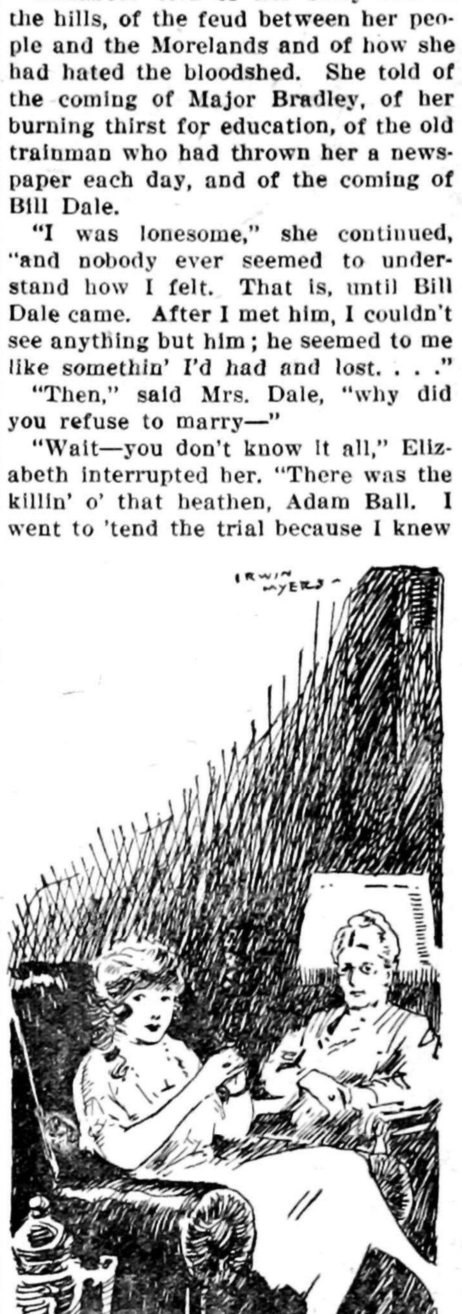
"Why did you call yourself a savage?"

Elizabeth told of her early life in the hills, of the feud between her people and the Morelands and of how she had hated the bloodshed. She told of the coming of Major Bradley, of her burning thirst for education, of the old trainman who had thrown her a newspaper each day, and of the coming of Bill Dale.

"I was lonesome," she continued, "and nobody ever seemed to understand how I felt. That is, until Bill Dale came. After I met him, I couldn't see anything but him; he seemed to me like somethin' I'd had and lost. . . ."

"Then," said Mrs. Dale, "why did you refuse to marry—"

"Wait—you don't know it all," Elizabeth interrupted her. "There was the killin' o' that heathen, Adam Ball. I went to 'tend the trial because I knew



"Then," Said Mrs. Dale, "Why Did You Refuse to Marry—"

I could clear your son if Major Bradley couldn't. You see, Mrs. Dale, I happened to know who did kill Adam Ball, and I meant to tell if it was necessary.

"On the mornin' of the killin' Bill had started up the river by himself. It was dangerous for him to go off like that, on account o' them Balls and Torreys. Back in the Big Pine country there is a tall, thin man named Sam Heck. He's a big eater, an awful liar, and a worshiper of Bill Dale. Sam heard my father say it was dangerous, and he whispered: 'I'll jest sneak through the laurels and gyard Bill from ahind him.' I heard him say it, Mrs. Dale.

"So he went sneakin' along the foot o' the north end o' David Moreland's mountain, with his rifle in his hand, to guard your son. Bill didn't know he was bein' followed, because Heck is as crafty as a cat. I got nervous about Bill, so I went into the laurels and followed Sam Heck. When I overtook him, he was standin' behind a clump o' sheep laurel and lookin' toward the river.

"I whispered, 'Where's Bill?'

"He said, 'Be still, Babe!' And then he thumbed his rifle's hammer back without a sound.

"I looked toward the river and saw Bill Dale a-walkin' up the nearest bank, and I saw Black Adam slip behind a tree not far away. Bill saw Adam, and he slipped behind a tree, too. Adam shot at Bill's hat, and teased Bill. Bill shot at Adam's hat—and then Adam Ball jumped up groanin' like he was done for, and fell, all a-twistin', to the ground. But he wasn't hit. He put his gun out by the tree to kill Bill as soon as he showed himself. It was one o' his old tricks."

Elizabeth Littleford raised her head slowly and went on in a voice that was much shaken:

"I had always talked against killin', and yet I stood there and begged Sam Heck to finish him. The rest happened in no time. Ball was already a-lookin' along his sights. Bill Dale was nearly out in the open. I—" she faltered, and then came a rush of words: "I wouldn't marry him without tellin' him, because it wouldn't be fair to him; and if I told him, he—he wouldn't have me. The woman he marries mustn't be a—a s-savage."

She stopped and stared at Mrs. Dale almost defiantly. Her head was high, and her hands were clasped in her lap so hard that they trembled.

"I *think* you have made a mountain out of a molehill, my dear," the older woman said gently. 'What you did was right, not wrong; any good woman would have done just what you did, Elizabeth, I am sure."

Elizabeth Littleford faced Mrs. John K. Dale squarely. There was a strange glow in her eyes.

"But I haven't told you everything,"

she *murmured—"I took* Sam Heck's rifle from him, and killed Adam Ball myself."

CHAPTER XVII.

Bill Dale Laughs.

Bill Dale sat thinking of what he had done there in the Big Pine country. From the stone-and-clay chimneys of the cabins of the Littlefords on the other side of the river the howling wind snatched sprays of blue wood-smoke. The Morelands had gone to farms lying around Cartersville in the lowland, on each of which a fair-sized first payment had been made. the borrowed capital was to remain borrowed for another year. The Morelands were already losing their outlandishness and growing into universal respect. David Moreland's dream was at last being realized.

Then Dale frowned heavily. If only he could do as much for Babe's people! But he couldn't. The men of the Littlefords still worked the coal mine. They received almost twice the customary wages, but even that wouldn't buy them farms and educate their children.

Under his eyes lay two unanswered letters from his parents. He found little pleasure in answering their letters, for he was still somewhat bitter toward them—toward his father because of his father's ill treatment of David Moreland and David Moreland's people; toward his mother because she had let him go hungry for mother-love as a baby, as a child, as a boy, and as a man; toward them both because he had been reared a do-nothing.

The door opened suddenly, and By Heck came stamping in with a gust of cold air at his back. He carried in one hand the mail satchel; in the other was his ever-present rifle. After throwing the satchel to the floor at Dale's feet, he turned to the glowing wood stove.

"I'm dang nigh friz, Bill," he chattered. "My gosh, I couldn't be no colder'n what I em ef I'd ha' clim' the nawth pole neck-ed. Say, Bill, why'n't ye burn coal 'stid o' wood? Igod, it's hotter."

"Coal is worth money. Wood isn't."

Dale ran through the mail hastily. He threw aside a letter from the Alexander Crayfield Coal corporation, which took the entire output of the mine at an extraordinary figure, and picked up a letter which bore the postmark of his home city.

It was from Babe Littleford. Since he paid so little attention to the letters of his parents, they had requested her to write to him—they wanted him to come home for Christmas dinner. Wouldn't he come?

He arose and paced the office floor for two or three minutes, then he sat down at his desk and dashed off a letter that contained only two sentences.

By Heck sat beside the stove and watched his god with thoughtful eyes. He understood, he believed. How any woman on earth could turn down a man like Bill Dale was utterly beyond him. By Heck was a great deal like a good-natured dog. . . .

If Bill would only laugh, it would be good for him. It had been so long since he had heard Bill laugh. By Heck decided that he would make Bill Dale laugh.

"Old boy?"

"Well?"

"Do ye want me to tell ye a funny tale?" drawled Heck. He barely heard the answer:

"I guess I don't mind, By."

Heck's sympathy made him gulp. But he swallowed the lump that came up in his throat and began bravely:

"One time the' was a feller named Smith. Odd name, Bill, ain't it? 'Hossfly' Smith, they called him, 'cause it was said 'at he could easy shoot a hossfly offen a hoss's ear and never break hide on the animile. He was a hellion, too. One time Hossfly, he was a-tryin' to git app'inted the chairman o' some sort o' politics doin's, and on that same day he was a-drinkin' sort o' tol'able heavy. They agreed to make him the temp'rary chairman, but Hossfly, he didn't want that. So he hops right up in the middle o' the meetin', and he hollers out and says:

"'Feller citizens,' he says, 'I want to be the permanent chairman! I ain't a-goin' to act in the cap-acity of a durned temp'rary chairman; I absod—n-lutely ain't!'

"His old inemy, Eb Wright, he yells back and says smart-like: 'Set down thar, Hossfly,' says Eb—'you're drunk, and you don't know the difference a-tween temp'rary and permanent!'

"Well, they knowed Eb had it a-comin' to him right then, and they listened fo' it. Hossfly, he addresses the whole meetin', and this here is what Hossfly says:

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Many Interesting Items or the Local Schools

Many Activities Being Arranged By School for the Fall and Winter

RECITAL HERE NOV. 30th

B. H. S. Calendar

Nov. 25—Goodell at Goodell.
Nov. 30—Miss Shattock's Recital at Belmond.
Dec. 2—Sheffield at Belmond.
Dec. 15—Lecture course number.
Dec. 23—Kanawha at Belmond.
Jan. 16—Lecture course.
Jan. 20—Dows at Belmond.
Feb. 3—Clarion at Belmond.
Feb. 10—Dows at Dows.
Feb. 14—Garner at Belmond.

Miss Liddle, Wright county Red Cross nurse, will be at the school, buidilng, Room No. 20 Thursday and Friday of this week to consult the parents of any of the school children who have been examined by her during the past two weeks. Plan now to consult her at that time.

Last Friday morning at 9 o'clock the entire school, with the exception of the kindergarten and first grade, met in the auditorium for an Armistice day program.

Song: Star Sangled Banner, the school.

Reading: The Man With His Hat In His Hand, by Leona Smith.

Talk, by Rev. Leinbach.

Flag Salute: school.

Reading: In Flanders Field, by Doris Bailey.

Prayer: Rev. Leinbach.

We appreciated Rev. Leinbach's talk very much. After the program we were given a vacation for the rest of the day.

The next Literary program will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The Literary program which was scheduled for Friday was given on Monday morning. It was a Better Speech program and was a very good beginning for Better Speech week.

PROGRAM

Piano solo: Ethel Thompson.
Paper: Why Is Good English Essential?, Valda Robinson.
Reading: The Courier, Luella Hauge.
Mock Trial: State of Iowa vs. The Verb Bros.

The four "Verb Brothers," do, see, be, go, are condemned to be hung this week. Some clever posters reminding us of Better Speech are in the various rooms.

Miss Bock will hold a study center at Belmond Saturday, November 19 for rural and grade teachers. Any person interested in school work is invited to attend. Program begins at 9:30 a. m. and 1:15 p. m.

The Junior high song to the tune of "Smiles:"

There are Junior Highs that are so busy,
There are Junior Highs that are so slack
There are Junior Highs that are so willing
To boost our Junior High days on
There are Junior Highs that are so happy
That they send away our sorrows for
But the Junior High you find in Belmond
Are the Juniors that boost things on
(Words by Lucille Legge)

The seventh and eighth grade boys have received their basket ball suits and hope to schedule a game soon. They will at least play interclass games.

The third grade visitors the past week were Mrs. R. H. Klemme, Mrs. J. F. Barry and Miss Beatrice Barry.

Edward Obrecht is absent this week on account of sickness.

Bazaar and Chicken Supper given by the Ladies Aid of the St. Johns Lutheran church in the basement of the library on Thursday, December 1st. Doors open at 1:00 p. m. Supper will begin at 4:30. Tickets 25c for children under 12 years of age, the adults 40c. Everybody welcome. 2tc

TWENTY-FIVE UP FOR CITIZENSHIP

Twenty-five applications for citizenship papers will be heard at the December term of district court, on the 6th. N. A. Balmer, a naturalization inspector from the St. Louis office, was here this week checking up the applications. The following would be full fledged citizens of the United States:

George Henry Vivian, Canada, Eagle Grove.
Alfred Jorgenseon, alais Alfred Pehl, Denmark, Clarion.
Carl John Kalvig, Norway, Clarion.
Anton Espeland, Norway, Eagle Grove.
Bjarne Hoagensen, Norway, Belmond.
Martin Mudeck, Austria, Eagle Grove.
Henry Adolph Marchall, Germany Woolstock.
Mathias Long, alias Mathias Ramer, Austria, Eagle Grove.
Henry Hisler, Germany, Woolstock.
Fred Subject, Canada, Clarion.
Paul John Krall, Germany, Dows.
Paul Emanuel Manchall, Germany, Woolstock.
Andrew Kreiger, Germany, Woolstock.
John Peter Waltzing, Germany, Belmond.
Anneus Jacobus Meinle, Germany, Belmond.
Will Joseph Boelman, Germany, Belmond.
Ede Kries, Germany, Belmond.
Luke Wessels, Germany, Belmond.
Nysce Boelman, Germany, Belmond.
Aeilt Riekus, Holland, Belmond.
Ole Tysdal, Norway Rowan.
John Adolph Anderson, Sweden, Clarion.

OH WHERE, OH WHERE HAS MY LITTLE DOG GONE?

Who's got our dog? Doggone it, we want that dawg back. Or we want to know what the doggone has become of our dawg. If anyone has seen him, or knows where he is, or can tell us what has become of him, we shall appreciate it very much. He is a little white dog, so high, with some brown about the ears and head, with a full length tail, which wags to the name of "Gyp." He isn't worth four cents war tax for the blue blood that's in him, but he is worth ten dollars to the party who brings him in to us immediately if not sooner. And no questions asked.

ALEXANDER DEPARTMENT NOW

This week the Independent begins a special feature in the Alexander Department on page six. This page will be devoted each week to the interests of Alexander, and we believe will be good reading and of interest to Bemond people as well. The time is here when newspapers in the small town have got to go; they cannot pay out; and thru newspapers in the larger towns adjacent the small town will be given representation.

The Independent now carries each week departments for Meservey and Alexander. This means a larger and more extended territory that the Indepentdent reaches and covers, and is additional territory for the Independent advertiser. The merchants an opportunity to tell their customers of the two towns mentioned are given thru the Independent what they have to sell. The Independent covers the most territory.

COMMUNITY WELFARE MEETS

The Community Welfare club will meet this week Friday, November 18th., instead of next week. The Thanksgiving program will be given in charge of Mrs. G. F. McBurney.

The serving committee for this occasion will be Mesdames O. Young, C. C. McGuire, Marvin Christie, Geo. Barry, Allison, Sam Lieuwen, C. O. Fitts, James Leavy and H. H. Hawley.

The finance committee will hold a food sale about the 8th of December.

Theo. Wright has been on the sick list the past week or two, but is reported better.

Indications of Hard, Cold Winter

NOVEMBER—PERFECT PACKAGE MONTH

During the month of November, the American Railway association, acting for practically all the railroads in the United States, together with the American Railway Express company are putting on a campaign for better packing, better marking, better containers, and trying hard to get rid of the "second hand" containers for shipments

The Chamber of Commerce in the larger cities and towns are co-operating with these two companies for "November—The Perfect Package Month." Anyone can see that The railroads and factories have made a big gain both in the saving of lives and property, thru their "No Accident Weeks," so then comes the two companies mentioned with the campaign for perfect packages and they can no doubt save a great deal in money, delays and damages by putting forth every effort to get the shipping public to use good judgement in packing, wrapping and marking packages for shipment.

Whether the Chamber of Commerce here will co-operate with the local officers of the express companies we have not been advised, but if they follow wisely in the steps of others they will lend a willing hand.

The local officers of the express company in this town are ready and willing to help or assist shippers in any way by advising the best and most economical way in preparing shipments, either for a short distance or long.—Contributed.

YOUNG LAD HERE HAS COMPLETE WIRELESS OUTFIT

Caryl McIntyre, son of Mrs. Tom Finn who recently moved back to Belmond from Ackley, is a licensed wireless operator and has at their present home in the old Methodist parsonage, a complete wireless outfit rigged up with which he will soon be sending and receiving messages from hundreds of miles around.

The lad, who is about 16 years of age, has about $300 in electrical and wireless apparatus and has one of the neatest amateur plants to be found anywhere around. At Ackley he could receive messages from as far as Arlington, from which place he used to receive the time every night. With the power that he has here he thinks that he can send up to several hundred miles, and receive from long distances.

The outfit is attracting a great deal of attention among the boys of the town, naturally. It might prove to be a mighty handy thing in case of a robbery here, for instance, when, if the communcating wires leading from the town were cut—as they usually are—a "wireless" could be sent notifying police authorities of the crime and a great deal of time saved in running down the criminals. Young McIntyre expects to make the wireless his life business.

E. L. Bailey and family have moved from the Longley residence where they have been living the past summer, and are now nicely settled in the Congregational parsonage, which was recently vacated by the Schooler family.

SMOOTH GRAFTER FOILED BY CLARION FARM WOMAN

News: A smooth grafter who was working in this vicinity last week was foiled in an attempt to defraud a well known woman near town out of $15 thru an order blank which was, in effect, a check. He appeared as an agent for an enlarged portrait concern. He had secured an order and asked the woman to sign it. She did so, and asked for a duplicate before turning it over to the agent. This the stranger refused to give, and then the woman looked over the order carefully and saw that she had in effect, signed an order and also a check, all that was lacking being the name of the bank. She tore the papers up and ordered the man out of the house and off the place.

People should be very careful in signing any kind of a paper for strangers. Sometimes such signatures turn up as notes or checks.

FREERK FROHLING

Freerk Frohling was born on the seventh of January 1847 in the town of Weener, Eastfriesland, Germany. He came to this country in 1873 and settled in the vicinity of German Valley, Ill., where two years later he was joined in marriage to Frederika Frohing. The couple lived near German Valley for the space of 10 years and then came west in 1885 and settled on a farm southeast of Belmond. Twenty seven years of their married life were spent on this farm amid the toils, failures and disappointments as well as the joys and the encouragements incidental to farm life. Nine years ago this past spring they retired and moved to town to spend the remaining years enjoying the fruits of their labors.

Altho the discease had for several years noticed some disorder in his throat it was not until last March that it really seemed serious and requiring medical attention. It was discovered that he was suffering from cancer of the throat and that it was beyond the power of medical and surgical skill. Loving hands and modern science, however, ministered to his relief. Scarcely two weeks before his death he was taken to our local hospital where the surgeon in charge performed a successful operation to avoid slow death by starvation. But the cancerous growth had developed to such an extent that death came unexpectedly towards evening of Sunday, Nov. 6 at the age of seventy four years, nine months and 19 days.

There remain to mourn his death the bereaved widow, an adopted son, Carl Greenfield, a sister in Germany, another sister in the state of Oregon, a brother in Chicago, and a host of distant relatives and many friends.

The family desires herewith to tender their heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and neighbors who have stood by them in their great hour of grief and have shown their sympathy by the contribution of flowers.

The body was laid to rest last Thursday in Franklin Grove cemetery. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church, Rev. Waalkes officiating, Rev. Wilkinson assisting at the church.

CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN STARTS DEC. 1ST

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 17, Iowa's annual sale of Christmas seals, which are sold every December to finance the state share in the nation wide fight on tuberculosis, is being organized in every county of the state, with leading public health workers and organizations planning to offer the seals to the public in every county.

The goal fixed is ten seals per capita in Iowa, and from the proceeds public health work of various descriptions will be financed in most of the counties of the state.

The seals are handled thru the Iowa Tuberculosis association, in cooperation with organizations in every county. From fifty to seventy per cent of the amount received from the sale of seals is retained in the home community. These funds are used in co-operation with the Red Cross, or thru the schools, or by local public welfare organizations for the financing of anti-tuberculosis, public health or child welfare work of almost every description.

Last year more than $70,000 worth of seals were sold, and this year it is hoped that at least double this amount will be sold.

The seal sale has the endorsement of the American Red Cross, of the American Federation of Labor and of the National Federation of Women's clubs. The seals are sold in every state of the Union as a means of financing anti-tuberculosis work.

Seals will be on sale about December 1 and the sale will continue until Christmas time.

PRESIDENT HARDING URGES RED CROSS SUPPORT

The following statement by President Harding, urging universal support of the annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross which begins generally throughout the country Nov. 11, continueing through Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, was issued from the White House tonight:

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: As president of the United States of America and as president of the American Red Cross, I announce that the Red Cross annual roll call will begin on Armistice Day. November 11, and continue through Thanksgiving day, November, 24, and I designate November 13 as Red Cross Sunday.

I recommend ministers and priests of all congregations to stress the gospel of service on November 13 and I invite and urge my fellow citizens to accept the entire period of the Roll Call as an occasion for rededication of themselves to the principles and practice of service. The American Red Cross is both the volunteer and semi-official medium through which our people may appropriately express their patriotic and humane desires to render practical assistance to their soldiers and sailors, to their fellow citizens in civilian life, and to those peoples of other lands who have a human claim on the sympahtetic concern of our own people.

The American Red Cross has kept faith with the principles which gave it birth and with the obligations laid upon it by Congressional Charter "to act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and their Army and Navy;" after a notable war service, it, in conjunction with the veterans' bureau and other activities, stands by our veterans and their families in a period of painful reconstruction, in which, as too many of us have been prone to forget, thousands are in pressing need, not only of governmental attention and assistance, but also of those supplementary acts of human kindness which only volunteer mercy can supply.

By systematic and scientific plans and equipment for relief from disaster, and by prompt response to many urgent calls throughout the past year, the American Red Cross has fulfilled another requirement of its Cngressional Charter "to continue and carry on a system of national

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Planning to Operate the Facto[ry] the Coming

Stockholders Meeting He[ld] November 14th Indor[se] Big Bond Issu[e]

IT IS NOW UP TO ALL

Future of Company Now [...] Squarely Before Stockho[lders] and Creditors

The Iowa Valley Sugar Co. is completing plans for the issu[e] approximately one million doll[ars] bonds, with which to reorgan[ize] company for operation.

The 14th of the month a stoc[kholders'] meeting was held in the city Rochester, New York. At this [meet]ing the plans for issuing the [...] dollar loan were discussed and [...] upon favorably by the stockh[olders] and their representatives who [...] present.

Monday of next week a direc[tors'] meeting of the company will be h[eld] at the company offices here at whi[ch] time the directors will take up [the] proposition of the bonds and it is [ex]pected that they too will act favor[ably] upon the plan.

The present plan, as outlined in [a] recent letter to the stockholders, [is] to issue bonds to the sum necess[ary] to take up the claim of all credi[tors] holding one hundred dollars or [...] against the company, and to take [...] the Dyer company mortgage. W[hen] this has been accomplished, then [as] the Independent understands it, [the] company plans to sell sufficient of [...] bonds to realize a sum of aprox[imate]ly $150,000, with which they [...] assured of operation next year.

The company must depend mo[re or] less upon the stockholders and [cred]itors to take up some of these bon[ds] and assure the '22 operation. It [is] up to the stockholders and the creditors as to what shall be done a[fter] the various claims as mentioned h[ave] been taken care of. The issuance [of] these bonds to cover the claims [is] not paying them off now, it is mer[ely] extending the time from a year [or] less to five years. To operate ne[xt] year the company must have cash, a[nd] it expects to raise this cash fro[m] the sale of these bonds, which w[ill] doubtless be discounted to a figu[re] where they will make an attracti[ve] and profitable buy.

By January 1st the company w[ill] probably know whether they are [to] operate next season or not, and [the] stockholders will know whether they are to realize $200,000 or whether they are to lose it. The next month or six weeks will tell the tale.

It is entirely up to those who ha[ve] put their money into the company as stockholders or creditors. They can just about save or lose their money according to the way they act, and it is as easy one way as the other.

WALL LAKE FIGHT SEEMS TO BE IN HUNTERS' FAVOR

The fight over Wall Lake which has been raging the past month or two appears to be going in favor of the hunters now. Recently Secretary of State Ramsay and Treasurer Burbank visited the scene of battle and inspected the lake front and the lake, and Secretary Ramsay has been quoted as saying that the parties from Waterloo who have been trying to obtain a corner on the lake for their own personal benefit would have another guess coming and the lake shore would be open to the hunters of Iowa without further cost. The Waterloo parties, it is claimed, were seeking to obtain unreasonable rental privileges on ground and huts at the lake, and even charging for the privilege of hunting there.

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OUR SECOND BIRTHDAY

With this issue the Independent i two years old.

That is a momentous event—to us.

To us it means that our two years of hard work have counted for something worth while. Two years ago the Independent was started with a very little cash, but a large amount of hope and faith in the town and community. We feel that these hopes and faith have been justified, that the Independent has reached a place where it can be of service to the town and community. While we still have "a very little cash"—like most everyone else—we feel that the Independent is established on a firm foundation and we look forward to the future with the same hope and faith with which we started.

We feel that any measure of success which the Independent may have attained has been due more to the cooperation of our readers and advertisers than to anything which we may have done. Their friendliness and boosting has been of more value than they have realized, and we are most sincerely grateful. To them is due the credit, if any there be, for without them the Independent would have gone the way of many a new venture; it could never have survived much less have grown.

From a beginning of 400 subscribers the Independent has increased its family to its present circulation of eleven hundred or more; from a narrow circle of territory it has extended to cover everything from beyond Rowan to beyond Meservey. Every one of these subscribers has been a booster and a friend, and the publisher considers each of them as such. They have made possible the result, have made the fight worth while.

To the Independent advertisers we can only say that we have tried to give the support and the service which their co-operation and friendliness in all ways has warranted, and we feel that we have a long ways to go yet to give them as much as they have given us. Their patronage has made possible whatever improvement the Independent may have made. We have tried to give service, to bring them results, and we shall endeavor in the future to be more worthy of the patronage they have shown us and the help they have given.

The Independent set sail upon the unchartered sea of business life a frail bark, with every sail set to catch the passing breeze. That it has escaped the sunken reefs of disaster and avoided the rocks of destruction has been due to the readers and advertisers, and to them the publisher takes this method of extending his personal thanks.

The Independent is far from what the publisher wants it to be and what he hopes to make it. We wish that the Independent may serve the community, that it may bring to the community and the town those things which the communiy needs to progress and expand. It shall be the aim of this paper to do those things, to bring to the community all that is good and of value. A newspapers' business is to serve and that is our aim. We want to serve you all, individually and collectively, to the best of our ability. We want to give our readers the news, our advertisers the readers, and to the town and the community service. Help us to do them. With your co-operation we shall in the future endeavor to bring about the things that we need, to destroy those which are harmful, and in so doing we will give you a bigger and better home newspaper.

SPIKING THE GUNS

There is in session now at the national capital a conference which may go down in history as the greatest thing that was ever achieved by any nation: The Disarmament Conference of the five great nations of the world.

Secretary Hughes announced in his address Saturday the principles of the great plan, which, if carried out, will mean more toward universal and complete peace than any other thing that has ever been proposed. Briefly Huges proposed to the delegates of the other nations that they wreck the battleships which they now have in process of building, that they agree to stop all further construction for a period of ten years, and that each nation shall have a limit to the size of their armaments.

To make plain the part that the United tates is willing to take in the program, he declared that this nation Swould dismantle, scrap a total tonnage of almost 850,000 in battleships and other fighting craft. This is about 250,000 tons more than Great Britian has been asked to scrap, and almost 600,000 more than Japan.

That agreement to scrap battleships of almost 250,000 tons more than England was a master stroke of diplomacy, and places the other great nations in a place where they cannot help but agree. The United States has completed or in process of completion $330,000,000 in ships of the fighting line which we agree to scrap and throw in the junk heap if the others will do their part. Should they do this, and agree to the ten-year period, then wars will have become practically a thing of the past, for no nation will be left with enough of a fleet to start an offensive warfare, and at the end of the ten years no nation which has had a taste o. taxes which do not go for wars past or future can ever be gotten to put up money for big armaments again.

Let us all sincerely hope and pray that this conference comes to a successful conclusions, that the greatest nations of the earth will agree to agree on the terms set forth, and that the peoples of the earth may in the years to come be unburdened of the load that they have carried on their weary shoulders for ages, since history began. It seems a dream too good to be true, yet is there any just or good reason why it should not be? Some there may be who will call it an idealist's dream, unpractical and impossible; so was it said of the airship, the telephone, the wireless, of everything new. Because a thing has always been is no reason for its existance. That there always have been wars is no good reason why there should not be a stop put to them, and every true Christian, every real and faithful American, will hope that the time has come when they may be stopped, and will use their every effort to help.

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CLIPPINGS

Miss Violet Starnes was up from Belmond visiting Klemme friends.—Times.

Mrs. Pat Barry and Miss McNamara of Belmond were Klemme visitors yesterday.—Times.

Miss Marian Luick of Belmond came Saturday evening for an over Sunday visit at the Charlie Luick home in the country.—Times.

Joe Starnes and family spent Sunday visiting friends at Belmond.—Times.

Last Friday forenoon about eleven o'clock while Peter Erdman was husking corn his team started to run away and while attempting to stop them he was knocked down and trampled, receiving a crushed spinal column and a fractured shoulder blade. From these injuries Mr. Erdman died Saturday at nine o.clock.—Reporter.

Lights have been placed in the alleys of the business district and there will be several lights burning all night on the main street of the town hereafter. This is done as a precaution against burglartes and is considered a big help to the nightwatchman, and we think it was a very wise move on the part of the city council. —Garner Signal.

Last Thursday was Geo. Balridge's umpty-ump birthday anniversary and unknown to him the family planned a little surprise for the occasion by inviting the following relatives to spend the evening with them: Messrs. and Mesdames J. W. Baldridge, I. Shaffer, Frank Baldridge and L. Collins from Belmond, C. Scott from Olaf and Lou Baldridge from Belmond The guests brought many good things to eat including two roast geese with all the fixin's to which we are sure George did justice.—Reporter.

Last week Wednesday someone entered the Klemme Creamery thru a window from the boiler room. The thief took a couple of cream cans left by the haulers which then was filled from the vat. A new cream can outside was also taken and that filled. Just how much cream was taken is only guessed at, but it is thought that about three cans full were stolen. The bandit had some heart about him however, for the next night the cream cans were returned.—Times.

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Rowan Local News

Miss Mildred Duffy came Friday from her school at Cedar Falls to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy. She returned Sunday.

A team belonging to D. M. Whitten and Lem Rowen ran away Monday They struck a telephone pole near the D. W. Whitten house, throwing the rack off and throwing Mr. Rowen from the wagon. Both of his wrists were sprained. John Riker took him to Dows to consult a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten went to Grinnell Wednesday to visit their son Ralph who is attending college at that place. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. . A. Martin. Mr. Martin was a Congregational pastor at this place a number of years ago. Friends will be glad to learn that he is some improved in health. Their daughter Helen is doing Missionary work in Des Moines. Their one son is in a bank at Mitchelville. Mr. and Mrs. Whitten were in Grinnel for the Legion celebration of Armistice day, returning home Saturday.

Several of the Rowan people spent Friday at Clarion. The Legion boys attended the supper in the evening which was given by the Woman's Relief corp. The public was also admitted and a very nice supper was served.

Monday evening the ladies of the Cong. Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Ben Hadley to prepare the things for the coming bazaar. A large crowd attended and a lot of work was accomplished. Light refreshments were served.

Charles Barger was a Hampton visitor Tuesday of this week.

The American Legion held a special meeting Monday night for election of officers for the coming year. Rev. H. Tomkinson was elected Post Commander, Albert Moellering vice commander, Jim Rowen Adjutant, Guy Toyne Finance Officer, Howard Box Chaplin, Frank Retliff Historian, Albert Johnson Sargeant at Arms, Ed. Underdahl, Gay Fletcher and Wm. Ferguson executive committee. J. F. Howell, Correspondent. An oyster stew was served after the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Mrs. J. F. Howell were Clarion shoppers Monday.

J. F. Howell was a Ft. Dodge business caller Saturday.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten, Laural, Miss Angie Baines, H. W. Baines, Mrs. G. C. Tuten and Wm. Baines were Dows callers Sunlay.

H. J. C. Box and Blanch and Mrs. Jessie Agnew were Clarion callers on Sunday.

Mrs. G. C. Baines and William Baines left Monday for Spirit Lake in the latter's car. They will visit there a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and daughter Gladys spent Sunday at the home of C. B. Conn at Coulter

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs Clint Kercheval entertained the following guests in honor of Mr and Mrs. Frank Kercheval: Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lukens of near Clarion, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Fred Kercheval. The evening was spent in pleasant games and music and ended with an old fashioned spelling match in which Frank Kercheval spelled the crowd down. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Fannie Reed and Marjorie Brooks were Dows callers Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Smith and daughter Mariam of Clarion visited at the home of the former's mother. Mrs. M. Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bates of Akley, Minn., are making an extended visit at the home of their daughters, the Mesdames Clarence Hill and Frank Fanselow.

Mrs. R. H. Keith and daughter Margaret went to Dows Monday where Margaret had her right hand lanced.

The Belmond Telephone Co. installed a new board at the central office this past week. This is a much larger board than the old one and will make the service much better. We are glad to have the improvement.

F. H. Brooks has been remodling his store building which was vacated by Theo. Hansen. He is getting ready for his opening show Wednesday evening. Next Saturday night there will be no show on account of the first number of the Lyceum course which is being put on by the school. We will have the program of the show in next week's paper.

Mrs. Fred Welch is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow of Pomeroy visited at the home of her sister Mrs. G. W. Whitten the first of the week.

Joe Patton was a Clarion caller between trains Saturday.

Frank Toyne made a business trip to Lanesboro last week and visited friends while there, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Henry Hansen visited relatives at Hampton one day last week.

Joe Simons was a Belmond caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher went to Fort Dodge Wednesday to visit several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Morris Sullivan.

Mrs. Guy Sheldon and son Maxfield went to Clarion Wednesday to consult a doctor concerning the little boy's collar bone which was broken.

A. E. Emerson was a Belmond caller between trains Wednesday

Alfred Larsen went to DeSmet, S. D., Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lottie Flick, of Waterloo, visited at the home of her niece, Mrs. S. F. Stout, several days last week. She went to Thompson the latter part of the week to visit a sister, Mrs. B. F. Waters.

Russell Olson came from Iowa Falls Friday from his school duties to spend the week end with relatives.

George Boyington returned home Friday from Dows where he has been picking corn.

Mrs. Hathaway visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Azeltine at Galt Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Napp, of near Latimer, were Fort Dodge callers Monday of this week.

Fred Ward, of Fort Dodge spent over Sunday in town.

Laura McCallum spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glen Jennings at Clarion.

Word received from Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson state that they are nicely settled at Long Beach for the winter. Their daughter Mary, who has been at Pueblo, Colo.the past summer joined them and is enjoying the winter with them.

Word received from W. H. Bingham who with his family are also at Long Beach state that the apple crop there is the largest for several years.

Duncan Farren, Wilford Carmon and Kenneth Ballou left by auto for the southern and western states where they expect to make an extended hunting trip.

School Notes

The Rowan Basket Ball teams played at Meservey Tuesday November 8th. The result being 6 to 4 in favor of Meservey boys and 9 to 8 in favor of Rowan girls.

Friday November 11th, both basket ball teams went to Hayfield. The girl game was a very fast one resulting in a tie of 11 to 11. The girls showed very good playing. The boys were defeated by the Hayfield team.

Mrs. Snow, a former primary teacher of last year, visited school Thursday.

Rowan school had vacation Friday as was a holiday for Armistice day.

Don't forget the return game with Hayfield in the Rowan gymnasium on Friday night Nov. 18. This promises to be a very interesting game as the Hayfield team is one of the best in the state, having won a silver loving cup in the contests last spring.

The Crescent Literary society will give their program Friday Nov. 18. All are invited.

The little children of the Rowan school will give the play "Tom Thumb Wedding" on Tuesday Nov. 15. More particulars about it next week.

Grace Holiday remained at Hayfied where the team went to play on Friday, until Monday noon.

Mrs. Arthur Hansen visited the primary room Monday.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Morning worship at 11. "Is The Motorcar a Hindrance to the Church?'

Sunday school at 12.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Evening song and worship at 7:30. "What is a Real Man?"

These services are for you and your friends and families. We desire that you come Sunday and make a special invitation to all your friends. We would like to have you hear these sermons Sunday the 20th.

The Junior Endeavors will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 4:00.

The mid-week meeting will be at the church Wednesday evening at seven-thirty.

There was a large attendance at the Ladies Aid last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pete Hansen. There was a nice lunch served which was appreciated by all present.

Last Wednesday Rev. Nye and L. A. McCallum and Christopher McCallum attended the ordination of Mr. Mohr, pastor of the Alexander Congregational church. There was a large attendance at this service in the afternoon and evening.

The Ladies Aid will have the sale on the 3rd of Dec. This will be one of the best events of the Ladies Aid this year. Be sure and remember this and hold open the date to attend as we have some nice things in store for you

The greatest single opportunity for most churches is with the youth. Their lives are plastic and moldable. They are the churches of tomorrow. Seventy-five per cent of our net increase in church membership comes thru the church school. Effort expended upon these youths before the age of twenty easily counts for ten times as much as this same effort will after they are 35 years of age. The supreme life decisions which mold their future and determine destiny for most of them are made before the age of 25. Here is a supreme opportunity for the church.

The Sunday school at Rowan is growing, and we need your co-operation and help in this. Be sure and attend every Sunday as we need you and we cannot do without YOU. Our Sunday school is planning great thing for Dec. 24.

Let us keep in mind the Christmas program Dec. 24. This will be a great time for the children. Remember the date.

Remember that the Sunday services at the Cong. church are for you and your friends. Come Sunday the 20th as this will be Motorcar Sunday. "Invite all your friends to attend these services."

There will be union services at the M. E. church Nov. 24, Thanksgiving day. Rev. Nye will give an address "The Thanksgiving of the Present and Future Outlook." Hear this address Thursday morning at 10:30.

The genius of success is still the genius of labor, then faithfulness in little things fits one for heroism when the great trial comes, and then the larger thing to do is the only thing we can afford to do. We cannot dream ourselves into a character, we must forge one.

Remember the Rowan. Cong. church bazaar and supper Dec. 3.

The ladies met at the home of Mrs. Hadley and Mrs. Allen last Monday evening and tied six comforters.

The W C. T. U. meets with Mrs. L. A. McCallum Wednesday, Nov. 16. A good attendance is desired.

Let's all go to church Sunday and try and get the habit then the habit will grow. When you go to church always invite the other fellow to come along.

The first program in connection with the Lyceum course will be given next Saturday evening at seven-thirty by Dr. Parry. Let us all make a special effort to be present.

Mrs. Levi Johnson of Sioux Falls who has been spending the past two weeks at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Florence Fowler, left last Saturday for home. Mrs. Brown of Marengo returned home on Tuesday accompanied by her sister Miss Esther Fowler.

Despite the stormy weather there was a large number of people who patronized the oyster stew supper served by the ladies of the Methodist church last Thursday.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church will occupy the pulpit at both services next Sunday his morning subject being "Some things that cannot be bought." At the evening hour he will speak on some timely topic of interest. Of late the church has been full at both the services and the people have been treated to subjects of popular and vital interest. Mr. Tomkinson believes that the pulpit ought to be one of the greatest educational forces in the land and the people who stay away are robbing themselves of rich treasures. Pres. Harding goes to church: Lloyd George goes to church; General Foch goes to church then surely if these men feel the need of christian education and inspiration we ought to feel likewise and more.

Will the friends of Rowan kindly remember Friday, Dec. 9 as being the day for the Big Bazaar and Christmas Social put on by the ladies of the Methodist church. The members of the Aid society are working most strenuously to make this the most successful ale ever held in the church at Rowan.

You can't "do" anybody and still be somebody—if you're found out.

If you watch your step you won't have time to watch others' missteps.

A genius who thinks he is, usually isn't.

Notice to Trappers

The Fur season opens with promise for good prices and steady demand. I have decided to remain in the Fur Business and have made arrangements with three of the largest Fur Houses in the country to handle furs. The demand for furs looks very strong and prices are high.

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Belmond Local News

Twenty-five aliens are up before the district court at the next term for citizenship in these good old United States. The list of them may be found in another column of the Independent.

John Cantwell has been doing some business in the painting line at Eagle Grove the past week or so.

E. Traeger is suffering from a more or less painful hand this week, caused from poisoning. He poisoned the hand some way in picking corn, and it swelled to almost twice its normal size. He is coming along nicely with the injured hand at present but is forced to lay off from the corn field for a time.

The creamery at Klemme was entered and robed one night last week, the thieves making away with about thirty gallons of cream. Why they took the cream when there was plenty of butter handy easier to carry and worth more, is the question, unless it was because they thought that the cream would be easier to dispose of.

Dale Walker of Hampton was a visitor here a couple days last week with his friend Lee Stacy. While here he received word that his mother had died at her home in Hampton. He had been taking care of her for several weeks and came over here for a couple days' rest, his mother dying suddenly during his absence. Mr. Walker will be remembered by many local peple, as he was employed in Brady's barber shop several years ago.

The Congregational ladies annual bazaar was held last week Thursday nd s usual proved highly successful, the ladies realizing a nice sum from their efforts. The chicken supper in the basement of the church was well attended and pronounced splendid.

Mrs. Floyd Case and children of Clarion visited at the F. P. Dibble home last week Wednesday and Thursday.

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Alexander Department

Miss Nellie Bell, Correspondent and Business Agent

Old Settler Of Franklin County Passes Away

Mrs. Theo. Beenen Dies After Illness Of Little More Than A Week

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Mrs. Theodore Beenen passed away at her home on November 9th, 1921 after an illness of a little more than a week.

The direct cause of her death was pneumonia.

Mrs. Beenen had been a resident of Franklin county since 1884, when she and her family came from the old country to America.

She died at the age of seventy-three years, eight months and 20 days.

Mrs. Beenen, whose maiden name was Greitze Wildebaer, was born in Landschaftspolder, Eastfriesland, Germany, on February 19th, 1848. There she lived until the time when she set sail for the United States.

She was married in November, 1876 to Theo. W. Beenen who was a widower. This union was blessed with seven children, five boys and two girls. Three of the children preceded their mother in death, one boy in infancy, Klaas in 1918, and Mrs. George Vierkant about two years ago.

Her husband, with whom she had been living for thirty-eight years, passed away in 1914.

Mrs. Beenen is survived by five of her children. They are Wm. at Renwick, Iowa; Anna, Aldrich Theodore and one stepson, Rudolph, all of this place, and one sister who resides at West Bend.

Funeral services were held on November 11th, 1921 at the Reformed church, the Rev. W. J. Heyenga officiating.

The body was laid to rest in the Alexander cemetery beside that of her husband.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

LADIES AID TO MEET

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Albert Larsen on Wednesday afternoon of this week. A large crowd were in attendance and a very interesting and enjoyable time was reported.

RALPH SMITH GETTING BETTER

Ralph Smith, who has been on the sick list the past few weeks, is coming along in nice shape and expects soon to be able to attend to his farm work again. He has been quite seriously ill but is now able to be around somewhat and is rapidly improving in health.

CLARION HUNTERS FIND THEY COULD SHOOT BEFORE SUNRISE

News: Local hunters who were recently arrested on complaint of a deputy game warden living near Wall Lake and fined, on an alleged charge of having shot at ducks before sunrise, have discovered that there is no such law which prohibited them from doing as they did, and that their conviction was not legal. Their only recourse now would be to take their case into district court, where they could get the return of the money paid in as fine and costs, but they will probably decide to let the matter rest where it is.

The local interpretation of the law, on which their conviction was based, is said to be erroneous by none other than the state game warden, in whose charge the enforcement of the Iowa game laws is placed. Letters quoting the law were written to local sportsmen. The federal law, which takes precedence over the state law, does not prohibit shooting at ducks from land before sunrise. The state law prohibits shooting at ducks from water boats and the like.

Therefore had the hunters stood trial, they would have won out in the end.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Each week the Independent proposes to give to the people of Alexander a page in the Independent wherein Alexander will be exclusively represented.

The Alexander business men and the Independent have reached an agreement regarding the advertising of Alexander, and each week you will find represented on the Alexander Page the bargains and special offers of you home merchants and business men. Look them over carefully, for they mean money saved to you.

Each week you will find in this Department the most news of your Home Community, and we hope that it will prove of interest to you in all ways.

The Independent is logically your home newspaper. Alexander is a live town, a right town, but it is not large enough to support a newspaper of its own—if it was, there would have been one in such a community long ago. We propose to give you newspaper representation thru the Independent in the Alexander Department. It will be a Department devoted exclusively to Alexander, to your merchants' and your own interests. We ask your help to make it a success.

The Independent does not expect to make any financial gain thru the department; the Alexander advertiser does splendidly, but the money derived from that source is only enough to meet the cost of running the Department. We expect to make our gain thru increased circulation, and we make you the following offer to remain in force until December 1st:

The Independent one year for one dollar.

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Mail your subscription to the Independent or give to Miss Bell, who will receive it and give you a receipt for a year. Don't delay, for we will be able to send you samples only a few times. Look your Department over, see if you don't think that it is worth a two-cent stamp, and if you do, then send in your subscription at once and get it every week.

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NELLIE BELL, AGENT

The Independent expects to run each week an Alexander Department along the same lines as the one this week, and we want to make your Home Department as interesting and as worth while as possible.

To do this we must have and we ask your co-operation. We want to give you NEWS of your own locality and to get it we must have the help of Alexander people.

Miss Nellie Bell will have the news end of the Alexander Department in charge, and the publisher will take it as a personal favor if you will tell her any news that you may happen to know. A correspondent can get some of the news, but nobody can get it all. With your help we will get a big share of it and the more we get the better we will like it—and so will you.

Please give the news to Miss Bell. Help us to make your Home Department as interesting as possible. Let's fill the entire page with ALL ALEXANDER HOME NEWS every week and make the Alexander Department one that will give you satisfaction as well as us. Cooperate with us and we will do the same with you.

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Alexander Local News

Cornelius Stoffer was a caller at Hampton on Saturday evening of last week where he was attending to a few business matters.

Carl Griemann, our popular agent at the M. & St. L., spent the day Sunday at the home of friends in Faulkner.

The Misses Ruth and Alma Johnson were guests on last week Friday at the home of relatives and friends in Belmond.

Miss Alice McCallum of Hazel Green is spending a few days this week visiting at the home of some friends and relatives at this place.

Mrs. John Lieuwen of Belmond was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen the past week, making the acquaintance of her new granddaughter at the Lieuwen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son Frederick visited with relatives at Belmond on Sunday of last week.

Dr. Steele from Belmond was in town on Saturday of last week attending to professional business here.

Mrs. Nels Larsen visited with relatives at Hampton several days the past week.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn and daughter Miss Marjorie from Belmond spent the day Saturday of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Reed. Mrs. Reed is a daughter of Mrs. Flynn.

T. D. Rankins of Belmond was a caller in town the first of the week looking after some business matters here.

Miss Jessie Bell was a visitor at Belmond last week Friday at the home of friends there.

Mrs. Anna Peperak and daughter Josephine were visitors several days last week at the home of her parents at Hampton.

C. I. McCallum of Rowan was a visitor here at the home of his son Bernard McCallum several days the past week.

Mrs. Younglin of Latimer was a visitor last week at the Beenen home here.

Wedding bells are ringing in this vicinity.

Mrs. John Arends and son Robert were visitors at Belmond on Thursday of last week.

Leslie Reed has been on the list of sick folks the past week but is reported better.

John Bell was a caller at Belmond the last of the week attending to business matters.

Subscribe to the Independent, Miss Nellie Bell, Alexander Representative, and get all the Home News every week for only one dollar a year. Offer is limited, so get your subscription in early.

There was a wreck on the C. & N. W. near Laurens recently and a car of gasolene was tipped over and broken open. The accident happened near the road, and passing tourists stopped and dipped up the gas and filled their cars. The supply ran out and someone else opened a sealed car and allowed the gas to escape, and that also was dipped up and placed in the waiting cars. At last the conductor of the train came along and the oil dippers skedaddled, leaving their buckets and pails on the ground where the gasolene was.—Humboldt Republican.

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Miss Gertrude Berninghausen was a visitor the past week at the home of her friend Miss Emma Eckmeyer, who resides at Sheffield.

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...king, and she had done that same | "All right," Littleford replied, with a shrug of his huge shoulders. "What- | patiently watching for a human target to appear on the mountainside above. Saul and Little Tom lay in a corner, | Dale fired again, pumped a fresh cartridge into the chamber of his rifle and slipped another into the magazine and arose behind the chestnut.

AW, WHAT'S THE USE

By L. F. Van Zelm
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You Said It—What's the U...

Belmond Local News

Brother King of the Wright County News doubts the Independent's tale of Henry Luick picking 120 to 130 bushels of corn in eight hours. To which we invite Brother King to take a look at the records of Noah Valde of Story City claiming 188 in one working day, and Ernest Anderson of Osce, Iowa, with a claim of 181 bushels. Brother King acts like he came from Missouri, and if he will come over some time the Independent will have Henry remonstrate.

Auto Repairing—70 cents per hour.—Belmond Welding & Tank Co.

Ralph Smith, a former resident of this place and well known by many local people, has sold out his jewelry business at ...h, Neb., and established a new business in the jewelry line at Kimball, Nebraska. Ralph has made a fine success of the jewelry line and has established an excellent business.

Strayed—2-year old red heifer from my place. Finder please notify John Chapman. 511c

Harry Wolle arrives home last week from Reading, Minnesota, to spend a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle, and friends here. He has been on a big ditching job near Reading the past summer.

Cas. Sampson and grandson Caryl Mckyre drove to Ackley last week Friday to bring back some of the household goods of the Sampson family he recently moved here from that place.

The first real honest to goodness touch of winter has been with us the past week, with the ground covered with snow and the bobsleighs on the job. The weather has been snappy but not overly cold.

A number of local folks went to the county seat last Friday to take in the Armistice day celebration and to attend the football game there on that day between the high schools of Clarion and Eagle Grove, the former winning by the lopsided score of 35 to 0.

Wm. Wolle who is connected with Morningside College has been in the hospital the past week or so suffering from a trouble with his nose. He underwent an operation some time ago for a ... trouble and an abcess formed in his nose from the operation. He is coming along nicely at this writing however.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

For Sale—Full blood Wyandot cockerals, from prize winning stock. Priced $1.50 to $2.—Wm. Eller, Meservey, Iowa. 52tfc

...rs for Sale
Big type Poland China March boars for sale.—Geb Lauster, 4 miles north of Meservey. 464tc

Over 25 young young people were entertained at a Hallowe'en party on November Seven at the home of Miss Marguerite Leonard. The decorations, entertainment and supper were carried out in the Hallowe'en colors of black and orange and a very good time was reported by all who attended.

Eight-room house, all modern, for rent. Two and one-half blocks from Main street.— Ella Cleveland.

J. C. Barry of Des Moines was a caller here last week attending to some business affairs.

WANTED—TURKEYS. Between Thursday noon, November 17, and Saturday noon, November 19. We pay cash.—J. S. White, In American Express office.

W. H. Trafford, the new manager of the Belmond Furniture company, has been at Burlington the past week on business for the company.

Every sack of Peacock Flour is now guaranteed to give satisfaction. $2.05 per sack—why pay more?—T. S. Wallace & Co. tfc

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For Sale—Second hand overcoat. Size 38.—W. T. Wilson, Star Cleaner.

For Sale—Nice Spring chickens for Sunday dinners. Phone 320.

Centipede Oversize Automobile Tires—Only $9.00 for two. —Rise Implement & Vulcanizing Shop. Phone 85.

The Ringman and Larsen families are moving their household goods to Chicago this week, at which place they expect to make their future home.

The Cash Market needs money. We have accomodate you, please accomodate us.—Cash Market.

Mrs. Taylor, a cousin of Prof. Fyler who has been visiting here the past few days, returned to her home at Shellrock on Monday.

For Sale—Reed baby buggy, nearly new. Phone 197. 512c

Try our high test gasolene and fresh Hot Shot batteries for that balky gasolene engine—Townsan Hardware, Phone 34

Doctor E. H. Phillips, Osteopathic Physician. Masonic Building, Garner, Iowa. tfc

The Trinity Lutheran bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 19th. Lunches will be served thruout the day, the bazaar opening at one p. m.

For good milk and cream, call the Ash Grove Dairy. tf

The Priscilla club will meet next week at the home of Mrs. J. J. Flynn.

See F. E. Christie for cut rates on electrical wiring. 502*

Leave your orders early at the City Meat Market for your Thanksgiving poultry.

Get your farm sale bills and advertising at the Independent, the paper with the circulation.

Fine, fat geese and ducks for your Thanksgiving dinner. Phone 2113 afternoon or evening.—Mrs. Jas. P. Curtney.

Turkeys for sale, young Toms.—Sheriff Bros. 502*

For Sale—Second hand oil heater, good as new.—Townsan Hardware, Phone 34.

Just received a new stock of hunting and trapping goods.—Townsan Hardware. Phone 34.

Now is the time to buy your breeding poultry. Have large gray Toulouse geese, Mammoth Pekin ducks, White Leghorn and White Plymouth Rock cockerals. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Mrs. Jas. P. Courtney, Belmond Iowa.

C A N D Y !

1 Pound ... 1 ct.
Peanut Brittle
30c Per Pound - - 2 lbs. for 31c
SATURDAY ONLY

Fancy Boxes
$1.50 and $2.00 Boxes - - $1.00
1-2 lb., regular 75 ct. Boxes - 35c
SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY

BELMOND CANDY KITCHEN

WANTED—TURKEYS. Between Thursday noon, November 17, and Saturday noon, November 19. We pay cash.—J. S. White, In American Express office.

Last week the Independent had an ad for an oil stove offered for sale. It was sold the next morning. An ad was phoned in for a lost apron, and the garment was found before the paper came out. Who says that advertising doesn't pay?

Bert Dutton residing north of Meservey has a public sale advertised this week in the Meservey section of the Independent.

The Mason City Daily Globe Gazette is fast becoming one of the leading papers of the Northwest. It carries the full leased wire Associated Press, complete markets, lots of state news and gives daily all the important happenings in this territory. The price is only $4.00 per year. 3tc

Mrs. Sarah Zook left the first of the week for Savanah, Mo., where she will receive medical examination and treatment.

Ducks and geese for a reasonble price for Thanksgiving dinner. Phone 2104. 1t*

Last week a farmer near Belmond hauled a load of corn to market and was offered 13 cents. He hauled it home again and says he will burn his corn before he will sell it at that price. Can you blame him?

House to Rent—$10 a month. See F. E. Christie. Phone 283. 502*

Mrs. M. H. Hanson is still at the hospital, slowly recovering from the recent operations which she under went there.

If you don't wish to buy a new suit—let us clean and press your old one. We do all kinds of altering and repairing, also relining. Fur cuffs and fur collars made to order.—New Belmond Tailor Shop, south of hotel. Phone 28.

Wanted—Washing or other work. Washings called for and delivered. Call 38.—Katy Ykel, at Lutz store.

NOTICE

I have opened a shoe repairing shop in the basement of the old Kenefick building two doors west of Dibble's office and am ready to give you service and satisfaction in all kinds of general shoe repairing.—J. T. Atherton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were visitors here with relatives and friends last week Friday.

Have you a Victrola in your school? Victrola and ten records, 20 selections $33.50.—Schultz Drug Co.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Aid is very grateful to the public for its liberal patronage last Thursday.

The snow Sunday kept a few from the services but not many. We are glad that the interest in the services is great enough not to be hindered by the weather.

The Aid society will hold a business meeting in the parlors on Thursday afternoon. In the evening the superintendent of the Sunday school will hold a workers conference. All officers and teachers are asked to come.

The reguar services next Sunday. Miss Valda Robinson will lead the young peoples meeting at seven-thirty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bailey were recent visitors at Fort Dodge.

NOTICE TO CREAM PRODUCERS

I have taken a cream buying agency for E. B. Higley & Co. of Mason City. I will be glad to have any patronage from cream producers of this vicinity that you should see fit to give me. I will be on the job six days in the week. I am located 1st door west of the Independent office.

Yours truly,
J. S. WHITE, Belmond, Iowa.

Mrs. J. F. Howell of Rowan was a caller in town on last week Thursday attending to some business matters here.

Philip Coffer and Morse Hunst were Mason City business callers last week Saturday.

Bert Trumbell came up from Des Moines last week to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends here and at Klemme. Bert is attending college at the Capital City and coming along nicely.

A Few Bargains

Sugar	$6.45
Peaberry coffee	25c lb
Certified flour	$2.25
Climax flour	$2.40
Bacon, per lb.	25c
Cranberries	24c
Baking powder, 10c cans, 4 for	25c
Pork and beans	10c
Puffed wheat, 2 pkgs. for	25c
Pumpkin, per can	15c
Salmon, per can	15c
Matches, a carton for only	30c
Soap, large bars, 5 bars for	25c
Post Toasties 2 for	25c
Steel cut coffee	35c
Cocoa, large can, for only	10c

Geo. Lutz, Grocer

Turkeys Wanted

Between Thursday Morning, Nov. 17th and Saturday Noon, November 19th.

J. S. WHITE

We Pay Cash. Located in American Railway Express Office

Kinseth Store News

You liked the bargains we offered last week so well that we are going to give you some more. Just take a look at them:

30c size Cream Krisp for 10c.

This is what takes the place of lard, and has lard beaten 40 ways for turning out flaky, tasty pastries. Bring a dime and try it.

1 medium sized bottle catsup 10c

1 qt. can apple cider 10c. Postively no kick in or on it!

3 lb. can apricotes for two bits.

And we still have a few dozen cans of tomatoes which we will offer at a dollar for the dozen.

Cash and carry—that's us. And we know that once you know us and the money we will save you that you will always come to the Store on the Corner.

Don't Let Your Radiator Freeze

Denatured Alcohol
75c
Per Gallon

Jones Harness Co.
Belmond, Iowa

Immense Tailoring Sale

Save money! Don't miss this monster bargain sale. The season's finest fabrics at amazing low prices. Every Suit tailored strictly to order and guaranteed.

OVERCOATS $23.00 AND UP
Meltons in all colors. Kersey's in oxford and brown. Herringbones in grey and tan and a beautiful assortment of fancy and plaidbacks.

S U I T S $22.00 AND UP
Herringbones, Club Checks, Pencil Stripes, Over Plaids, the new Autumn Browns and Staple Blues and Blacks.

Come in and see our remarkable bargains. Order your Christmas clothes now. We will tailor the clothes now and deliver them at once or hold them until they are wanted.

W. L. WILSON Star Cleaner
LOCAL DEALER
H. M. MARKS & COMPANY
Oldest Tailors in Existence

Rowan Local News

Miss Mildred Duffy came Friday from her school at Cedar Falls to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Duffy. She returned Sunday.

A team belonging to D. M. Whitten and Lem Rowen ran away Monday They struck a telephone pole near the D. W. Whitten house, throwing the rack off and throwing Mr. Rowen from the wagon. Both of his wrists were sprained. John Riker took him to Dows to consult a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten went to Grinnell Wednesday to visit their son Ralph who is attending college at that place. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. . A. Martin. Mr. Martin was a Congregational pastor at this place a number of years ago. Friends will be glad to learn that he is some improved in health. Their daughter Helen is doing Missionary work in Des Moines. Their one son is in a bank at Mitchelville. Mr. and Mrs. Whitten were in Grinnel for the Legion celebration of Armistice day, returning home Saturday.

Several of the Rowan people spent Friday at Clarion. The Legion boys attended the supper in the evening which was given by the Woman's Relief corp. The public was also admitted and a very nice supper was served.

Monday evening the ladies of the Cong. Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Ben Hadley to prepare the things for the coming bazaar. A large crowd attended and a lot of work was accomplished. Light refreshments were served.

Charles Barger was a Hampton visitor Tuesday of this week.

The American Legion held a special meeting Monday night for election of officers for the coming year. Rev. H. Tomkinson was elected Post Commander, Albert Moellering vice commander, Jim Rowen Adjutant, Guy Toyne Finance Officer, Howard Box Chaplin, Frank Retliff Historian, Albert Johnson Sargeant at Arms, Ed. Underdahl, Gay Fletcher and Wm. Ferguson executive committee. J. F. Howell, Correspondent. An oyster stew was served after the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Mrs. J. F. Howell were Clarion shoppers Monday.

J. F. Howell was a Ft. Dodge business caller Saturday.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten, Laural, Miss Angie Baines, H. W. Baines, Mrs. G. C. Tuten and Wm. Baines were Dows callers Sunlay.

H. J. C. Box and Blanch and Mrs. Jessie Agnew were Clarion callers on Sunday.

Mrs. G. C. Baines and William Baines left Monday for Spirit Lake in the latter's car. They will visit there a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and daughter Gladys spent Sunday at the home of C. B. Conn at Coulter

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs Clint Kercheval entertained the following guests in honor of Mr and Mrs. Frank Kercheval: Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lukens of near Clarion, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham and Fred Kercheval. The evening was spent in pleasant games and music and ended with an old fashioned spelling match in which Frank Kercheval spelled the crowd down. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Fannie Reed and Marjorie Brooks were Dows callers Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Smith and daughter Mariam of Clarion visited at the home of the former's mother. Mrs. M. Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bates of Akley, Minn., are making an extended visit at the home of their daughters, the Mesdames Clarence Hill and Frank Fanselow..

Mrs. R. H. Keith and daughter Margaret went to Dows Monday where Margaret had her right hand lanced.

The Belmond Telephone Co. installed a new board at the central office this past week. This is a much larger board than the old one and will make the service much better. We are glad to have the improvement.

F. H. Brooks has been remodling his store building which was vacated by Theo. Hansen. He is getting ready for his opening show Wednesday evening. Next Saturday night there will be no show on account of the first number of the Lyceum course which is being put on by the school. We will have the program of the show in next week's paper.

Mrs. Fred Welch is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow of Pomeroy visited at the home of her sister Mrs. G. W. Whitten the first of the week.

Joe Patton was a Clarion caller between trains Saturday.

Frank Toyne made a business trip to Lanesboro last week and visited friends while there, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Henry Hansen visited relatives at Hampton one day last week.

Joe Simons was a Belmond caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher went to Fort Dodge Wednesday to visit several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Morris Sullivan.

Mrs. Guy Sheldon and son Maxfield went to Clarion Wednesday to consult a doctor concerning the little boy's collar bone which was broken.

A. E. Emerson was a Belmond caller between trains Wednesday

Alfred Larsen went to DeSmet, S. D., Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lottie Flick, of Waterloo, visited at the home of her niece, Mrs. S. F. Stout, several days last week. She went to Thompson the latter part of the week to visit a sister, Mrs. B. F. Waters.

Russell Olson came from Iowa Falls Friday from his school duties to spend the week end with relatives.

George Boyington returned home Friday from Dows where he has been picking corn.

Mrs. Hathaway visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Azeltine at Galt Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Napp, of near Latimer, were Fort Dodge callers Monday of this week.

Fred Ward, of Fort Dodge spent over Sunday in town.

Laura McCallum spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glen Jennings at Clarion.

Word received from Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson state that they are nicely settled at Long Beach for the winter. Their daughter Mary, who has been at Pueblo, Colo.the past summer joined them and is enjoying the winter with them.

Word received from W. H. Bingham who with his family are also at Long Beach state that the apple crop there is the largest for several years.

Duncan Farren, Wilford Carmon and Kenneth Ballou left by auto for the southern and western states where they expect to make an extended hunting trip.

School Notes

The Rowan Basket Ball teams played at Meservey Tuesday November 8th. The result being 6 to 4 in favor of Meservey boys and 9 to 8 in favor of Rowan girls.

Friday November 11th, both basket ball teams went to Hayfield. The girl game was a very fast one resulting in a tie of 11 to 11. The girls showed very good playing. The boys were defeated by the Hayfield team.

Mrs. Snow, a former primary teacher of last year, visited school Thursday.

Rowan school had vacation Friday as was a holiday for Armistice day.

Don't forget the return game with Hayfield in the Rowan gymnasium on Friday night Nov. 18. This promises to be a very interesting game as the Hayfield team is one of the best in the state, having won a silver loving cup in the contests last spring.

The Crescent Literary society will give their program Friday Nov. 18. All are invited.

The little children of the Rowan school will give the play "Tom Thumb Wedding" on Tuesday Nov. 15. More particulars about it next week.

Grace Holiday remained at Hayfied where the team went to play on Friday, until Monday noon.

Mrs. Arthur Hansen visited the primary room Monday.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Morning worship at 11. "Is The Motorcar a Hindrance to the Church?'

Sunday school at 12.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Evening song and worship at 7:30. "What is a Real Man?"

These services are for you and your friends and families. We desire that you come Sunday and make a special invitation to all your friends. We would like to have you hear these sermons Sunday the 20th.

The Junior Endeavors will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 4:00.

The mid-week meeting will be at the church Wednesday evening at seven-thirty.

There was a large attendance at the Ladies Aid last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pete Hansen. There was a nice lunch served which was appreciated by all present.

Last Wednesday Rev. Nye and L. A. McCallum and Christopher McCallum attended the ordination of Mr. Mohr, pastor of the Alexander Congregational church. There was a large attendance at this service in the afternoon and evening.

The Ladies Aid will have the sale on the 3rd of Dec. This will be one of the best events of the Ladies Aid this year. Be sure and remember this and hold open the date to attend as we have some nice things in store for you

The greatest single opportunity for most churches is with the youth. Their lives are plastic and moldable. They are the churches of tomorrow. Seventy-five per cent of our net increase in church membership comes thru the church school. Effort expended upon these youths before the age of twenty easily counts for ten times as much as this same effort will after they are 35 years of age. The supreme life decisions which mold their future and determine destiny for most of them are made before the age of 25. Here is a supreme opportunity for the church.

The Sunday school at Rowan is growing, and we need your co-operation and help in this. Be sure and attend every Sunday as we need you and we cannot do without YOU. Our Sunday school is planning great thing for Dec. 24.

Let us keep in mind the Christmas program Dec. 24. This will be a great time for the children. Remember the date.

Remember that the Sunday services at the Cong. church are for you and your friends. Come Sunday the 20th as this will be Motorcar Sunday. "Invite all your friends to attend these services."

There will be union services at the M. E. church Nov. 24, Thanksgiving day. Rev. Nye will give an address "The Thanksgiving of the Present and Future Outlook." Hear this address Thursday morning at 10:30.

The genius of success is still the genius of labor, then faithfulness in little things fits one for heroism when the great trial comes, and then the larger thing to do is the only thing we can afford to do. We cannot dream ourselves into a character, we must forge one.

Remember the Rowan. Cong. church bazaar and supper Dec. 3.

The ladies met at the home of Mrs. Hadley and Mrs. Allen last Monday evening and tied six comforters.

The W C. T. U. meets with Mrs. L. A. McCallum Wednesday, Nov. 16. A good attendance is desired.

Let's all go to church Sunday and try and get the habit then the habit will grow. When you go to church always invite the other fellow to come along.

The first program in connection with the Lyceum course will be given next Saturday evening at seven-thirty by Dr. Parry. Let us all make a special effort to be present.

Mrs. Levi Johnson of Sioux Falls who has been spending the past two weeks at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Florence Fowler, left last Saturday for home. Mrs. Brown of Marengo returned home on Tuesday accompanied by her sister Miss Esther Fowler.

Despite the stormy weather there was a large number of people who patronized the oyster stew supper served by the ladies of the Methodist church last Thursday.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson, pastor of the M. E. church will occupy the pulpit at both services next Sunday his morning subject being "Some things that cannot be bought." At the evening hour he will speak on some timely topic of interest. Of late the church has been full at both the services and the people have been treated to subjects of popular and vital interest. Mr. Tomkinson believes that the pulpit ought to be one of the greatest educational forces in the land and the people who stay away are robbing themselves of rich treasures. Pres. Harding goes to church: Lloyd George goes to church; General Foch goes to church then surely if these men feel the need of christian education and inspiration we ought to feel likewise and more.

Will the friends of Rowan kindly remember Friday, Dec. 9 as being the day for the Big Bazaar and Christmas Social put on by the ladies of the Methodist church. The members of the Aid society are working most strenuously to make this the most successful ale ever held in the church at Rowan.

You can't "do" anybody and still be somebody—if you're found out.

If you watch your step you won't have time to watch others' missteps.

A genius who thinks he is, usually isn't.

Notice to Trappers

The Fur season opens with promise for good prices and steady demand. I have decided to remain in the Fur Business and have made arrangements with three of the largest Fur Houses in the country to handle furs. The demand for furs looks very strong and prices are high.

Get out your traps and hustle and bring in all the prime furs you can. I am prepared to pay you top notch prices for all the furs you bring me.

L. TOKMAN

Belmond, Iowa

Call 108 or see me at the Belmond Auto Company

Belmond Local News

Twenty-five aliens are up before the district court at the next term for citizenship in these good old United States. The list of them may be found in another column of the Independent.

John Cantwell has been doing some business in the painting line at Eagle Grove the past week or so.

E. Traeger is suffering from a more or less painful hand this week, caused from poisoning. He poisoned the hand some way in picking corn, and it swelled to almost twice its normal size. He is coming along nicely with the injured hand at present but is forced to lay off from the corn field for a time.

The creamery at Klemme was entered and robed one night last week, the thieves making away with about thirty gallons of cream. Why they took the cream when there was plenty of butter handy easier to carry and worth more, is the question, unless it was because they thought that the cream would be easier to dispose of.

Dale Walker of Hampton was a visitor here a couple days last week with his friend Lee Stacy. While here he received word that his mother had died at her home in Hampton. He had been taking care of her for several weeks and came over here for a couple days' rest, his mother dying suddenly during his absence. Mr. Walker will be remembered by many local peple, as he was employed in Brady's barber shop several years ago.

The Congregational ladies annual bazaar was held last week Thursday and as usual proved highly successful, the ladies realizing a nice sum from their efforts. The chicken supper in the basement of the church was well attended and pronounced splendid.

Mrs. Floyd Case and children of Clarion visited at the F. P. Dibble home last week Wednesday and Thursday.

Do Your Christmas Shopping

At the

Woman's Exchange

We have a great variety of gifts for Women and Children to choose from. All hand made in the newest designs and of the very best of materials. All kinds of

Crochet and Tatting Edges
Laces Yokes Scarf Ends, Etc.

Women's and Children's Aprons	$.50 to $2.00
Baby Caps	$1.25 to $3.50
Baby Bootees	$ .60
Lunch Cloths	$6.00 and Up

Mary Gealow

Phone 316 — Second Door East of Klemme Office

FARM BUREAU NEWS

series of meetings which will er every township in Wright coun- has been arranged by the county gent for the purpose of outlining e program of work for the year 22 and for the election of officers the coming year.

Can the farmers of America so or- nize their business that the nation's od supply will be assured to all. his question is foremost in the mind every city man and farmer alike d one which will be decided upon in gree, at least, at the township meet- gs throughout the county.

During the last twelve months the rmers have built in the farm bureau powerful machine—a machine through which they have acomplished much. In four lines they have been articularly active. In organization, n the securing of agricultural legis- ation, in seeking the reduction of freight rates and in the establishment of co-operative marketing enterprises. Through these and other activities farm bureau has become a most rtant factor in the economic wel- fare of the United States.

What the farm bureau will do in the coming twelve months will be de- cided upon at the annual meeting of the various townships throughout Wrigh county. The farm bureau and its officers pride themselves upon the fact that the policies and actions of the organization are determined by the membership—that the farm bu- reau really and truly reflects the wishes of thirteen hundred farmers of Wright county who make up this membership. The old idea of having specialists come out from the exper- imental station and outline the work to be carried out in the county thru- out the year has been replaced by the new system of having the farm- ers decide for themselves what lines of work shall be carried on thru the farm bureau organization.

Every farm bureau member who is interested in the welfare of his community who has suggestions re- garding the program of work for next year and who wishes to have a voice in electing the officers for the coming year is earnestly urged to attend the farm bureau organization meeting in his respective township according to the following schedule:

Lake: Center school, Monday, Nov. 14 at 8 'clock.

Eagle Grove: Center school, Fri- day, Nov. 18 at 8.

Vernon: Center school, Monday, Nov. 21, at 8.

Blaine: Center school, Tues. Nov. 22 at 8.

Woolstock: Center school, Wed. Nov 23 at 8.

Wall Lake: Center school, Friday, Nov. 25 at 8.

Grant: Center scnool, Dec. 5, at 8.

Boone: Center school, Tues. Dec. 6 at 8.

Norway: Center school, Wed. Dec. 7 at 8.

Belmond: Center school, Thursday December 8 at 8.

Iowa: Rowan consolidated school, Monday Dec. 12 at 8.

Troy: Center school, Tuesday Dec. 13 at 8.

Dayton: Center school, Wed. Dec. 14 at 8.

Liberty: Center school, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 8.

Pleasant: Center school, Fri. Dec. 16 at 8.

COUNTY AGENT AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

R. M. Edwards the local county agent, is at Ames this week attend- ing the annual conference for county agents, home demonstration agents and extension specialists.

One hundred Iowa county agents will come together for a three day conference on November 16, 17 and 18. It is at this time that all county agents will "swap" notes on the ac- tivities of the farm bureau thruout the state. Surely the meeting to- gether of the employed agents of all farm bureaus in the state of Iowa will have a good effect upon the farm bureau work thruout the state. In- deed the county agents should go back to their home counties chuck full of suggestions for carrying on a more effective campaign of county agent work.

There are those who will wonder why it is necessary for the county agent to spend three whole days in attending such a conference. It should be remembered that the field of peration for the county agent is [illegible] extensive and includes scores [illegible] direct

be devoted to farm crops soils and animal husbandry. The second day will be given to the county agent round table, which will be the most important session of the three day conference, and the last day to the agricultural economics lectures includ ing marketing, farm tenancy and farm accounting, also lectures on hor- ticulture and agriculture.

HOG CHOLERA SITUATION

Cholera has been gradually closing in on all sides of Wright county and recently several reports have come to the office of herds in the county be- coming sick, some hogs being lost and quite a few being vacinated. The reports of sick hogs, especially of cholera, have come from various sec- tions of the county. It is quite prob- able that there will be an increase of cholera in the next few weeks and there will be little trouble in con- trolling it if proper care is taken to guard against it.

Preventative measures are especial- ly necessary this year due to the scarc ity of hogs and the general tendecy for everyone to hold their hogs longer and put all the corn they can into them. Dr. K. W. Stouder, extension specialist in veterinary medicine at Iowa State College recommends the following measures in the fight against the cholera:

1. Hog lots should be located away from streams and highways. Free range, streams and irrigation canals help in the spread of cholera out- breaks.

2. Don't visit neighbor's hog lots or allow them to visit yours if they have sick hogs. Infection may also be carried by teams and wagons on high ways. Keep dogs at home, for they may carry infection.

3. Isolate for at least two weeks all new stock hogs and those just re- turned from exhibitions and sales. Do not borrow or lend hogs for breed- ing purposes if cholera is prevailent.

4. Gurn to ashes or bury four feet deep all animals that die on the farm.

5. Immunize herds dangerously near infected centers and give care- ful attention to the feeding and hand- ling of the herd, for mange lice and worms lower the vitality of the hogs and render them susceptible to the disease.

6. If cholera appears in your herd post warning signs so that your neigh bors will know of it.

7. Insist that the temperature of all hogs be taken at the time of treatment and an increased dose of serum given to those showing a tem- erature of 104 degrees F. or over.

8. Don't rely on serum to cure sick hogs—it is primarily a precentative.

9. If the disease has run its course on your farm disinfect thoroly all places where sick hogs have been. Burn all litter, rubbish and old trough Turn over portable houses exposing the interior to sunlight. Thorely clean pens and buildings and disin- fect with compound cresol solution one part to thirty parts of soft wa- ter.

GRAIN GROWERS SCHOOL SPEEDING SOLICITORS

As a result of a school of instruct- ion for solicitors held last week at Eagle Grove under the direction of Adam Middleton, state director, the membership campaign of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., will be extended rapidly in Iowa. Fifty farmers soli- citors attended the school and will be used immediately in solicitations. Work is being carried on this week in Kossuth, Franklin, Buena Vista, Hancock and Story counties. Mr. Middleton expects to have work in progress in ten counties in a short time.

Success in the initial campaign immediately. Last Monday one so- licitor working in Story county se- cured thirteen grower contracts and another turned in nine. A third re- ported seven at the end of the day. Monday evening Mr. Middleton signed up the co-operative elevator at Roland and seven directors accepted the grower contract. Tuesday morning the second elevator at Roland was signed. On one trip, Mr. Middleton signed three elevators, one at Gard- ner and another at Randall, in od- dition to the one at Roland.

Recapitulation of organization in the ten state which field operations are now in progress shows a total of 21,829 members, of which aggre- gate 6,603 are in North Dakota, 6,333 in Illinois, 3,715 are in Nebr- aska and 2,275 in Missouri. It is [illegible] 428 eleva[illegible]

signed contracts. The campaign in Minnesota was launched last week when C. H. Gustafson, national presi- dent, made a series of speeches in the grain growing sections of the state The work in Minnesota will be in charge of J. S. Jones, director of organization for the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

J. M. Mehl, assistant to President Gustafson, discussed the merits of the farmers national grain marketing plan at Story City on October 29. The meeting had some aspect of a reunion, Mr. Mehl having lived here for some time several years ago, during which period he was manager of the local co-operative elevator.

HUGE SUM IS SPENT ON HIGHWAYS

The counties of Iowa have spent ap- proximately $10,000,000 in draining, grading, graveling and hard surfac- ing roads this year, according to W. J. Burbank, state treasurer, who made public a financial statement dealing with the motor vehicle fees collected and expended by his office from January 1, 1921, to October 17th.

This report shows that the treas- urer has made ten calls on county treasurers so far for auto fees, the amounts drawn ranging from about $400,000 to approximately $500,000, the limit that can be drawn by law at one time. Three of the sight drafts were drawn in four days. Treasurer Burbank said, because a number of counties sent in their bills at one time.

The treasurer's report shows that he had in the primary road fund on January 1, 1921, $3,870,255, that he had drawn from the counties up to October 17, $1,039,897—a total of $12,343,367.

Of the sum, $10,941,670 has been paid out in warrants for road work, $984,140 has been transferred to other road funds, and the remainder, $417,555, is federal aid money still in the state treasury.

MUST CONSULT THE FARMER

While various other fields of relief of unemployment and business depres- sion have so far had chief conditer- ation in President Harding's unem- ployment conference, President R. A. Pearson of Iowa State College one of its members, believes that there can be no complete remedy for un- satisfactory conditions without deal- ing with the farmers' side of the pro- blem as well.

"It is true that much good will result in getting the construction in- dustry under way again throughout the country as proposed," says Pres- ident Pearson who is in Ames for a short business trip during a recess of the conference. "But it is also vital that agricultural situation be adjusted if there be any permanent improvement.

Not that our farmers will be stand- ing in breadlines unless they get re- lief, but that farmers furnish 40 per cent of the total buying power of the country in normal times, and that great buying power is now paralyzed, because farm products cannot be sold except for disastrously low prices as compared with the prices of the things the farmer has to buy. The farmer feels that he cannot buy and he isn't buying. He is not even supplying the needs of his farm and home. Some industrial plants are closed for no other reason than that the great buy- ing power of farmers is paralyzed and their closing is of course respons- ible for much of the general business and industrial conditions and unem- ployment.

FIND NO TRACE OF MISSING MAN

Chronicle: Arthur C. Towle, a well known young farmer, residing on the W. D. Evans farm, near Geneva, has been missing from his home since last Thursday, and his whereabouts up to this time is a deep mystery to his family and friends.

Mr. Towle was at his home last Thursday afternoon, as he was seen on that place by Arnold F. Snater, a neighbor, who resides across the road from the Towle home. He invited Mr. Towle over to dinner, as the lat- ter's wife and children were at Ackley but he declined the invitation, saying that he was going over to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benson Towle, west of Geneva. He also told Mr. Snater that he was going to Ackley that night, as his family had been there for several days, visiting at the home of Dr. H. L. Wright. Mrs. Towle had been there taking treat- ment from Dr. Wright, whose wife is a sister of Mr. Towle. It is stated that his wife had been expecting him down to Ackley that night and when he did not show up for several days she began to wonder why he did not come.

Saturday morning Mr. Snater fail- ed to see anyone about the Towle home and as he also failed to notice Mr. Towle around the place on Friday he went over to investigate. He found the cows had not been milked and no chores done for two days at least. He milked the cows, and later in the day he went over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benson Towle and made inquiry concerning their son. The parents believed he must have gone to Ackley, but when told of conditions the home of their son they immediately phoned to the home of Dr. Wright in Ackley, and found that he was not there and had not been there. Inevestigation was at once started, and it was dis- covered that he was in Hampton along about noon on Thursday, stopped at the Iowa Battery Service Station, and told at that place that he was going fishing. He drove a practically new Cleveland automobile and had a gun and fish pole in his car and was dress- ed in his old clothes. At his home it was found that he had not taken any of his other clothes, or anything else of value that can be discovered Where he went or why he went no one seems to know.

He is not the sort of a fellow who would be likley to leave his wife and three children without notice. So far as known he has always been a man of clean habits, and there is no known reason for his sudden disap- pearance. Like several other farmers on leased lands, he probably run be- hind the past couple of years and no doubt is involved in financial diffi- culties, but that is no reason to cause one to skip out and leave his family. Lots of men have their financial troubles, but stick to the ship and come out in a few years with flying colors, with honor to themselves and their families.

Mr. Towle's family fear that he has met with foul play. Others say that he has spent too much time fishing and hunting instead of attending to his work on the farm, and facing financial difficulties he decided to go and leave his troubles for others to untangle.

Don't let criticism worry you. Its absence would indicate your mental inferiority.

"Peace on earth and good will toward men," it reads. But why not toward women?

THT FARMERI'S WIFE

"What Shall We Eat?"

With Thanksgiving turkey gobbling outside of the window, the farmer's wife begins to count the noses of her prospective Thanksgiving guests and to ponder that greatest of questions "what shall we eat?" Nowadays it isn't necessary to load the table with so much food that half of it is left over. A well balanced Thanksgiving meal is better for the digestion of the guests and for the good temper of the cook. Instead of making the guests feel stuffed as the turkey himself, the sensible cook will prepare a few well chosen things and serve them carefully.

Cranberries Of Course

The turkey would be insulted with- out some preparation of cranberries, as would the chicken, duck or what ever fowl happens to be in line for the big day. Here are some hints for fixing up cranberries.

Cranberry Sauce

Pick over and wash three cups cranberries. Put in a stewpan, add one and one-fourth cups of sugar (granulated) one cup boiling water. Boil ten minutes with the pan closely covered. Remove the scum and cool.

This Sauce Is Richer

For those who prefer a richer, sweeter sauce, this recipe is delicious, Use equal measure of berries and sugar. Wash, drain, and put the berries in a porcelain kettle with cold water just enough to show when the berries are pressed down in the pan. When they co[illegible] add a quarter of the sugar. Sprinkle over the berries with- out stirring. Let it boil a minute, add another quarter, etc, until all the sugar is used. Boil up once more and turn out. Boil slowly and do not stir.

Cranberry Jelly.

Pick over and wash four cups of berries. Boil twenty minutes with two cups of boiling water. Rub through a sieve, add two cups granulated sugar and cook five minutes. Turn in- to moulds or glasses.

Candied Cranberry

Make a sirup of two-thirds cup water, and one and one-fourths cup sugar, by boiling them together for five minutes. Then add one pint cran- berries and let them stand for a few [illegible] clear, drain, put on a large pan dusted with granulated sugar sprinkle a little more sugar over them and dry very slowly in a medium oven.

Suggested Centerpieces

For the Thanksgiving table center- piece hollow out a large pumpkin and fill it with fruit, pine cones, or ever- greens. A woodsy touch can be added by placing any kind of leaves around the base of the pumpkin. The pump- kin may be shaped into a basket by leaving space for the handle and hollowing out the rest.

Thanksgiving Dinner Trimmings

Like a hat without trimmings is the Thanksgiving dinner without cer- tain additions which go to make this dinner a complete whole not to be met with every day in the year. This recipe for steamed pudding made with carrts is pronounced unusually tasty and fitting for Thanksgiving desert.

Steamed Pudding with carrots

1 cup carrots, 1 cup potatoes, 1-2 cup melted butter or Crisco, 3-4 cup brown sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 T nutmeg, 1 T cinnamon, 1 T salt. 1 T soda, and 2 cups raisins. Put the potatoes and carrots through a fine grinder twice. Put the mixture together, pour into a buttered mold and steam for 2 1-2 hours.

HARD SAUCE

Delicious to serve with this pudding is hard sauce made by creaming one- third cup butter, adding 1 cup pow- dered sugar, one-third T lemon ex tract and two thirds T vanilla. The sauce may be attractively served by placing it in little mounds around the pudding on a platter. Chopped nut meats or cherries may be dropped on top of the mounds of sauce.

Turkey Dressing (Swedish Style)

Try this dressing for the turkey. 2 cups stale bread crumbs, two-thirds cup melted butter, 1-2 cup raisins, seeded and cut in pieces, 1-2 cup English walnut meats, broken in pieces, salt and pepper and sage to taste. Mix ingredients in the order given.

Prickly Pear Salad

A toothsome salad may be prepared by laying canned pears (cut into halves lengthwise) on head lettuce leaves filling the pears with blanched almonds sliced thinly the long way, and covering with a spoonful of boiled dressing.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Young Carlyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Halfway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle ease—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altar—determined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl. "By" Heck, a character of the hills, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Carlyle. Moreland's description of "Carlyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Dale arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district, to leave "his girl" alone. Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

CHAPTER IV.—During the night all the guns belonging to the Littlefords and the Morelands mysteriously disappear.

CHAPTER V.—Dale arranges to go to Cincinnati to secure money for the mining of the coal. The two clans find their weapons, which the women had hidden, and line up for battle. "Babe," in an effort to stop the fighting, crosses to the Moreland side of the river, and is accidentally shot by her father and seriously wounded.

CHAPTER VI.—To get proper surgical aid, John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Dale convey "Babe," unconscious, to the city. Doctors assure them she is not seriously hurt. Dale meets an old friend, Bobby McLaurin, who had married Patricia Clavering. Telling his father of David Moreland's coal, the old gentleman's actions convince his son of his father's guilt in the killing of Moreland.

CHAPTER VII.—It is arranged that "Babe" is to stay with Mrs. McLaurin to be educated. Dale, refusing his father's proffered financial aid to develop the mine, interests Newton Wheatley, capitalist, who agrees to furnish the money. Dale realizes he loves "Babe."

CHAPTER VIII. — Returning to the Halfway Switch, Dale meets Major Bradley, lawyer, and real friend of the mountaineers, whom he engages as counsel for the company. A man named Goff, of evil repute, tries to bribe Dale to betray the Morelands by selling him the coal deposits, and telling them they are of little value. Dale attempts to thrash him, but Goff draws a revolver. Dale is unarmed.

CHAPTER IX.—Goff enlists the aid of a turbulent crowd, the Balls and Torreys, to make trouble for Dale's company. The Littlefords and Morelands agree to forget the old feud and dwell in harmony.

CHAPTER X.—"Babe" returns to her home, fearing she is a burden to the McLaurins. Dale remonstrates, and she agrees to go back, for the sake of an education. Waylaid by "Black Adam" Ball, Dale fights a pistol duel with the desperado, and Ball is killed. Dale is arrested and taken to jail at Cartersville. He doesn't see how his shot could have killed Ball.

CHAPTER XI.—There is much speculation as to who really killed Ball, the general opinion being it was By Heck, who had constituted himself Dale's guardian.

CHAPTER XII. — Caleb Moreland, son of John Moreland, admits firing the shot which killed Ball, and takes Dale's place in jail. He is innocent, but takes the blame for the killing in order that Dale can continue the development of the mine.

CHAPTER XIII.—On the pretext of investigating another coal deposit, Dale is decoyed to a gathering of the Balls and Torreys. They "try" him for the murder of Adam Ball, find him guilty, and sentence him to be hanged next day. He is rescued by By Heck. Goff is forced to leave the neighborhood.

CHAPTER XIV. — "Babe" writes Dale that she is living with his parents and that her education is progressing. Jimmy Fayne, rich and dissolute, asks "Babe" to marry him, but she tells him she loves Dale.

CHAPTER XV.—"Babe" comes to Cartersville to attend Dale's trial. He is acquitted of the murder of Ball. Dale asks "Babe" to marry him. She loves him, but tells him she cannot be his wife.

CHAPTER XVI. — "Babe" tells Mrs. Dale her son had asked her to marry him and that she refused. Pressed for a reason, she confesses she killed Adam Ball to save Dale's life, and that she feels she is not worthy to be his wife.

CHAPTER XVII.—Jimmy Fayne presses his suit. "Babe" finally and definitely refuses him, though he promises that if she will marry him, he will help and educate the Littlefords, the girl's dearest wish.

"'Feller citizens,' says he, 'Eb Wright thar 'lows I don't know the difference atween temp'rary and permanent. I'll prove to you that I do know the difference. Eb Wright says I'm drunk. I am. That's temp'rary. Eb Wright is a poke-nosed idjit. That's permanent!'"

Heck finished with a lazy laugh: "Haw, haw, haw! Hee-haw, hee-haw!"

"That story," Dale said wearily, "has been told on dozens of politicians. It has become a part of the history of this state."

"Well, my gosh!" moaned By Heck. He thought deeply for a moment, decided that Bill Dale wouldn't laugh at the story of Tom Jones' pig—which had drank all of a gallon-pail of buttermilk and then gone to sleep in the self-same pail—and went on:

"Here's one, by Jake, 'at ain't been told on dozens o' politics men. And every word of it is the solemn, dyin' death-bed truth, too.

"One time I was out in the mountains a-huntin', a-goin' along slow and a-lookin' fo' a squirrel, when all of a suddent I hears a skeery noise right ahead o' me in the laurels—Z-z-z-z-z!

Z-z-z-z-z! Jest like that. I stops. I stops de-e-ad still. I looks keen. Thar was a den o' rattlers, and the very least one was as big around as my left hind laig! Then I hears a turrible growl right ahind o' me. I looks keen. Thar stands a big old she-bear with her teeth a-showin', and two cross-eyed cubs! Then I hears a whine at my left. I looks keen. Thar stands a she-panther as big as a hoss, with her eyes jest a-blazin'! Then I hears a spittin' sound out to my right. I looks keen. Thar was seven full-grown wildcats, and all of 'em had been bit by a mad dawg! Some fix to be in? Yeuh; some fix!

"Well, I thinks to myself. Ef I shoots the rattlers, I thinks to myself, the bear and the panther and the wildcats'll git me. And ef I shoots the bear, the panther and the wildcats and the rattlers'll git me. And ef I shoots the panther, the wildcats and the rattlers and the bear'll git me. And ef I shoots the wildcats, the rattlers and the bear and the panther'll git me. And ef I don't shoot none of 'em, they'll all git me! Some ongodly fix wasn't it, Bill? Now, how do ye reckon I got out of it?"

Bill Dale only smiled. "I can't imagine, By," he said.

"I cain't imagine, neither," grinned Heck. "But anyhow, I'm alive today. Well, now that ye're in a good humor one time more, I'll tell ye some news. I hated to ruffle ye up like a yaller goose a-flyin' back'ards whilst ye was so cussed, danged blue. Bill, old boy, it ain't but five days ontel Christmas. A lot o' them Nawth Ca'liner Turners from Turner's Laurel is a-visitin' their kinfolks, the Balls, and they'll every dadslatted one of 'em git drunk on white lightnin' licker fo' Christmas, and—they'll shore think o' Black Adam. The Morelands ain't with ye no more, Bill, rickollect; only the Littlefords is here now."

Bill Dale rose and stood there staring at By Heck with eyes so bright that they sparkled.

"If they came down on us looking for trouble, I'd be a sort of clan chief, wouldn't I?" he asked. Without waiting for an answer: "I wouldn't mind that, y'know. I've got a letter here, By, that I want you to put aboard the next southbound train that passes the Halfway switch. You've got about an hour; can you make it?"

"Ef the world was made in six days, by God, it shorely looks like By Heck could make six miles in a hour, don't it?"

The tall hillman left the Moreland Coal company's office with the letter in one hand, his rifle in the other, and tears of joy in his eyes.

For Bill Dale had laughed, actually laughed.

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By Heck put the letter on the train. The train carried it to Bill Dale's home city, and the postman carried it to the stately mansion of Old Coal King John K. Dale, and black Isham, the servant, carried it to Miss Elizabeth Littleford.

Miss Elizabeth Littleford was sitting alone on an iron settee among bushes of lilac and cape jessamine; the weather had made another of its remarkably sudden changes, and the day was sunny and pleasant. She was about to tear open the envelope when the tall, straight figure of Jimmy Fayne appeared before her. He had on riding clothes, and there was a rawhide quirt in his hand.

"You scared me, Jimmy!" laughed Miss Elizabeth, a trifle nervously. "I didn't know you were anywhere around!"

"Beg pardon," Jimmy smiled. "May I sit down beside you?"

"Yes."

He sat down beside her and began thoughtfully to flick the toe of one of his shining boots with the tip of his quirt. She knew what he had come to say, before he said it:

"Once more," looking pleadingly into her eyes—"won't you marry me and make me happy forever afterward?"

She turned the letter over in her lap in order that Fayne might not see, accidentally or otherwise, the address.

"Jimmy," she finally said, "I'd like to have a little more time to think about it. Things like this oughtn't to be decided in a hurry."

"You've already had months! Or were they years—or ages? Why do you keep putting me off like this, Elizabeth?"

"As I told you, Jimmy, I don't—"

He interrupted almost sharply: "I know you don't love me. But you'll learn to—after you've seen how much I shall adore you."

He made a move as though to take her into his arms, and she shrank from him; he had done that same thing, and she had done that same thing, dozens of times before. . . . With unseeing eyes Elizabeth watched Mrs. Dale step from her motor at the porte-cochere and go into the house. Jimmy Fayne, too, saw Mrs. Dale, but he was wholly unaffected by the sight of her; Mrs. Dale, somehow, did not object to his seeing the girl quite as much as she had once objected.

"Jimmy," after a long silence had passed between them, "I—I'm afraid I ain't the right woman for you. . . . If you knew, for sure, that I once took a rifle gun and killed a man with it, would you—would you still want me?"

Fayne laughed as though at a good joke.

"You kill a man? Why, I couldn't believe it. But if you had killed a man, or a dozen men, it—it could hardly make any difference to me. If you did do it, you did it because there was nothing else to do; I'm sure of that. We won't mention it again, if you're willing. I neither criticize nor attempt to understand your hill codes. Marry me, won't you, Elizabeth?"

"If I did," asked Ben Littleford's daughter, "would you help my people back in the hills?"

"Educate 'em? Yes! Every blessed one of 'em."

"Freely?"

"Yes!"

Once more Elizabeth Littleford tried to decide. Fayne's eyes grew more and more hopeful as he watched her lips. He became impatient.

"Tell me," he begged.

The girl took up the letter she had just received from Bill Dale.

"As soon as I read this," she murmured, "I'll tell you, Jimmy. If you don't mind, please look the other way for a minute."

She tore off one end of the envelope, drew out the single sheet and unfolded it. Her eyes narrowed; her face flushed, and then became just a little pale. Her underlip quivered as she folded the sheet and put it back into the envelope.

"I can't marry you, Jimmy," she told him.

Without another word she arose and left him. She hastened to the house, hastened upstairs, and went to her room.

Half an hour later Mrs. Dale found her lying face downward on her bed, and beside her lay a crumpled sheet of paper. Mrs. Dale picked up the sheet, straightened it out, and read this, in the bold handwriting of her son:

"Believe me, I am very appreciative of your invitation. But I am having Christmas with your mother, here in my own country."

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Last Fight.

It was early in the morning, and *Bill Dale* had just sent for Ben Littleford. The hillman hurried to the office, for he believed he knew what was in the air. He had already gone to work at the mine, and his thick beard, his face and his hands were black with the dust of coal.

"Sit down, Ben," said the general manager. "We're going to hold a council of war."

Littleford took a chair and crossed his legs.

"Is it the Ball outfit?" he drawled.

"Yes," answered the younger man, and forthwith he told the other of the news that By Heck had brought him a few days before; he had not given the matter really serious consideration until that morning. "Now," he finished, "I want to know whether you think there's any danger?"

Littleford tugged at his blackened beard and frowned.

"Bill," he said soberly, "do you rickollect what John Moreland told you oncet about them Balls? He told ye 'at you wasn't safe, and 'at he wasn't safe, ontel they was dead and buried, didn't he? I believe he did. By Heck says the's a whole big passel o' them Nawth Ca'liner Turners; he's shore them and the Balls'll outnumber us more'n two to one. Yes, the's danger, Bill, and 'specially to you. They think it was you killed Adam, and they don't think the law handed 'em a square deal at the trial."

"Then listen to this plan," said Dale.

"I'll keep By Heck up the river watching for them. He will have three sticks of dynamite tied together and capped and fitted with a fuse. If he sees them coming this way in anything like a force, he will fire off the dynamite as a signal to us. Our men will gather here in the upstairs of this building, and bar the doors—"

"Oh, Bill," moaned the old fighter, "you shorely don't think we'd ever let 'em git to the doors!"

"I hope they don't, certainly," smiled Dale. "Where are your rifles, Bill?"

"At the mine," said Littleford. "Ye see, Bill, we've been a-lookin' fo' trouble."

Dale went on: "At By Heck's signal, I'll get on my horse and ride to the lowlands for the Morelands. I can get them a lot quicker than I can get competent help from the law. What do you think of it?"

"It's a good plan, I reckon," growled Ben Littleford, "only I don't cotton very easy to the idee o' us a-runnin' from the mine to this here buildin'. I never did like to run from any man wo'th a durn, Bill."

"But that wouldn't be cowardly," Dale protested. "It would be purely a strategic move, and it would save lives for us. For, when the Balls and their kinsmen come, you'll have to deliver me into their hands or you'll have to fight like the very devil, that's sure; and, according to By Heck's figures, they outnumber you more than two to one."

"All right," Littleford replied, with a shrug of his huge shoulders. "Whatever you say, that same we'll do."

So By Heck was sent for, and shortly afterward he sneaked into the laurels and went off toward the settlement of the Balls. In the crook of his arm he carried his rifle, and inside his shirt he carried three pieces of dynamite all ready for the match—and he chose every step with great care for fear of jarring the explosive too much.

He had not been gone an hour when Bill Dale heard a dull, smothered roar from somewhere to the northward. Dale sprang up from his desk, ran to his ready and waiting horse, mounted and rode like a streak toward the lowland.

Dale arrived at John Moreland's big white farmhouse a little before the middle of the day, and halloed lustily at the gate. John Moreland and his two sons hurried out in response to the call. Dale waved aside all greetings and inquiries after his health, and told that which he had come to tell. The elder Moreland turned quickly to his two stalwart sons—

"Guns and hosses, boys! It'll be our last fight, and le's be at it and make it a good fight."

Less than five minutes later the three erstwhile mountaineers rode out at the barnyard gate with full belts of

"Guns and Hosses, Boys!"

cartridges around their waists and with repeating rifles across the pommels of their saddles, and joined Dale. The four hastened to the homes of the other Morelands; and not long afterward the old clan, in full strength, rode toward the big, dim-blue hills with Bill Dale acting as its leader. It was to be the clan's last fight, and a fight for a good cause, and every man of it was eager for the fray. . . .

Bill Dale bore himself proudly, and he rode like a man born to the saddle. He found a queer joy—a joy that brightened his steel-grey eyes and flushed his sunburned cheeks, a joy that he didn't even attempt to understand—in the thought:

"For this one day I am a clan chief; I am leading my own people against a foe, in my own country—"

And so overwhelmingly did the idea take hold of him that he wished, even then, for the repeater that awaited him at his office back in the heart of the mountains. Once his conscience asked him a question—and he answered it with another question. Was he doing that which was right? Might not the Littlefords all be killed by those drunken cutthroats while he was waiting for the arrival of a company of militia from a city miles distant?

Anyway, the militia would fight. His clan would do no more than that. He satisfied his conscience quickly.

When they had reached the lower end of the cleared valley, there came to them the sounds of slow firing, the firing of snipers. Each man kicked his horse's flanks and rode faster.

When they came in sight of the besieged building, they saw puffs of powder-smoke rising lazily from the upper windows and from the mountain side above and to the right. Again they kicked the flanks of their horses and rode faster.

At John Moreland's old cabin they dismounted hastily and turned their horses into the drab meadow. With Dale still leading, they hurried on foot to the river's nearest bank and went rapidly, under cover of the thickly-standing sycamores, to a point within seventy yards of the office and supplies building. Then they made a dash across the open space, and Ben Littleford, with one arm bound up in a red-stained blue bandana, opened the door for them.

"Who else is hurt?" panted Dale.

"Little Tom," answered Littleford, "and Saul. Little Tom, he got a bullet onder the shoulder. Saul, he got one in might' nigh the same place. They've riddled the whole t'other side o' the house to splinters. They're a-callin' fo' you."

"They'll get all they want of me," Dale growled.

He turned and ran up the rough stairway, and Ben Littleford and the Morelands followed close upon his heels. At the front and side windows, behind anything they had been able to find that would stop a bullet, knelt Littlefords with rifles in their hands, patiently watching for a human target to appear on the mountainside above. Saul and Little Tom lay in a corner, where they were fairly safe from chance bullets. Hayes had bound up their wounds as well as he could with the material at hand. They were both white and helpless and suffering, but still full of the old Littleford fighting spirit.

Dale seized his Winchester and belt of cartridges from the hands of the man who had brought them to him, and turned to the others. A bullet crashed through the wall and struck the floor at his foot; he paid no attention to it.

"Listen to me, boys." Dale was buckling his cartridge-belt with rapid, steady fingers. "From where they are hiding, the Balls and Turners can hardly see the lower story of this building. We'll go downstairs, open the front door, and run to the edge of the laurels at the foot of the mountain. Then we'll turn to the right, make a wide detour, and get above the Ball outfit; we'll be fighting downhill instead of uphill. Get me? Are you all ready?"

To a man, they were ready.

They reached the thick undergrowth without being seen by the enemy. While the Balls and Turners fired more or less aimlessly at the building, drank white whisky and called drunkenly for the surrender to them of Bill Dale. Bill Dale and his men were making their way steadily in a wide half-circle up the side of David Moreland's mountain.

Half an hour after they had left the office building, Dale had stationed his men, deployed as a line of skirmishers, behind sheltering trees some two hundred feet above the Balls and their kinsmen.

John Moreland, Ben Littleford and Bill Dale were not far apart. "It's a shame to do it," said Dale. "I swear, we can't shoot men in the back like this!"

John Moreland, twisted his mouth into a queer smile of contempt, and so did Ben Littleford. They knew, far better than their leader, the ways of that people without a principle. The Balls and Turners wouldn't hesitate to shoot them in the back!

"Well," John Moreland replied, and it was almost a sneer, "ye might go down thar and give 'em some candy, and kiss 'em, and ax 'em won't they please surrender!"

Dale leaned around his tree, a great gnarled chestnut, and called boldly:

"You've got a chance to surrender now—and you'd certainly better take it quick!"

One of those below yelled surprisedly: "Who're you?" Then they all whipped to the other side of their sheltering timber.

The answer came at once: "I'm Bill Dale, and I'm peeved! You're at the mercy of the finest hill clan that ever looked along rifle barrels; will you surrender, or fight it out?"

"You said it—we'll fight it out!" cried a burly cousin of Black Adam Ball, deceased.

"You're on!" growled Bill Dale, slipping his rifle out beside the tree. "Give 'em h—l, boys!"

He was unused to this sort of thing, and he was incautious. He showed a

"Give 'Em H—l, Boys!'

little too much of himself—there was a sudden keen report from below, and a bullet hole appeared in the rim of his hat! John Moreland fired the next shot, and he broke the right arm of the man who had just fired at Bill Dale. This opened the battle in earnest.

Soon the thunder of the many rifles became almost a steady roar. The air was filled with the pungent odor of burning powder. Bill Dale emptied the magazine of his repeater, and sank behind the big chestnut to fill it again with cartridges from his belt. Bullets now whined on both sides of him; they cut greenish white furrows in the bark of both sides of the tree, and knocked up little spurts of black earth to his right and to his left; they cut off twigs within an arm's reach of him. A dozen Balls were now firing at him, seeking to avenge the death of their kinsman, the Goliath. John Moreland's strong voice came to him through the din and roar:

"Don't show no part o' yoreself now, Bill; ef ye do, ye'll shore be hit!"

Dale fired again, pumped a fresh cartridge into the chamber of his rifle and slipped another into the magazine, and arose behind the chestnut.

"Down, Bill!" cried John Moreland.

If Dale heard, he gave no sign of it. He fired four shots rapidly, and before the wind had carried away the blinding smoke he was behind another tree and shooting toward the Balls again. Soon there came a short, loud peal of laughter from his left; he turned his head and saw Ben Littleford taking a careful aim at a long angle toward the side of a boulder. Then Littleford fired, and a puff of stone dust showed that his bullet had gone true to its mark.

"What's that for?" demanded Dale. "We haven't any ammunition to throw away!"

"Why, Bill," replied Littleford, "didn't ye never bounce a bullet offen a rock and make it go toward a man ahind of a tree?"

It lasted hotly for two hours, but the casualties were comparatively few, because there was so much cover available. From the beginning the Balls and the Turners had the worst of it, which was due to uphill shooting, white whisky, and lack of the iron that makes real fighting men. The cartridges of those below were giving out; they had fired too many shots needlessly.

"It's about time to rush them," Dale said to John Moreland, who had crept up beside him.

"Jest give the word," Moreland nodded.

A few minutes later, Bill Dale sent the wings of his line down the mountainside, forming a half-circle of his force once more; then the whole line rushed, surrounded the enemy and called for a surrender.

But the Balls and their kinsmen wouldn't give in yet. They left their cover and started to run, found themselves facing Morelands and Littlefords in every direction, clubbed their rifles and fought. It was not true courage that prompted them to offer resistance thus: it was utter desperation; they had never been givers of mercy, therefore they did not expect mercy. Dale's men forebore to fire upon them, which was at Dale's command, and met them with clubbed rifles. The woodland rang with the sound of wood and steel crashing against wood and steel. Everywhere there were groans and threats and curses from the losing side, victorious cries and further demands for a surrender from the winners.

Bill Dale, ever a lover of fair combat, threw down his repeater to grapple with a big North Carolinian whose clubbed weapon had been knocked from his hands. The two fell and rolled down the mountainside, locked in each other's arms.

And then one of the Balls struck Bill Dale across the head with the butt of his empty gun, and Bill Dale slackened his arms and lay as one dead.

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He was lying under cover in a hand-carved black walnut fourposter, and it was night, when he opened his eyes again. Above him he saw the bearded faces of Ben Littleford and John Moreland, and they looked haggard and anxious in the oil lamp's yellow light. Suddenly Moreland spoke:

"Dead—nothin'!" jubilantly. "Look, Ben; he's done come to! Ye couldn't put him in a cannon and shoot him ag'inst a clift and kill him, Ben! I hope ye're a-feelin' all right, Bill, shore."

Dale realized everything quite clearly. He put a hand to his head; there was a wet cloth lying over the swollen place.

"He shore give ye a buster of a lick," drawled a voice that Dale instantly recognized as that of his worshiper, By Heck. "Danged ef Cale Moreland didn't might' nigh it beat him to death, Bill!"

Many men crowded to the bedside and smiled at him, and he smiled back at them. Soon he asked:

"Did you capture the outfit?"

"Every durned one of 'em," answered John Moreland. "They're all shet up tight in the downstairs o' the office buildin', onder gyard. The' ain't but one of 'em plumb teetotally dead, fo' a wonder; but the's a whole passel of 'em hurt. I've done sent Luke to town on hossback, atter a doctor fo' you and Saul and Little Tom; and he can 'tend to them crippled Balls, too, I reckon, ef you think it's best. What're we a-goin' to do with them fellers, Bill?"

"We're going to take them to the Cartersville jail," Dale answered promptly.

"I had a different plan 'an that planned out, John," said By Heck, winking at Ben Littleford. "I had it planned out to hang 'em all on a big green hemlock as a Christmas tree fo' Bill! Some devilish rough Christmas eve ye're a-havin', Bill, old boy, ain't it?"

"Rather," smiled Dale. He closed his eyes. His head ached, and he was somehow very tired.

Within the hour he went to sleep, and when he awoke it was daylight on Christmas morning. Ben Littleford, half dressed, was stirring the coals to life in the wide-mouthed stone fireplace. Dale felt better than he had expected to feel; he greeted Littleford with the compliments of the season, arose and dressed himself.

Continued next week

READ THE WANT ADS

COURT HOUSE NEWS

(From the Monitor.)

The November term of the district court for Wright county convenes at Clarion on the 28th with Judge Fry of Boone presiding.

Thursday is the last day for filing cases for trial at this term. Present indication are that not more than 25 or 30 new cases will be filed and that the term will be a rather quiet one.

Following is a resume of the more important cases now filed:

Only two divorce cases are scheduled for this term: The first is that of Annie Severson vs. John Severson. The wife alleges desertion of herself and children and believes defendant enlisted as a private in the U. S. army and that he is now serving therein.

The second case comes from Belmond and the wife is accused of being cruel and inhuman to the husband. He also alleges statutory charges. Buchanan is the title of the case. Among other things the young husband alleges his young wife stays out late at night, calls him vile names refuses to prepare hism eals and has unlawful relations with other men.

The Farmers Elevator at Olaf has begun suit against James Hatt and wife to recover $274.23 on account. S. O. Windecker an Olaf merchant is suing the same parties for goods sold them to the value of $226.04. Hatt has taken advantage of the bankruptcy law.

Rube McFerren of Webster City is made defendant in two suits brought by Belmond parties to compel him to carry out certain land contracts for the purchase of real estate. James Kenefick asks the foreclosure of a certain mortgage to secure payment of a $15,000 note signed by defendant and his wife. Interest and cost also amount to $753.

John Dorenkamp holds a note f the same amount, with costs amounting to $600.

Malaise and Mourlam of Woolstock hold a note given by Geo. Wheeler et al on which there is now due the sum of $4992. The Wheeler store is now in the hands of his creditors.

P. A. Smith of Eagle Grove is made defendant in a suit to recover the sum of $676 on his promissory note given to the Citizens National bank of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Another suit growing out of a land deal is that of Ole Thompson vs. Geo. Cook who seeks the foreclosure of a mortgage to recover on a note for $28,500. Interest, costs and taxes amount to several hundred dollars additional.

Alfred Swenson of Belmond, a partner in a garage known as "Motor Inn," is made defendant in a suit brought by Seig. Co. for merchandise.

A note for $1026 executed by G. H. Jameson of Dows is being sued upon by the present owner J. R. Paul. The note was given originally to the Merchants National bank of Jefferson.

Photographer Cook took the pictures of the six men and one woman now confined in the county jail. A new law makes such a step necessary. We are not informed as to whether or not they all responded to the usual "look pleasant" admonition.

Marshall Reynolds of Eagle Grove brought a one armed man to Clarion Monday to serve a sentence in the county jail for bootlegging.

News: What few suits are being filed in district court at this time are for account or to recover on past due notes, and even these are few and far between when the filings for the past term of court are considered.

S. B. Hefty & Son file suit against R. W. Frank and wife to collect on a note for $1500, the amount now due totaling $1,64933. Interest and costs are also asked.

Schoonover & Zeh are suing the Rose motor Co. to collect on a note for $328.07 plus interest and costs.

Reid Carpenter and R. G. Ross are suing R. W. Frank to recover on a note for $2,800, made April 1, 1921, due in 90 days, which remains unpaid, in part the balance due totaling $2,076 which sum they ask the court to award them plus interest and costs.

John Dorenkamp is suing Rube McFerren and wife to collect on a $15,000 note, protected by a mortgage in a certain real estate sold the McFerrens and described as the se quarter of section 27 and the nw quarter of the ne quarter and the ne quarter of the ne quarter of section 34. Jas. Kenefick, C. C. Griesy, and the Belmond Lumber Co. are made defendants in the suit as the above claim some right to the land. Judgement for the amount due, plus interest and costs and $350.66 delinquent taxes, and a foreclosure of the mortgage, is asked by the plaintiff.

KANAWHA NEWS NOTES

L. J. Kalvig returned home Thursday from a business trip to Des Moines.

Fred Knudsen was a business caller at Des Moines the later part of this week.

Wm. Enabnit was a Fort Dodge caller one day this week.

Tom Mitchell of Clarion was a business caller here this week.

Mrs. Ole Peterson and daughter Miss Esther, went to Rochester, Monday where Mrs. Peterson goes for medical treatment.

Oliver Fosen returned home Friday from Hayfield, Minnesota, where he has been working for several weeks.

Ole Shaw and son Oscar of Belmond were callers here Sunday.

GOODELL NEWS ITEMS

Goodell Church News Notes

Mrs. L. Wilson and Mrs. George Ahrenkeil will entertain the Ladies Aid this week.

Thanksgiving Day will be of special interest to the people of Goodell. Dr. DeVeer will speak on Wednesday evening. Then Bishop Kephart of Kansas City will be here for the services on Thursday. As Bishop Kephart dedicated the church three years ago. All will want to near the Bishop as he is one of the best preachers in the United States.

Services begin at 10:00 a. m. and at 2:00 p. m. and seven-thirty p. m. Rev. G. W. Emerson of Des Moines who is the president of the Young Peoples work of the U. B. church in Iowa, will speak the second evening.

This will be a real Thanksgiving Day with a dinner at the church. Plan to be at all the services. You cannot afford to miss these spiritual services.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

General worship at 11:00 a. m.

Evening service at seven-thirty.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are welcome to all these services.

John Ellsworth was a business caller at Klemme last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Surballe of Garner visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Letch is on the sick list this week.

Last Saturday Carl Sandberg, Amos Hanson, John Miller, Miss Selma Sandberg and Miss Clara Johnson autoed to Mason City.

Supt. Nelson of the high school and his wife autoed to Albert Lea on Friday. He returned on Sunday afternoon.

Frank McNutt, who was in the hospital at Hampton having his hand treated, returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Conlan attended the funeral of his niece Miss Monaghan held at Clear Lake Saturday.

John Griggs who has been building a cottage at Clear Lake near Ventura is home this week.

J. E. Savogue was a caller at Mason City on Monday.

J. E. Graeber of LaCross, Indiana and Ira Graeber of North Judson, Indiana visited their brother Mr. Monroe Graeber on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tierney were in Goodell Monday on business.

Mr. Estella who is working at Forest City spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cline left on Monday for Buffalo Center where they will visit their son Roy.

Superendent Nelson and the five Goodell teachers autoed to Des Moines last Thursday to attend the Iowa State teachers convention. They returned late Saturday night.

Mr. E. P. Hubbard and son Harvey last week were helping in the Klemme butcher shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellworth and Mrs H. T. Miller were in Garner on Thursday on business.

Mrs. John Ahrenkiel and Mrs. John Savogue visited Mrs. Geo. Ahrenkiel and others in that community last week.

Mr. Geo Ahrenkiel was helping Mr. James Schneider on Wednesday to stack corn fodder.

Mr. Gus Okrueg was in Meservey on Friday, on business.

Henry Christenson, Sunday, took his mother, the Conklin family and Mrs. A. Christe to Lake Mills.

Vorgel Christenson is improving nicely

The United Brethern Church will have special services on Thanksgiving Day. There will be services at 10:00 a. m. which will be followed by a Thanksgiving dinner in the basement of the church to which all are invited. Bring your dinner and enjoy the spiritual services of the day. Dr. Deever of Dayton, Ohio will address the meeting in the forenoon and afternoon and Rev. Emerson of Des Moines will speak in the evening.

The Sunday school and morning services are being well attended. You are invited to join with us in spiritual worship on Sunday at 9:45, 11:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

Belmond Local News

R. H. Klemme was at Des Moines a day or so the past week where he was attending to various business affairs.

Joe Scott is reported as improving from his recent illness.

Miss Nettie Benson spent a few days last week at the home of her friend, Mrs. Clarence Scott, at Olaf.

Wm. Chase was home from Cedar Rapids last week to spend the week end here with home folks and old friends. He is attending Coe College at Cedar Rapids.

Remember that you can still renew your subscription to the Independent for one dollar and a half for a year if you do it before the first day of December. After that, don't ask us for that rate, as we are making it to raise some ready cash NOW.

Miss Cockrane one of the teachers of the local school, spent the week end at Clarion with relatives.

Miss Olive Enabnit of Kanawha visited at the Butts home here the first of the week, and then left for California where she expects to make her home with an uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton autoed to Eagle Grove Sunday where they spent the day at the homes of relatives and friends.

List your public sales with the Independent; reserve your dates. And don't forget that the Independent is headquarters for the best farm sale bills in the country, and that your sale advertised in the Independent is reaching the entire territory from Rowan to Meservey.

PRESIDENT HARDING URGES RED CROSS SUPPORT

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and international relief in time of peace and to apply the same in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other national calamities."

After liquidating its obligations of general relief to peoples of other lands who were associated with us in the great war, it has concentrated its foreign efforts on a program for the medical relief of children in Central Europe, and, from funds made available last year, it continues this work of mercy, and also contributes from its medical and hospital supplies for the work of relief in Russia which is operated under American directions.

As a result of vast and various experiences during the World War, the American Red Cross has devised and put in operation an extensive domestic health and welfare program whereby our American communities are instructed and directed in the solution of these community problems upon which the public will ultimately rests.

It is a fundamental principle of the Red Cross not to duplicate but to supplement the efforts of governmental and other agencies in the mitigation and elleviation of human suffering, and not to supply the means thereto where other agencies do not exist. The call of the American Red Cross is the call of country and humanity, and I earnestly urge my fellow citizens to make that response which satisfies the promptings of a generous people.

November 9, 1921.

(Signed) Warren G. Harding

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done, there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy.

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Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, when the best medicine for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know from what their customers say of it, that it can be depended upon.—For sale by Adams Pharmacy. --

WRIGHT COUNTY RED CROSS DOING SPLENDID WORK

Health has usually been taken for granted in America. There has been progress in curing disease but neglect in promoting health. Certain events of the past few years, have aroused our nation from its complacent attitude and stirred the people to action.

One-third of our young men were rejected from the army for physical unfitness and investigations have shown that at least one-half of all our school children have physical handicaps which retard their development, while one-third of them were found to be definitely undernourshed. The program of the children's year with 6,000,000 children weighed and measured, also proved to the whole country that there are standards of growth and development to which a child should measure up and that underweight and physical handicaps were to be found among the rich as the poor. It is clear then that the program must be one of education, not philanthropy.

At the close of the war a peace program was outlined by the American Red Cross and definite activities were adopted by the various Red Cross chapters that were considered best suited to the needs of the community. The public health nurse was found to fill a need in every sort of community and the amount of good she has accomplished cannot be measured.

The different chapters in Wright county united in the launching of the nursing service in this county and during the first year every school, both rural and town, was visited by Miss Liddle. The value of this service to the county was such that last July the supervisors took over the salary of Miss Liddle and appropriated $1,000 for a second nurse, the Red Cross to furnish the balance of the second nurse's salary and to carry all other expenses. The second nurse Miss Blanche Eddy, began her duties the middle of September, and today the two nurses, each with a Ced Cross marked plainly on her car, are on duty throughout the county.

During the month of October the nurses inspected 715 children, 431 of whom were found with some physical defect and 300 were found to be seven per cent or more under weight. Surely no other statistics are necessary to arouse the parents of Wright county to the necessity of the united effort for the welfare of our children, says the Monitor.

Among the other things accomplished ten children have been sent to Iowa City under the Perkins law for operations and other treatments. Two patients have been sent to Oakdale tuberculosis sanitarium. A county tuberculosis clinic was held at the court house, Dr. Peck of Des Moines examined forty-two persons, among them five active cases of tuberculosis were found and other defects pointed out and recommendations made to thirty-two others.

Twenty-eight schools throughout the county have been reported as serving hot lunches.

All the town schools of the county have purchased scales. The teachers weigh and measure the children regularly every six weeks and reports are sent home to the parents.

Talks have been given to class rooms, teachers institutes, clubs, farm bureau meetings, and various other groups.

Over 700 home calls have been made for the purpose of advising expectant mothers in the care of infants, tuberculosis nursing, mental hygiene nursing, and general advice regarding defects discovered through the school inspections.

The Red Cross has only one way of raising money for its share of the expense for the public health nursing service in Wright county—that is the annual roll call. For that reason every one is urged to renew his Red Cross membership during the coming week. Pay your dollar at either of the banks.

Fred Boyd was up at the head of the lake early one morning about ten days ago when he noticed two men sitting on an upturned boat. These men were hunters. Both had stood up in the boat to shoot some game and in some manner the boat tipped over. They clung to the boat and finally both succeeded in getting upon the bottom of the boat, and there they sat, cold, wet, awaiting rescue. When Fred arrived with his boat they were taken to a nearby house where dry clothing was provided. The men were both so chilled that they could hardly talk and had help not reached them when it did they would no doubt have been lost.—Reporter.

Mrs. Ida Fyler, who has been a guest at the home of her son, Prof. Fyler the past week, returned to her home at Shellrock the first of the week.

Victor Hiserodt of Livermore was driving home from Hardy last week when his car went into the ditch and overturned, and he was pinned under it in such a manner that his arm was broken and he was unable to help himself. The accident happened about eight o'clock in the evening and the young man lay under the auto until the next morning at daylight. He was on an unused road. The gasolene from the car dripped on him all night and he suffered from the cold. He tried to dig himself free with his free arm and his knife but could not accomplish it. He is in a serious condition from the exposure and injury, but it is stated that he will recover.—Humboldt Republican.

Queer what some folks think that an editor ought to know. Last week some one called up and asked us how far it was to the poor farm in the county of Hamilton. We told them that we knew the distance to the one in Wright, but we didn't pay much attention to those in other counties.

ROBINSON'S

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Small Loaf of Bread - 5c
Good Bacon, per lb. - 25c
2 cans good Salmon - 25c
No. 10 Karo, dark - 50c
No. 10 Karo, Light - 60c
No. 5 Karo, dark - 25c
Black Tea, 1 lb. - 40c
Rolled Oats, 5 lbs. - 25c
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GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB STARTS OFF WITH MANY MEMBERS AND MUCH PEP

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER EIGHTH

Officials Are Elected And Committees Chosen For Full Winter Of Enjoyment.

MANY MEMBERS SIGN UP

A very interesting meeting of the Good Fellowship club, the first of this season, was held at the library basement last Wednesday evening.

J. E. Blythe, of Mason City, gave the address, his talk dealing with the early political life of Iowa. He told some interesting facts of early Iowa history, things which most of those present were not aware of in any particular.

A community sing, led by O. L. Varland, started the meeting off in the proper spirit, and following the address by Mr. Blythe, the refreshment committee finished the evening as it should be.

A business meeting of the members was held early in the evening, at which time the committee appointed two weeks ago, rendered a report on reorganization. The following officers and committees were elected:

Officers

Chairman: Dr. G. F. McBurney, Vice Chairman, M. C. Barry; Secretary, R. A. Henderson; Treasurer, B. A. Anfinson, Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Chaplain.

Committees

Talent: W. E. Bullard, chairman; W. R. Ramsay, O. L. Varland, Dr. G. H. Steele, H. F. Luick, Supt. W. J Guthrie.

Reception: Dr. H. L. Gowdy, chairman; C. O. Fitts, J. J. Flynn, J. A. Adams, Ed. Carlston.

Entertainment: Cato C. Griesy, chairman; H. T. Bailey, H. G. Nordschow, F. Shipley.

Advertising: R. A. Rankins, chairman; A. E. Chamberlain, C. M. Morse, Joe Barry.

Membership: T. A. Davenport, chairman; Wm. Trafford.

Refreshment: H. D. Moore, chairman; C. Nissen, John Greenlander, H. J. Bohning, C. C. Benson, V. F. Mikesell.

The four officers, with the chairmen of the various committees, compose the executive committee.

A meeting of the executive committee was held the first of the week at which time it was voted to hold regular meetings thruout the winter months, the first meeting being on Monday night, Dec. 8, at 8:00 o'clock at the library basement. Meetings will be held regularly, it is planned, every second Monday. Special meetings will probably be held thruout the winter as speakers can be secured. Every man in town and the country is welcome to the meetings whether member or not, and all are invited to join. Dues are $1 a year.

SALE DATES CLAIMED

Dave Enabnit, northeast of Meservey, Tuesday, Dec. 2. See ad in this issue.

Edgar Mantle, northeast of Rowan Wednesday, Dec. 3. See ad in this issue.

E. S. Barker Estate, northwest of Meservey, Thursday, Dec. 4. See ad in this issue.

Carl Herrmann, 1-2 mile north of Meservey, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the sympathy and aid during the short illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Larson and Family.

PROGRAM AND SUPPER

The young people and Ladies Aid of St. Olaf will give a program and supper Thanksgiving Day evening, at 6:00. Program follows. All are

HIGHEST CREAM CHECKS

Baker Bros. were high in the list of cream checks over $100, paid out for October by the Belmond creamery. The list follows:

Baker Bros.	$153.69
Ed. Hauge	152.37
E. Trager	123.35
S. U. Leinbach	114.62
W. D. Schleiffarth	102.21

Here From The West

Miss Edith Whiting, of Washington state, came the first of the week for a visit with old friends. She was a resident of Belmond some years ago. She is staying at the Geo. P. Hardwick home at present. She was sent as a delegate to the golden jubilee of the W. C. T. U. at Chicago, and came to Belmind enroute home for a visit with friends in Belmond.

NEARLY THREE THOUSAND LADIES VOTE IN THIS COUNTY

In the recent election, there were nearly three thousand ladies in Wright county who exercised their right to the ballot. The majority of them voting republican. The number voting in this end of the county was as follows:

Belmond	83
Grant	68
Iowa	141
Norway	61
Pleasant	300

BAILEY'S VIEW OF FOOT BALL

Terrific Battle Ends 5 To 5 In Favor Of Both Pushes.

"Bailey, of Britt," now deceased, witnessed a football game between Garner and Britt twenty years ago Thanksgiving, and this is the way the game looked to him:

"The Garner football team met Britt on Thanksgiving Day. Both sides blew up their muscle and prepared for death. The first half jumped on the hind half of the second half and all stood on their heads in the last half. This delighted the upper half of the outside half. Then our fullback tackled their partially fullback, catching him by the small of the back, pushing him to the right back. Their halfback then reached up his fullback and grabbed our hunchback by his halfback and hustled him over the line back. This created immense applause, as our coach back caught the ball back when it bounced back over the fullback. Things began to get warm, and it was a question for a few minutes whether the courthouse would remain at Concord or be moved into the vacant lots in front of the Tribune office. Jud Hammill was sweating in every pore, the north wind whistled and everyone yelled to get warm. Their center rush now tackled our side rush, and everybody went down in a ball rush except one, who stood on top of the whole rush and waved his cap. Great applause and clapping of hands by those who didn't have mittens. The north end then caught the west end by the hind end and keeled it over the front end, and left the center end hopelessly tangled up in the bottom end of the last end. The right push then made a ramjam at the wrong push. The center push tried to dodge the main push, but a big push took the little push over the Garner push and that wound up the whole push. Score 5 to 5 in favor of both pushes. The fullback and the halfback came back but no one wanted his quarter back. There were line smashes and punts in their proper places, and several terrific end plays. Those who made them now stand up to eat. Everything went off according to rule, and everybody wild with enthusiasm. If there is any one thing that we would like better on Thanksgiving than

Thanks

VISIT TO ROME, ETERNAL CITY

Independent Correspondent In Visit To Ancient Cities Of The Old World.

By G. W. Shockley—No. 36

"And this is Rome, the city of the Caesars, the home of the popes, the once proud mistress of the world, the center of all that is most glorious, most remarkable in human history, all that is most enduring in art, all that is most memorable and inspiring in the lives of men. Rome, the land which Scipio covered with imperishable renown and in which he is buried; which gave birth to the Gracchi, and still breathes and burns with Cicero. Here we have another climate, another sky, another world whose historical perspective almost takes one's breath away."—Egbert.

It is a five-hour trip from Naples to Rome by train and it is over a country that is intensely cultivated and a regular garden, so to speak. It is hard for an American to realize an intense cultivation, for we have such a big territory to cultivate, we don't have to. When we double our population, however, we will be compelled to cultivate more closely.

All my life I had heard the expression, "Rome was not built in a day," and I decided after viewing the city, this was literally true and no room for an argument. It is a wonderful city, with much to see and admire and volumes could be written about it. It would only be expected, then, that I would barely skim the surface in a newspaper article, especially as the tale has been so often told in books, as well as visited.

We remember, also, another quotation, which we have heard all our lifetime, and which aspiring Sophomores used in orations, something about Hadrian finding it a city of brick, or something of that sort, and leaving it a city of marble. We can't remember the exact quotation, but anyway, some one did leave it that way.

Many streets in Rome are narrow and crooked, much like our alleys, and are paved, many of them with small squares of stone, that makes walking not always an unalloyed pleasure, notwithstanding the many interesting sights along the way. We doubt if the sun ever falls on some of these places, in fact has no chance to do so.

In this city, also, the Mussolini government has worked great changes, so travelers tell us, for the city has been given a thorough going over and the streets cleaned up, much rubbish being removed. Some way these ancients had a habit, in building cities, to conserve space by making their streets very narrow, thus not permitting the sun to get in its work and drying up the unsightly mud and dirt, so it could be more easily removed. Besides this the chill winds thus seem even the more penetrating without the warmth of the sun's rays.

We were not annoyed so much by beggars in Rome and the urge to come in and trade with us was not nearly so strong. Our crowd was on the last leg of its journey, however, with Monte Carlo, Paris and need of conservation of finances may have made a difference as to an incentive to buy.

However, we presume we were just like most other travelers, after making a very hurried visit felt we'd like to go back to Rome and stay several months and look the city over at our leisure, for we felt sure the time could be most interestingly spent, with new sights each day. Why don't we? How embarrassing. Yes, you guessed it the first time. Someone must have told you—financial.

As we come into Rome on the train an ancient acqueduct comes into view. This was constructed by the Emperor Claudius in the year A. D. 52, and was forty-six miles long. For thirty-six miles it was subterraneous and then for ten miles it was carried on arches, high enough to take the water to the Palatine Hill, for the places of the emperors thus obtained their water supply. There are three others of these ancient acqueducts, which were repaired to furnish water for the city. Rome has a good water supply.

Another high-sounding sentence for an oration we all have heard, "Rome on her seven hills." The hills are still there just as the budding orator always proclaimed—Mons Capitolinus, Mons Palatinus, Mons Quirinalis, Mons Viminalis, Mons Esquilinus, Mons Caelius, and the Mons Aventinus, Mons meaning Hill. All these hills have played a part in Rome's history, but more especially the Palatine Hill, for here were laid the first foundation stones, and you must remember Rome is a very ancient city, having been founded about the eighth century B. C., nearly 3,000 years ago, (753 B. C., to be accurate). At that these famous hills are not so much, so far as hills go when it comes to size. Naturally before reaching Rome, having read so much about the seven hills" you expect to see the city, or part of it, at least, perched away up yonder toward the sky line, but when you get there, you almost wonder where the hills are, as they do not loom up largely. The Quirinal is the highest, 206 feet, the Aventine the lowest, 150 feet, the other five coming in between these two figurs. Naturally there has been quite a little leveling off, and filling in, so that originally the hills were higher, but not much.

The Esquiline Hill is where "Nero fiddled while Rome burned," and here is where his golden palace was located, the baths of Titus being afterward erected on a part of the site of this palace. This fiddling is said to have been done from a tower of the villa of Macenas and Horace was also frequently entertained at this villa. Vergil lived on this same hill, near the gardens of Macenas.

One of the very gripping things about Rome is the fact that at every turn, almost, you are reminded of many of the most note dmen of history, some of them, like Nero, to be execrated. Just as in Palestine, almost every step you take has been trodden by the characters of the Old and New Testament, thus rendering the very soil sacred.

The "Yellow Tiber," whose "tawny flood" Imperial Caesar swam, rising in the Appennines, is here, also, and as we write we have a large map of the city spread out before us. This river flows through the city about in the shape of the

BELIEVE ROBBERS AIMED TO CRACK LATIMER BANK

What is believed was an attempt to rob the Latimer bank was made Tuesday night of this week, but for some unknown reason the supposed burglars did not complete the job.

Wednesday morning the Belmond Telephone company, which owns the Latimer exchange, discovered that connection with the Latimer office was cut off. Hampton called and reported that they could not reach Latimer either. Rural lines were unable to get the Latimer central. T. A. Davenport, manager of the Belmond Telephone Co., instructed the Sheffield trouble shooter to go to Latimer and locate the trouble. It was found that that all the "cans" a Latimer, which contain the trunk lines of the system, had been cut except one, and there was no connection from outside with the town. It is the belief that robbers had spotted the State bank of Latimer for a haul, but for some reason had left the job uncompleted. The wires were cut sometime between midnight and morning, as a toll call was successfully completed from the Latimer office about midnight, Tuesday.

Repair men from the Belmond company were busy yesterday getting the Latimer people connected up again.

Colo Wins By Easy Score

The foot ball team journeyed down to Colo, a small town near Ames, on Friday. The Colo team may be little, but oh, my! At any rate, they won the game, 77 to 0. Colo, however, has one of the crack teams of the state, and has been playing the teams from the larger cities of the state.

BOOZE--AUTO--EIGHT INJURED

Local Man Finds That Gasolene And Booze Will Not Mix.

E. J. Eagon, a young man working near Belmond in the corn fields, was the chief figure in an auto accident on the Clear Lake-Mason City road Sunday night, when eight persons were injured.

Eagan borrowed a Ford touring car Sunday afternoon, acquired a quantity of booze—which he claims to have secured in Belmond—and with a young man friend went to Mason City where they startled celebrating. While driving the car, in an intoxicated conditon, Eagan smashed into a Chevrolet touring car in which were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marshall and Otto Dahl, of Mason City, and three other ladies from there. Dahl was driving the Marshall car, which was shoved into the ditch.

Mrs. Marshall suffered quite severe injuries, and seven others in the two cars were more or less injured. Eagan was but slightly hurt, his companion, Henry Epsom, being reported seriously injured. Passers-by rendered first aid, and after ascertaining Eagan's injuries were not serious he was taken to the police station. He claimed not to know anything about the accident, how it occured or where, when questioned the next morning.

What action will be taken in the case is not known at this writing.

Webster County Patrolling Roads

Webster county has purchased a high speed motorcycle, guaranteed to go fast enough to catch the fastest motorist who may come along, have place a cop in charge of said machine, and proposes to maintain the speed limit of 30 miles an hour on its roads. Not a bad idea for this county to investigate.

Dr. Brown Moves Family To Sibley

Dr. R. G. Brown was in town the first of the week, arranging to move his family to Sibley, where they will make their future home. The doctor is now veterinary T. B. inspector for the state of Iowa, and finds Sibley more centrally located in his work. The Browns have many friends here who wish them the best

ADD $10,000 TO DAMAGES ASKED

Plaintiff In Damage Raises His Demands From $10,000 To $20,000 In District Court.

MUCH BUSINESS IN SIGHT

Judge Clock of Hampton convened the November term of court on Monday There appears to be considerable business ahead.

The grand jury organized Monday with Thos. Durrant of Dows as foreman. The others are: A. E. Martin, Pink Trees, Hans Thompson, E. C. Paul, H. W. Ensign and I. D. McVicker.

The $10,000 damage case of John J. Larson vs. Gerhart Tegland, both Lake township farmers, has been settled out of court. The case grew out of an auto accident last year west of Clarion in which Albert Larson lost his life.

A new turn in affairs has taken place in the damage suit of Earl Strever against U. B. and Albert Tracy in which it was sought to recover $8000 for injuries sustained when defendant's auto collided with the Strever team on the cemetery hill east of Clarion a few months ago. The attorneys for the plaintiff have increased the amount of damages wanted to $20,000.

J. A. Cox, who has been confined in the county jail, has succeeded in securing an order from the supreme court for a hearing before Judge Clock claiming he is wrongfully detained in custody. He made a request Monday that forty jurors be used on his case, among them being President Coolidge. It is probable the condition of the man's mind will be examined. Late Tuesday Cox dismissed his case.

The Chapman Lumber Co., of Eagle Grove asks for a mechanic's lien upon a dwelling house of S. S. Westvold in that city. The amount of the account is $261.25. The same company also asks judgment of Westvold for $573.20 for other building material.

The Citizens State bank of Silver Lake, Minn., brings suit against Wm. Shangs to collect a note for $1500.

Curts Dilocker claims that he paid four insurance policies for S. S. Westvold of Eagle Grove, that he also brought about a real estate trade, and that he has received no compensation on any of the accounts. The sum of $729.27 for the above services is asked.—Monitor.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

The first meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held on Friday afternoon. December 5th, at 2:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium. All mothers and friends interested in this movement are urged to attend.

Berlin Heard On The Radio

This week is the time in which the American and European broadcasting stations co-operate in transmitting across the Atlantic. Lud Johnson tells us that Arthur Ruka reports hearing Berlin, Germany, on Monday night. Various other radio listeners report hearing Porto Rico and Mexico, but this holds the record for long distance. The test is being held all this week, beginning each night at 10:00 o'clock.

Celebrate 16th Anniversary

Supt. and Mrs. Rankin of Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Tomkins of Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Hajo Pals of Swaledale were guests at the M. E. parsonage Tuesday helping Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary. A very delightful afternoon and a delicious dinner in the evening were enjoyed.

Geo. Cram is reported as resting more comfortably the past few days. Last week Monday he slipped and fell at his home, breaking his hip. A couple of years ago he had the misfortune to break it, and the second break, combined with his age,

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Editorials

Of all the various "days" that America has to observe in some fashion or other thruout the year, there is one that to our mind stands out above the rest—Thanksgiving Day. It was the first "day" ever originated on this continent, and the Pilgrim Fathers had cause for giving thanks. They came to a new and a free land. The principles that brought them to American shores were the principles upon which our government was established, and under which we live today. We can be thankful, indeed, that we live in America. As the world stands today, that seems to us to be our one great privilege; a fact which we cannot sufficiently be thankful for.

There are no starving peoples in America as there are in Russia, in Armenia, in China. There are no homeless peoples here as there are in thousands of places in the old world. Americans are not attempting to face the long winter months with paper as clothing, with sacks for shoes, with shelter a question and heat unknown.

We have been truly the favored of God. American people have more than any other peoples; some less and some more than others; but all of us more than our neighbors over the seas. It will be a poor citizen of this God-given land who will not in all humbleness of spirit, render his thanks for the blessings which have been bestowed upon us as a nation, and for the privilege of living in it. And may we, along with our thanks, earnestly beseech that we may be favored with a continuance in the years to come of the Divine guidance and favor that made us and has kept us, a nation of freemen.

Society

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Royal Neighbors—

The regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Dipple, Saturday afternoon.

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Community Club—

The Community Welfare club held a very interesting meeting last Friday afternoon. The club voted to buy a flag and some little red chairs for the new sugar school.

Mrs. A. W. Martin had charge of the program on Norway, which was very interesting. After the program the refreshment committee served Norwegian cakes and coffee.

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Farewell Party—

Last Saturday evening, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held a farewell party in the lodge rooms, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Brown, who are moving to Sibley this week. A large crowd was present and all had a thoroly good time and lots of good things to eat. Mrs. Brown was presented with a silver olive spoon, and the doctor with a muffler.

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Progress—

The Progress club met with Mrs. Rosecrans at the A. E. Martin home on Tuesday afternoon. The lesson on Elevating American Standards was led by Mrs. Ed. Bailey. Mrs. Ella Luick, Mrs. Erma Ramsay and Mrs. Ella Tyrrell gave papers on "Effects of Religion on American Ideals," "Influence of the Home on

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Miss Edith Whiting of Washington was a guest and gave an interesting talk on the work of the W. C. T. U.

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Bridge—

Mrs. Herman Schultz will be hostess to the young married people's Bridge club tomorrow, Friday, evening

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Family Reunion—

A family reunion of the Martin family will be held at the A. W. Martin home tomorrow, Friday. The occasion is the 84th birthday of S. D. Martin, and also the birthday of his son, Sid Martin.

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Delphian—

Mrs. H. D. Moore was hostess to the Delphian club Monday evening. All members were present. Mrs. Mikesell led the lesson, "The History of the Motion Picture." Mrs. Chamberlain gave a talk on motion picture stars and Mrs. Harry Bohning gave a review of Mary Pickford's new picture, "Dorothy Vernon of Hadon Hall." Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

CHURCHES

ST. OLAF CHURCH
(J. M. Jensen, Pastor.)

Do not forget the program and supper Thanksgiving Day evening, at the church, as announced. Note however, change of time. Supper served at 6 o'clock and program following.

Sunday morning service in the Norwegian language with communion. The confessional address will be given in the English. Come and take others with you.

TRINITY CHURCH
(J. M. Jensen, Pastor.)

Thanksgiving Day service in the Norwegian language at 11 o'clock. After the service, an offering will be taken for the needy. Let us give a generous offering in recognition of God's goodness towards us during the year.

Class meets Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Sunday school and Bible classes at 10. No morning service. In the evening, English service at 7:30.

Monday evening, Dec. 1, at 7:30, Walter C. Gran will give a lecture on the subject: The Sign of the Cross. The lecture is said to be an able effort. Mr. Gran is a theological student and blind. He lectures as a means to aid him get an education. Upon completion of his studies, Mr. Gran will take up work among the blind. No tickets will be sold, but we ask for a generous offering to aid this worthy young man. Come, and tell others.

METHODIST CHURCH
(J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.)

A member of the church said to me the other day, "The church services seem so much more interesting and full of life when there is a large crowd." How true it is. They seem so much more interesting to the pastor, too. A large congregation was present Sunday morning and Sunday evening the house was well filled up Certainly it is very encouraging to your pastor to see the interest you are manifesting. Of course we realize that there are a few knockers who do not attend but their name is Few. And we know that no living mortal can please every one. But we thank God for the many faithful ones that constitute the backbone of the church.

We were disappointed Sunday evening in the fact that the Meeker orchestra was not able to be with us as we were expecting. We have heard nothing but the highest praise for the excellent cornet solo rendered by Mr. Shipley, who has proven to be one of the best cornet players in this section of the country. The anthem rendered by the choir of young people under the leadership of Mrs. Ray Klemme and directed by Mrs. Adolph Skovlin, was enjoyed by all.

It was a good day for us, and let's go hard to have another big day this Sunday.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Morning worship at 11.

Evening services at 7:30.

Mid-week services Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday morning subject: "Dependability."

Sunday evening subject: "The Giant Hour."

Special music at both services.

Another treat awaits you Sunday evening. We have the promise of the Luick orchestra for Sunday evening. You know they will be there and you know the excellent music they will render, so we are expecting another

costumes.

HOME TALENT PLAY

"Anne What's-Her-Name!"

TO BE GIVEN BY
Young Folks of Congregational Church
AT THE
New Opera House, Belmond, Iowa
Saturday, December 6th

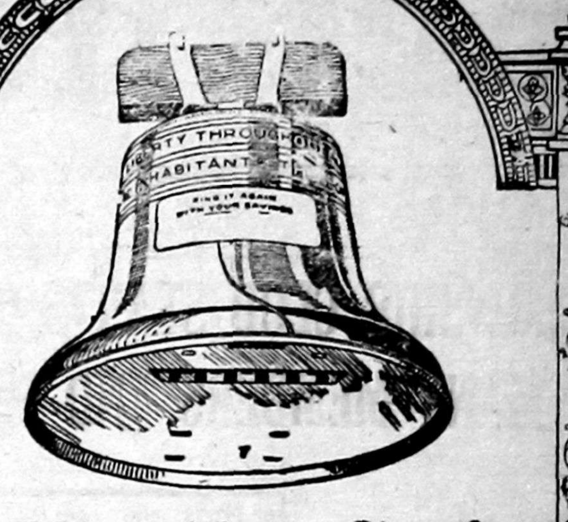
CHARACTERS:
(In the order of their appearance)

ANTHONY WHEAT (Tony), a victim of circumstances ---------- Samuel Leinbach
BURKS, his valet, faithful to the end ---------- Roger Leinbach
MARJORIE, a very modern young woman ---------- Helen Elder
AUNT JULIA, the Judge's sister-in-law ---------- Jessie Wallace
BARBARA, a flapper who flaps ---------- Elaine Dittmer
MOONEY, the temperamental maid with nerves ---------- Miriam Gibbs
WILLIE PEABODY, the boy from next door ---------- David Tyrrell
DORAN, a plain-clothes detective ---------- Roger Leinbach
GRAN'MA, aged 82, but with young ideas ---------- Marvel Robinson
LOUISE BYERS, her companion ---------- Marie Stevens
JUDGE BUNBY, the head of the house ---------- Alex Smith
DOCTOR AKED, a friend of the family ---------- Henry Robinson
NANCY BROWN, the girl from Rosedale ---------- Leola Jenison
EBENEZER WHITTLE, the Judge's nephew ---------- Everett Parsons
MRS. EBENEZER WHITTLE, looking for Ebenezer ---------- Rena Groen
TWO LITTLE WHITTLES ---------- Two Little Children

SYNOPSIS:
PROLOGUE—Tony Wheat's room in Bachelor's Inn.
ACT I. —Living room in Judge Bunby's house, an hour later.
ACT II —Same room, half an hour later.
ACT III—Same old room, the next morning.

Directed by Gladys Barry
Music Furnished by Luick's Orchestra.
CURTAIN at 8:15 o'clock.

PRICES 25c AND 50c
Reserved Seats on sale at Schultz Drug Co. Wednesday, December 3rd.



What About Sixty?

You say you are getting along nicely now—you have a good job, making good money, and things look bright. But where will you be at sixty?

Convincing the young that they must save is one of the hardest things in the world. They do not want to look beyond the present and its rosy hue.

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Men's all-rubber, guaranteed a season.

FLOUR
Snobread ---------- $2.35
White Maple ---------- $2.15

SWEATERS
Men's and Boys'

WRIGHT CO. FARM BUREAU NOTES

Grade Holstein Wins

"Granny," four year old grade Holstein heifer, owned by Virgil Cook of Goodell, carried off highest milk honors in the state last year, according to records just compiled "Granny" was highest over all breeds. She produced 20,869 pounds of milk and 738.6 pounds of fat.

"Granny" had 335 production days out of the year, being allowed a thirty-day dry period for a rest. The total value of her product was $356.85, and the feed cost $131.34, leaving a net profit of $227.51. Her feed thruout the year consisted of silage, clover, green corn, soybean hay, corn and cob meal, cracked corn, oats, bran and oilmeal as the season dictated.

Mr. Cook is a member of the Belmond Cow Testing Association, which is just starting on its second year of work.

Livestock Shippers Convene

Shippers of more than one-third of the livestock that is marketed in Iowa, the cooperative livestock shipping associations, meet at Des Moines, December 10 and 11 for the fifth annual convention. The first day of the meeting will be held jointly with the Corn Belt meat producers, with a big banquet in the evening.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be E. G. Dunn, of Mason City, attorney for the Iowa cooperative livestock shippers, who led in the fight for cooperative elevators 20 years ago; F. G. Kentner, director of cooperative marketing for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and secretary of the Ohio Livestock Shippers; Peder Pederson of Cedar Falls, who will talk on the Danish cooperative marketing; O. J. Kalsem, president, and Knute Espe, secretary.

Suggestions for the coming year's program will be acted upon and officers will be elected for the coming year.

Good Food Is School Need

Food is one of the most important considerations for children during their early school years. Because of the change in their routine of life it is essential that there be a minimum of adjustments in the digestive apparatus. Regularity and simplicity are the watchwords, says Miss Ida M. Shilling, associate professor of home economics, the Iowa State College.

The time for meals should be adjusted to meet school needs. The child should be up and dressed in time to eat a substantial breakfast, because recent studies show that malnurition and no breakfast go together. The period between breakfast and the noon meal is too long for most children and a lunch both in mid-morning and mid-afternoon may be necessary. If the school serves this lunch it may be milk and crackers; if the child carries it from home it may be fruit or bread and butter. Candy should never be used. Irritability toward evening is often due to hunger.

Suggestions for the children's meals are given by Miss Shilling. For breakfast, stewed, canned or fresh fruit whole or cooked cereals; poached eggs; toast with real butter (better than a substitue), and milk to drink. For mid-morning lunch, fruit or milk and crackers are desirable. At noon the meal should be the most substantial of the day, and may include the following: meat if cared for; potatoes, fresh green vegetables and fruit or simple pudding for desert. For mid-afternoon lunch, fruit or bread and butter is good. Cereals, toasts, milk and stewed fruit are suggestions for supper.

Alfalfa Defeats Thistles

Trading a patch of Canada thistle for an equal patch of alfalfa is not a bad bargain, most farmers will agree. That is exactly what Jergen Anderson of Grattinger, Palo Alto county, did.

Mr. Anderson in 1922 had a large patch of Canada thistles in one of his best fields. They had resisted every effort of eradication. Finally in the spring of 1923 Mr. Anderson seeded the patch to alfalfa, with a light sowing of oats. The alfalfa was first cut for hay this year and the Canada thistles were entirely missing. They had been completely smothered out in one spring. Mr. Anderson says he'd just as soon raise alfalfa as thistles, anyway.

Fertilizer Coins Dollars

While unfertilized land across the fence from his land was raising poorly matured corn this year at the rate of from 25 to 40 bushels per acre, H. E. Kraft, of Walker, had a yield of 65 bushels to the acre, which with very little sorting will make good marketable corn. Commercial fertilizer did the business. Another of his fields nearby yielded 50 bushels, and all of it was sound corn. Meanwhile many of his neighbors had to content themselves with yields as low as 20 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Kraft used two kinds of commercial fertilizer, the one giving the best results being "1-8-3," composed of nitrogen, phosphorous and potash in relative proportions indicated by the numbers. Also he used "2-10-2" with good results. The fertilizer cost him about $30 per ton and he applied 100 pounds to the acre, making a net cost per acre of approximately $1.50. Increased corn yield paid for the cost of the fertilizer many times over in one year.

"Use of fertilizers in addition to making a much larger yield, also make the crops come to an early maturity," says H. W. Warner, soils specialist of Iowa State College.

Meetings In Norway and Pleasant

The Norway township farm bureau will hold its annual election of officers Friday evening, at 8, November 28 at the Norway township center school house. Township chairman, Harald Holm, and vice chairman Mrs. Leonard Evans, are arranging a program for the evening's entertainment. All of the members and their neighbors should turn out to the meeting.

On Friday, December 5th, at 8:00 the Pleasant township farm bureau will hold a meeting at the Center school house. A special program is being arranged by the local people and a good attendance will be appreciated.

You will secure the best results by advertising your farm sale in the Independent. Eighty per cent of farm sales in this territory are Independent advertised.

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Thursday, Dec. 4

COMMENCING AT 10:00 A. M. SHARP THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

9 - Head of Horses - 9

1 Bay Mare, wt. 1200
1 Black Mare, wt. 1500
2 Colts coming 1 yr. old.
1 Gray Mare, wt. 1400. In foal
1 Black Mare, wt. 1500. In foal
1 Gray Mare, coming 2 yrs. old.
1 Team of Gray Mares, well matched, wt. 2600.
Ages on horses not here given, will be stated day of sale.

27 - Head of Cattle - 27

10 Choice Milk Cows, consisting of 4 registered Holsteins, papers furnished, as follows: Zinae Hengerveld De Kol, fresh; Lady May Karen Hengerveld, fresh; Zinae Pontiac De Kol, fresh; Alma Aleartra Hengerveld De Kol, springing; 4 red cows, 2 of which are fresh and 1 springing and 1 dry; 2 heifers, fresh.

1 Pure Bred Holstein Heifer
1 Pure Bred Yearling Holstein heifer.
2 summer heifer calves, 1 eligible to registry
2 Pure Bred Holstein Bulls, about 14 months old.
6 Head of Young Stock, 1 year or over, consisting of 4 heifers and 2 steers.
5 pail calves, 1 bull and 4 heifers, 1 heifer being eligible to registry
The Young stock is mostly sired by Pietertje Jewel Lyons.
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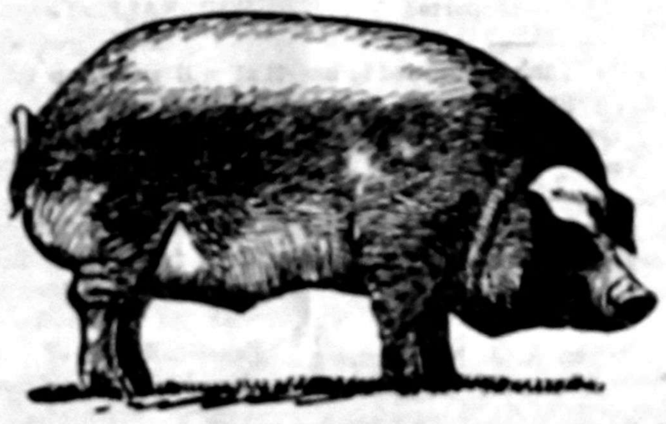

95 Big Type Chester White Hogs--pure bred

6 Sows, due to farrow about the middle of March. Bred by Prince Modler.
About 20 Spring Gilts
About 23 Feeding Shoats
10 Spring Boars, guaranteed breeders
Herd Boar, Prince Modler, pedigree furnished.
35 Fall Pigs.

207 - Head of Poultry - 207

Consisting of about 35 pure bred Regal Dorcas White Wyandotte Chickens
150 grade hens
11 pure bred Toulouse Geese
11 pure bred White Holland Turkeys

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 spray
1 hay rack
1 hay fork
1 seeder cart
1 wagon box
3 cream cans
1 hog waterer
1 tank heater
1 truck wagon
1 walking plow
2 sets fly nets
1 cutaway disc
1 brooder house
Some dairy pails
Some corn fodder
1 McCormick rake
Some hay in barn
Some horse collars
1 Dain hay loader
Rough feed in field
1 hand corn sheller
1 side delivery rake
1 McCormick mower
1 Deering corn binder
Some seed corn (1923)
1 Lindsay fanning mill
1 set back pad harness
1 Moline corn cultivator
1 P & O beet cultivator
2 sets breeching harness
1 8-ft. McCormick binder
Some dip in 15-gal. barrel
1 20-ft. Deering McCormick harrow
1 John Deere Corn Planter, No. 999
1 fertilizer attachment for John Deere planter
1 John Deere Manure spreader, used 2 days
1 Columbus wide tired wagon, with box, complete
1 DeLaval cream separator, No. 15
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Sunday school at 9:45.
Missionary program at 10:45.
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Choir practice 8:00.
This is a church for the people of Meservey and the "strangers within our gates."
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Lawrence Sohl, Pastor.

Mrs. Fanny McKee of Mason City came Saturday for a few days visit with the V. Zimmerman and F. A. Lemke families.

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Sunday school at 9:30 (English).

Morning worship at 10:30 (German.)

Young people's meeting at 8:00 (German).

The Senior classes in catechism will meet at the parsonage Wednesday evening at 7:30. Primary and Junior classes meet Saturday at 1:30 in the church.

The Ladies Aid will meet next Thursday, Dec. 4, at 2 p. m.

The offering for Home Missions will be taken up next Sunday at the morning service. Let each one give as the Lord has prospered him. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

We rejoice that the morning services are so well attended. A good attendance causes both pastor and people to rejoice. May the word of God bear much fruit among young and old!

H. Pannkuk, Pastor.

A. J. Nissen was a Mason City business caller between trains Saturday.

Will Paul of Minnesota is here visiting his brother, F. W., and family.

Miss Jennie Meinders spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Bachman, and Mrs. Wilkins at Garner.

Harm Groen and family were Sunday visitors at the T. Lieuwen home.

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

H. K. Pals upset with a load of corn fodder, Wednesday, and suffered a wrenched back. Altho he is under the doctor's care he is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oltman and children of near Latimer were Sunday guests at the Jno. Ruiter home.

Miss Bessie Heimster of Des Moines spent several days last week at the home of her friend, Emma Woak.

K. C. Ruigh returned home from Firth, Neb., Wednesday, where he had attended the funeral of a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butz drove to Clear Lake, Thursday evening, to visit Mrs. Earl Butz who is quite ill with gall stone trouble.

The America Legion Auxiliary will meet Wednesday p. m., December 3, at the home of Mrs. Victor Zimmerman.

Mrs. Lambert Pals and Tillie, and Mrs. Ben Bruns and Fanny were Belmond callers Thursday afternoon visiting friends and shopping.

Mrs. Melvin Smith and baby spent the past week at the home of her parents, assisting with the house work during corn picking.

Ed. Messelheiser of Britt is here helping his brother with the fall work.

HELPING HAND SOCIETY

The Helping Hand society met on Thursday p. m. with Mrs. August Guth. The usual number of ladies were present. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting, and a good time is reported.

Mrs. Ernest Yanke returned to her home at Long Prairie, Minn., Saturday, after spending a week here with relatives.

John Watermiller and family visited Sunday at Watermiller Bros.' home near Kanawha.

Carl Olson and A. J. Nissen drove to Mason City, Sunday, in the former's car. A. J. had a slight operation performed on his face while there.

Lou Jones, who has been working on a bridge gang all summer, near Primgar, returned home Friday to spend the winter here.

Mrs. H. B. Frey and Mrs. Barney Frey visited with Mrs. Jim Dorenkamp at Belmond, Sunday p. m.

Henry Sprau, who has been working with the Gatzke bridge gang, came home to spend the winter, Saturday.

Miss Agnes Fischer returned to her school duties at Naperville, Ill., after several weeks' stay at home during which she underwent an operation.

Miss Katie Koen, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia the past two weeks, is at this writing able to be **up and around agan.**

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Zimmerman were Mason City callers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiteland and Arelene and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Ruiter and baby were at Latimer, Saturday evening, helping Mrs. Henry Koenen celebrate her 63rd birthday. All her children were present and the evening spent in visiting. Refreshments were served.

Jennie and Anna and Enno Ostendorf attended the musical recital at Klemme, Thursday, given by pupils of Miss Thorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fischer, Lyle and baby spent Sunday with relatives at Waverly.

Mrs. Rice of Fargo, N. D., is here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Butz, for several days.

Mrs. Ben Gruis visited several days last week with her children at Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Messelheiser and children were callers at Mason City, Friday, having dental work done.

Rev. Heyenga of Alexander visited here with the Rev. Pannkuk family, Monday.

Mrs. George Fischer of Mason City was an over Sunday visitor here.

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MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

The 7th and 8th grades report quite a few absent due to corn picking. It is hoped that all will be present at the beginning of next week.

Practically all of the lower grades observed Thanksgiving by giving programs Wednesday afternoon.

Such programs make for a better school spirit and renew our interest and love for our fore fathers.

"Boost the Meservey schools"

The bank basement is being remodeled by having a new coat of paint, etc. and will serve as a barber shop after the first of December.

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VISIT TO ROME THE ETERNAL CITY

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letter S, winding in and out, a tortuous route. On either side in the city are embankments that are said to have cost the government $30,000,000 to build. While the channel in ordinary times is only about twenty-five feet deep, yet as the ages have come and gone it has had a habit of overflowing and causing great havoc and loss, establishing a record in 1900 of forty-five feet, when the water stood six feet deep in the old Roman forum, the people rowing around in boats in the Pantheon. The river has been described as "too large a stream to be harmless and too small to be useful."

Come to think of it, what a wonderful part in history rivers have played—the Jordan, in Palestine; the Nile in Egypt; the Tiber, in Italy; the Seine, in France, the Thames in England. We are glad to have seen all of them. Visualizing them in the distance, however, when once they come into your view the reality is scarcely equal to the actual, unless, indeed, it is the Nile. It isn't the fault of the rivers, however, they haven't changed. Historical associations have cast such a halo over them, their size and beauty have been greatly magnified.

The river Tiber, which flows so crookedly through Rome, have you forgotten the legendary history of this greatest of all historical cities and the part the Tiber played, for so often our forgetters fail us? Practically every high school student has read of how Romulus and Remus were suckled by a she wolf – but this is the legend in brief:

A Vestal Virgin, daughter of a king who had been expelled from his throne, bore to Mars, the God of War, twin sons. Those ancients were a little severe in those days with women who bore children out of wedlock, so, according to law, the mother was buried alive, but the twins were thrown into the Tiber, which kindly cast them ashore at the foot of the Palatine Hill, and a she-wolf happened along, gave the twins sustenance until a shepherd picked them up, took them home to his wife; they were reared in the shepherd's home being named Romulus and Remus, and following the occupation of shepherds. Later, becoming prominent, they restored their grandfather, Numitor, to his throne and decided to build a city near where they were cast up by the Tiber. In order to decide which should name the city, it was left to augury. Romulus stood on the Palatine Hill, while Remus was on the Aventine, about a half mile away. The agreement was that whichever saw the largest number of vultures in a given time was to be the winner. Remus reported first that he saw six, but Romulus, having the last guess, or possibly better eyesight, said he saw an even dozen, and so the city was called Rome and the building of the city was started right on this Palatine Hill, where Romulus sood when the vultures were counted. The legend still fur-

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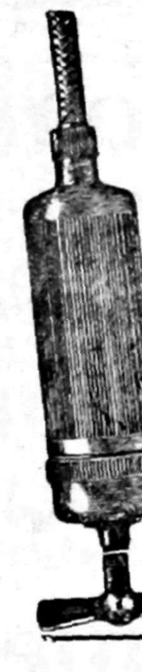

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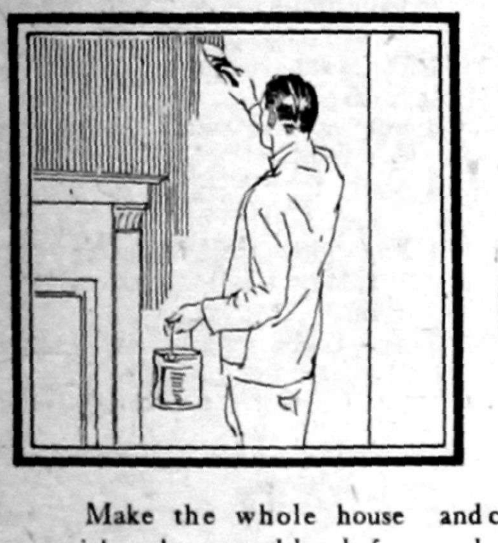

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ROWAN NEWS

A. E. Parland, Arthur Parland, and Miss Myrtle Parland of Iowa Falls spent Tuesday with the former's sister, Mrs. Jen Coulter, at the F. B. Sheldon home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs J. L. Sinclair, at Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson were dinner guests Tuesday at the home of her brither, Perry Loomis, and wife, at Belmond.

Mesdames Ed. Riley and Byron Riley spent Thursday at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Fuller Bailey, at Belmond.

Mrs. Will Whitten and Mrs. Ina Stumph were Ft. Dodge callers on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley from Belmond spent Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hadley.

Deep Rock Gas—Best by Test—at Keith's Garage. 23c

Fred Hackley and E. R. Ballou motored to Des Moines, Thursday, on a business trip, returning Friday.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval and Mrs. Fred Kercheval were dental callers at Belmond Tuesday p. m.

Mrs. Frank Kercheval has been a guest of her son Clint, and family, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers motored to Des Moines, Saturday, to spend the week end with their son, Marshall and wife, before Marshall goes to California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Munnis are driving a new enclosed Ford.

Miss LaVonne Ballou was a guest for several days the latter part of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval in the Harvey neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Box spent the week end at the home of their son Arthur, and family, northwest of Clarion.

The Rowan Methodist church celebrated their 10th anniversary of the dedication of the church the past week. The first service was held on Thursday, commencing with an excellent chicken supper served in the church dining rooms to a number of invited guests from the neighboring churches and to the members and friends of the local church. Over 200 enjoyed the feast . The company was then invited to the church auditorium where a program was given.

Special music numbers were rendered by the mixed quartette from the Eagle Grove Methodist church, and addresses were given by Rev. Geo. Osborn and F. B. Sheldon, of Rowan; Rev. Allen Bishop of Rinard, Ia; Rev. J. B. Walker of Clarion; Rev. F. W. Whitford of Peterson; and Rev. J. B. O'Connor from Belmond.

Sunday was a full day and attended by a large audience at both services. Dr. Clegg of Ft. Dodge gave the sermon in the morning, and Dr. Bushnell in the evening. Special music was rendered during the services by Anna and Nina Rietz, Mrs. A. O. Pelly. Wm. Rietz, Arnold and Bryden Myers, Bernice Hansen, Clara Azeltine and Esther Gilmore.

At the morning service about 22 members were received into the church and 10 children and eight adults were baptised.

The basket ball games between Renwick and Rowan last Friday evening were good contests. The girls' game was very one-sided, for the Rowan girls won 50 to 5. The teamwork combination of Thomas to Azeltine, Azeltine to Holliday, Holliday to Cupp could not be broken up. The Rowan girls' teamwork was carried out with machine-like accuracy.

The boys' game was a fast one. It was very interesting, and both the teams were doing their best. Rowan drew first blood by getting a basket in the first three minutes of play. At the end of the first half Rowan was in the lead with two baskets, the score being 10-14. The game was very fast, and a number of fouls were called on both sides. Rowan took a sprint in the third quarter and forged ahead, keeping the lead to the end. The final score was Rowan 22, Renwick 21.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pritchett entertained at dinner on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ballau.

Help make your home news more interesting by phoning No. 63.

John Fletcher of Reinbeck was a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Will Whitten, Sunday. He will remain here during the corn picking season and will work for Harry Harson.

Will Baines motored from Montgomery and is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hannah Whitten. On Saturday, Mrs. Whitten, Mr. Baines, Miss Angie Baines Laurel and Harold Baines spent the day at Iowa Falls.

Auditor Show, C. G. W. accountant of Kansas City, was a guest the first of the week at the Jess Steffens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kepford motored up from Waterloo, Saturday, to spend the week end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks.

Thanksgiving services will be held Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 in the Congregational church, the Rev. Geo. Osborn of the Methodist church preaching the sermon.

Deep Rock the best winter gas, at Keith's Garage. 23c

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ferguson spent the week end at Ft. Dodge to visit her sister, Mrs. W. A. Claypool who underwent an operation last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Scott and family were called to Blairsburg, last Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother, who died suddenly the first of the week.

Miss Sophia Easson is assisting with the housework at the Ray Richards home at Alexander.

Buy Deep Rock Gas at Keith's Garage. 23c

A. C. Rietz had the misfortune to have a new cord tire stolen from his car in his garage Friday night. He had bought the tire and had it on the spare, expecting to use it soon. Both tire and spare rim were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams are enjoying a visit with relatives who live near St. Paul.

Mrs. D. W. Whitten and brother, Chester Conn, motored to Iowa Falls, Wednesday.

The Alfred Boyington children are confined to their home by chicken pox.

Latest word from Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hansen at Rochester is that Mrs. Hansen is still going thru the clinic and having several xray pictures taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Utz are the parents of a baby girl, born Wednesday. They have named the little one Opal Yvonne.

GOODELL NEWS

Goodell Church Notes

The Ladies Aid met Wednesday p. m. entertained by Mrs. Snearly and Mrs. Hetland. About 60 members and visitors attended.

The next meeting will be December 3 with Mesdames Savogue and Ahrenkiel as hostesses.

Mary Nolan returned Saturday, from near Algona, where she has been visiting home folks. She resumed her school duties after a three week's husking vacation.

Mrs. James Trees of Belmond visited at the Harry Carpenter home on Wednesday, and was a welcome visitor at the U. B. Aid.

Lela Markle of Battlelake, Minn., arrived Tuesday and will spend the winter with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth.

Ina Ahrenkiel went to Garner on Wednesday to visit until Friday at the John Hughes home with Mrs. Dulcie Mayland.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas of Clear Lake visited friends here Friday. Mr. Thomas is one of the state inspectors and was inspecting various places here. The Thomases will be remembered by many here as they were Goodell residents some fifteen years ago

Mesdames Tony Boller, Thada, Letch and Graeber were Belmond callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wilson visited with their daughter, Mrs. Viola Thorson, of Farmingsville, Thursday of last week.

Announcements have been received of the birth of a 10-pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dominy, who live at Estherville.

Mrs. Anton Ahrenkiel spent Tuesday at the Tom Blank home at Klemme

Mrs. Hannah Mayne of Ft. Dodge has been staying at the Allaben home, suffering with a sprained ankle She returned home Thursday.

Mr. Kluver of Ventura visited on Thursday and Friday at the Walter Thada home.

Mr. Daughenbaugh of Gowrie spent last week in Goodell, looking after farm interests. Lou Remer and Francis McNulty are doing carpenter work on his farm.

Mrs. Harberts returned Tuesday from Hampton, where she has been with Mr. Harberts at the hospital. He was in a serious condition, but is getting along nicely now.

Ione Christie returned last week from a visit with relatives at Garner.

Rev. G. Harry Varce of Ventura gave an excellent sermon entitled: "To Whom Shall We Go," at the U. B. church last Thursday evening.

A large crowd attended and were pleased to hear Mr. Varce again. He was minister here 11 years ago. He is now married and has four children.

Anton Boller, who is working at the sugar plant at Belmond, spent Tuesday with home folks. The Boller family will move to Belmond in the near future.

Glen Emerson of Cedar Rapids, district supt. of the U. B. churh, arrived here Friday to be present at the ministers institute held here last week. He also visited his sister, Mrs. Lew Wesenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Steenblock are the parents of a baby, born Saturday, Nov. 22.

Julius Ahrenkiel and Leo Finn were at Garner, Tuesday, as members of the jury.

Mrs. Dulcie Mayland of Garner, was a guest Saturday and Sunday at the home of Ina Ahrenkiel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boller had their household goods moved to Belmond, Friday, and will live there in the future.

Rev. Zike of Dumont and Rev. Gowan of Bristow attended the services here last week and gave some very fine sermons.

Miss Ruth Ness went to Story City to assist with the work at the home of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter entertained at their home Sunday, a number of friends.

Mrs. Orick Busick and children, of near Thornton, are visiting at the Jim Busick home.

Mrs. Harberts and children spent Sunday with Mr. Harberts at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes from Garner were entertained to dinner, Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ahrenkiel.

Martin Grover of Leland, Illinois, who has been here for the past few months, left Saturday. He will assist relatives at Story City and will be at his home for Thanksgiving.

Alexander News

E. F. Hurley of Iowa Falls was transacting business in this vicinity the past week.

Mrs. Geo. Ahlstrom and children of near Belmond spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ed. Packard.

Jonh F. Bell was a business caller at Belmond last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy and two daughters of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Fred Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Symens were business callers at Rowan, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Packard entertained several boys at a birthday dinner Friday, in honor of their son Edward.

Dr. Martin of Latimer was a professional caller here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons of Hampton were Sunday visitors with relatives here.

Mr. Donilson of Webster City was a business caller in town last week.

Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter of Hampton are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen.

The Dorcas society will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Bobst on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 3rd.

Miss Nellie Bell was a caller at Hampton last Wednesday.

Hilko Pals and Claas Symens were business callers at Belmond on last Tursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aigley from Belmond were visitors at the John Bell home Tuesday.

VISIT TO ROME THE ETERNAL CITY

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ther has it that when Romulus died, he was carried to heaven in the chariot of his father Mars. You will note that even in this early legendary date, "the woman suffered while the man went free."

This Palatine is undoubtedly the most noted hill in history. It is here "The history of the most powerful empire of the world has ever seen is indelibly inscribed in documents on the Palatine Hill, which to this day mark its modest origin in the time of the early settlers and of the kings, and the luxurious pomp of its imperial epoch. It is here that we are reminded most strikingly of many dark tragedies; the intrique of so many ambitious empresses; the causes of the decline and fall of one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever known."

It is the oldest and most aristocratic of all these hills, as it was also the site of the founding of the ancient city. History states that Romulus, when he had decided on a site, "harnessed to a plow a heifer and a bull without blemish and made a furrow to define its limits. He lifted the plow over the places where he was to have gates." Later came the buildings of the emperors. On the southern corner was the palace of Augustus and the palaces of the Caesars occupied the greater part of the hill. The Golden Palace of Nero and its grounds extended from this hill to the Esquiline. After the death of Nero the site of his palace was utilized for the Gardens of Adonis and it was in these gardens St. Sebastian, an early Christian hero suffered martydom in the first century of the Christian era,

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CLOSING OUT PUBLIC SALE

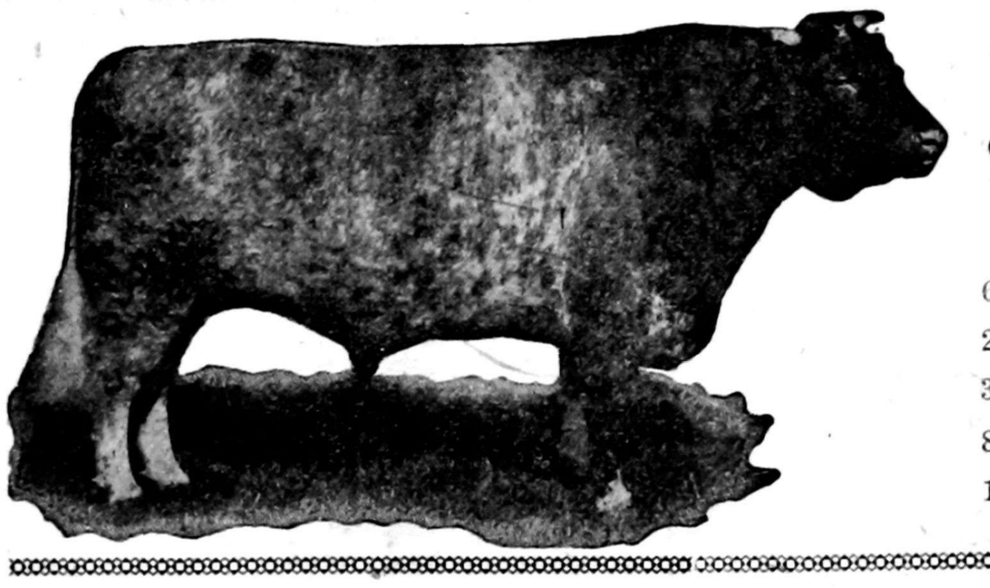
Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public auction, at the place known as the Enabnit farm, 1 1-2 miles north and 3-4 miles east of Meservey, 3 1-2 miles west and 1-2 mile south of Thornton, on

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

Commencing at 10:30 o'clock sharp, the following described property:

7 - Head of Horses - 7

1 black mare, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1600
1 black mare, 10 yrs. old, wt. 1300
1 bay team, 8 yrs. old, wt. 3400
1 bay mare, 7 yrs. old, wt. 1300
1 registered Percheron mare in foal, 4 yrs. old, wt. 1800
1 full blood colt, eligible for registration, age 6 months.



31 Cattle

6 calves
2 yearling heifers
3 yearling bull calves
8 two-year-old heifers
12 head milch cows, six fresh, others fresh soon.

26 - Head of Hogs - 26

10 SOWS 16 SHOATS
All spring pigs, weighing up to 175 lbs.

1 crib of Corn Some Hay in barn 150 shocks of Fodder 75 Chickens

ONE COLLIE DOG—Good cattle dog, gentle disposition. Fine watch dog.

FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

1 drag cart
1 swill cart
1 endgate seeder
1 eight-foot disc
1 Hayes cultivator
1 Standard mower
1 McCormick dump rake
1 six-foot Deering binder
1 Oliver No. 12 cultivator
1 Mitchell wagon, triple box
1 Sattley two row cultivator
1 twenty-foot pounder drag
1 14-inch gang plow (P. & O.)
1 set 1 3-4 Concord harness
1 Blackhawk manure spreader
1 set 1 1-2 inch slip tug harness
1 Iowa cream separator, No. 35
1 Burnham patent rack and wagon
1 P. & O. corn planter with 160 rods of wire
1 set 1 1-2-inch breeching harness
Lot of small farm tools and other articles.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1 pedestal
2 dressers
1 cupboard
1 commode
1 book case
1 chiffonier
1 high chair
1 child's bed
1 10-ft. table
1 library table
1 kitchen table
3 rocking chairs
8 dining room chairs
1 9x12 Congoleum rug
1 Home Comfort range
1 soft coal heater, size 18
1 Standard sewing machine
1 Detroit blue vapor oil range
3 bed springs and mattresses
1 Maytag multi-motor washer

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Thanksgiving Day

FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWERED UPON OUR COUNTRY AND UPON US ALL DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE ARE SINCERELY THANKFUL. TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS, WHO HAVE MADE OUR STORES THE OBJECT OF THEIR GOOD WILL WE EXTEND OUR EARNEST APPRECIATION. AND WE HOPE THAT THROUGHOUT THIS COMING YEAR OUR RELATIONS MAY CONTINUE TO BE CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY, AND THAT IN 1925 WE WILL BE ENABLED TO SERVE YOU BETTER IN EVERY WAY, AND THAT WE MAY CO-OPERATE TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE AND TO THE ADVANTAGE OF OUR HOME TOWN AND HOME COMMUNITY. LET US MAKE 1925 A YEAR OF PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION TO ALL.

Have you tried the
"EVERGOOD" SELF-RISING PANCAKE FLOUR?
Made and Guaranteed by the N. & W. Milling & Produce Co.

IF you haven't, get a package and you will be convinced that there is none better. Sold by all merchants in Belmond.

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N. & W. MILLING & PRODUCE COMPANY
"Iowa Valley Mills"
Phone 182 BELMOND, IOWA.

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—ONE ASSORTMENT OF HATS AT
One Dollar

—ANOTHER ASSORTMENT AT
Three Dollars

—All other hats at one-half price.

*** * * THE HAT SHOPPE * * ***

FOR THANKSGIVING

And for every day of the year, you will find here the best meats for your dinner table.

Nissens' Famous Home Cured Quality Bacon is the dish that will make your breakfast complete and satisfying.

May we extend our sincere appreciation for the patronage you have given us during the past year? We thank you.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS BOUGHT, REBUILT AND SOLD
At Bargain Prices.

If you want to buy, or have anything to sell, see us first

You can always find bargains at the
SECOND HAND STORE
E. E. Boughton, Prop.

* * * We take this way of extending our greetings to you on this Thanksgiving Day, and thank you for your co-operation in the past.

BELMOND TAILOR SHOP

BRING YOUR
FURS AND SKINS
—TO—
J. E. LAMB

See me at the Higley Cream Station.

***** THANKSGIVING *****

Is over today, and after having duly given thanks, our thoughts turn to Christmas.

We cordially invite you to visit the Gift Shop before you do your Christmas shopping.

We have gifts for every member of the family. We also have a fine assortment of greeting cards.

***** THE GIFT SHOP *****
Mrs. W. E. Stevens, Prop.

AFTER THANKSGIVING

You will think of selecting Christmas Gifts.
We have a nice line of Hand-Painted China now on display.

Come in and see our
HAND BAGS, UNDER ARM BAGS, MESH BAGS AND BEADED BAGS.
Prices from $1.00 up to $15.00

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WE THANK YOU

For the patronage you have given us during the past year, and we hope that the coming year will find our relations just as cordial.

We want you to remember that we carry a full line of
ROBES AND BLANKETS

You need one for the winter; come in and see our stock.

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In your home you have the world at your door, and you will be thankful you had one installed.

The best season of the year for radio reception is now at hand. Order your TRIRDYNE today. Ask us for particulars on this wonderful set—the price is exceedingly attractive.

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V. E. Hanson, Prop.

THANK YOU!

In every walk of life a simple "thank you" counts for more than the mere saying. And our "thank you" on this Thanksgiving Day expresses our appreciation in all sincerity to the subscribers who have been with us during 1924. We hope that we may serve you still better in 1925.

BELMOND TELEPHONE COMPANY

THANKSGIVING

The Belmond Lumber Co. is indeed thankful for the good business that you have given us during the past year, and we hope that 1925 will witness a continuance of your good will. When you are in need of coal, lumber or building material, remember us.

BELMOND LUMBER CO.
M. H. Hanson, Manager

CREAM—EGGS—POULTRY

We buy them—and pay the highest market prices always. Price, however, is not always everything, and we aim to give you a service that will bring you back again to our station.

And for the patronage you have given us we thank you.

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Marlys M. Lamb, Manager

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Use OAKS OIL—It will not congeal in cold weather.

YOUR ENGINE WILL START QUICKER.

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THE THANKFUL PERSON!

Is the one who holds No. 66. Bring your number and get your watch at our stand. 66 Wins the prize.

Remember the Corner Stand when you want
POP CORN—PEANUTS—CANDY—CHEWING GUM

— THE CORNER STAND —
Wm. Dempsey, Proprietor

Judith of BLUE LAKE RANCH

By—JACKSON GREGORY

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In these days with women winning championships in outdoor games and athletic contests and successfully invading lines of endeavor that a past generation had set apart exclusively for men, is it not logical to have a heroine of fiction who takes a man's part in the management of a big enterprise and brings to bear the qualities of courage, coolness and daring especially called for in making the undertaking a success? It is decidedly logical, particularly in the West where girls on ranches are taught to shoot straight, tame outlaw horses, brand cattle and in general respects be qualified not only to take care of themselves, but to meet any exigency calling for judgment and nerve.

The boys of the Blue Lake outfit were pretty thoroughly disgusted when they learned they were to have a girl for a boss. Opinions changed, however, when a few of Judith's quiet exploits, performed under the stress of necessity and without any bravado or sacrifice of womanliness, proved her to be the best man on the big ranch. Judith did not seek the job of management. It was forced upon her through the death of her father and her realization that her foreman was a rascal bent upon wrecking the enterprise in the interests of a rival concern.

It was a stupendous job and the girl who could handle it successfully deserved to be the heroine of an exhilarating romance. Judith is decidedly welcome because she is a new type of heroine. She is all the more welcome from the fact that she is not an exaggerated type. There are plenty of girls in the West and elsewhere who, given such a grand old father to train them as Judith had, would be able to show the true steel which she exhibited; and, like Judith, would remain sweet and womanly throughout. Judith will win readers just as she won the Blue Lake boys. It is only fair to reveal that there was one of those boys who held out against surrender. He had old-fashioned notions of what a woman should be and what a woman can do. With the exception of Judith, he is the most interesting character in the story.

Synopsis

CHAPTER I.—Bud Lee, horse foreman of the Blue Lake ranch, convinced Bayne Trevors, manager, is deliberately wrecking the property owned by Judith Sanford, a young woman, her cousin, Pollock Hampton, and Timothy Gray, decides to throw up his job. Judith arrives and announces she has bought Gray's share in the ranch and will run it. She discharges Trevors.

CHAPTER II.—The men on the ranch dislike taking orders from a girl, but by subduing a vicious horse and proving her thorough knowledge of ranch life, Judith wins the best of them over. Lee decides to stay.

CHAPTER III.—Convinced her veterinarian, Bill Crowdy, is treacherous, Judith discharges him, re-engaging an old friend of her father's, Doc Tripp.

CHAPTER IV.—Pollock Hampton, with a party of friends, comes to the ranch to stay permanently. Trevors accepts Hampton's invitation to visit the ranch. Judith's messenger is held up and robbed of the monthly pay roll.

"Look here!" he exclaimed to Judith, before she had had time for more than a sweeping appraisal of his friends. "Why didn't you tell me you were up to a thing like this? Great Scott, Judith, you don't know what you are tackling, do you? Running a ranch like this—why, it's a big proposition for a thunderingly big man to swing."

"Is it?" smiled Judith.

Accompanying young Hampton were "Major" Langworthy, a little, short, fat, bald gentleman, who, so far as the knowledge of his club members went, had never been connected with any part of the army or navy, unless one counted his congenial brigades of cocktail drinkers; Mrs. Langworthy, his supercilious, uninteresting wife; Marcia, his languidly graceful daughter, in whom Hampton gave certain signs of being considerably interested; Marshall Rogers, the Oakland lawyer, and Frank Farris, the artist. Also Marcia's maid, and Hampton's Japanese valet, Fujioki. In due course of time this representative of the flowery kingdom grew to be great friends with Jose, the two forthwith suspected by Mrs. Simpson of all sorts of dark plots and of a racial sympathy which must be watched lest it produce "something terrible."

Pollock Hampton, holding a third of the shares of the big venture, with his legitimate claim upon a third of the income, was of course a factor which must be taken into account. Judith asked frankly how long he planned to stay.

"I'm here for good," he answered cheerfully. His explanation followed with a grin, quite as though he were telling her of some rare good news: "Money's all gone, creditors are nuisances, there's no prospect with you here of having you send me anything. What is left for me but to stay?"

Judith suggested a monthly allowance. Hampton laughed good-humoredly.

"Pay me to keep me out of the way? There's nothing stirring, Judith. Absolutely. I'm here to give a hand."

Judith had hopes, even yet, that a couple of weeks or a month of the

from a railroad would dampen and finally extinguish his bright enthusiasm. But swiftly those hopes died. This was his first visit to the mountains, and for a man sick of the city's social round, every inch of the ranch, river and cliffs and rolling hills had its compelling interest. Perhaps the thing which Judith overlooked was the blood of his fathers. For before Pollock Hampton, Sr., had made his money, he and his wife had been, like Luke Sanford, pioneers. Now something in the mountains here called vaguely to the soul of young Hampton and made him restless and stirred his heart. As he stood looking on while Bud Lee rode a bucking bronco, his eyes were bright and eager.

It soon became obvious that long ago Hampton had given freely of his admiration to Bayne Trevors.

"A great man!" cried Hampton warmly. "The only man I know big enough to swing a job like this."

To himself he said that the chief good he could do at the outset was to work to get Trevors back. With this in his mind and having had no full account of Judith's manner of ejecting the general manager, he went straight to her.

"Trevors is a friend of mine," he said lightly. "I'm going to ask him over to meet my guests. No objection is there?"

She looked at him keenly.

"Do as you please," was the cool answer. "I imagine he won't care to come."

Launched upon his first business venture, Hampton went to the telephone. That evening at the table he surprised Judith not a little when he said casually that Trevors had said he'd run over in a day or so, as soon as he could find time.

Mrs. Langworthy had no liking to bestow upon such as Judith. The girl, she confided every night to the major, was unladylike, unwomanly, outre, horsy, unthinkable, an insult to any woman into whose presence she came. The major agreed monosyllabically or with silent nods for the sake of peace. Personally he was rather inclined to fancy Judith's uncorseted figure, to admire her red-blooded beauty, and he always touched up the ends of his mustaches in her presence.

Judith, having early taken Mrs. Langworthy's measure, found an impish joy in murdering the proprieties for her especial benefit. She said "D—n" upon occasions when Mrs. Langworthy was there to hear; at table she talked of prize boars and sick calves and other kindred vulgar matters.

But the major admired her; Marcia, as days went by, proved to be a sweet-tempered, somewhat timid, but highly good-natured, affectionate creature generously offering her good-will; and Rogers, the lawyer, and Farris, the artist, both of the sophisticated, self-sufficient type, were little behind the major in interest.

During the last week of May, a rumor came to Judith's ears of which, at first, she thought little. Carson, coming to her upon a bit of ranch business, remarked dryly before taking his departure, that a report had got around among his men—Poker Face had mentioned it to him—that Blue Lake ranch was on its last legs; that it was even to be doubted, if the men ever saw another pay day before the whole affair went into a receiver's hands. Judith laughed at him and told him not to worry.

"Me?" said Carson. "I'm not the worrying kind. But ideas like that ain't good to have floating around. A man won't do more'n half work when he's wondering all the time if he's going to get his mazuma for it."

But, when again the rumor came, this time telephoned up to her from the Lower End by Doc Tripp, she frowned and wondered. And she was careful, upon the thirtieth of May, to send Charlie Miller, the storekeeper, into Rocky Bend for the monthly pay roll money. Charlie left for Rocky Bend in the afternoon, spending the night in town to get the customary morning start for the ranch. The men were to be paid at six o'clock.

Upon this same day Pollock Hampton told Judith that Bayne Trevors was coming to the ranch to have dinner, spending the night and the following day. Judith made no reply beyond favoring him with a quick look of question. She had not believed that the man would come. What next?

The last day of May came, and true to his promise, Trevors was a guest at the house from which, so short a time ago, he had been evicted. He dined there that night, cool and self-confident, casually polite to Judith, civil and courteous to the other guests, especially to Major and Mrs. Langworthy and Marcia, leading conversations unobtrusively, making

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being bound to a tree and pierced by arrows; this event has been immortalized by many fine paintings by noted artists. It was on this hill the Apostle Paul appeared before Nero, in the palace of the Caesars, being brought before the emperor in fetters, under the custody of an armed guard. The trial resulted in Paul's acquittal, much to his surprise, doubtless, considering the character of the tribunal before which he was tried and he was released from a lengthy captivity.

It must not be forgotten that Palestine, which we have recently written so much about, was a part of the history of the New Testament, centers around Italy and especially in Rome. Paul died and was buried in Rome and his letter to the Romans was sent to a small congregation here. Here was the martyrdom of Peter and the greatest church building of the world is built over his tomb.

Northcote, writing of the burial of St. Peter and St. Paul, gives the following account of the vicissitudes of the burial:

"The two apostles were originally buried, the one at the Vatican, the other on the Ostian Way, at the spot where their respective basilicas now stand; but as soon as the oriental Christians had heard of the death they sent some of the brethern to remove their bodies and bring them back to the East, where they considered that they had a right to claim them, as their fellow-citizens and countrymen. These so far prospered in their mission as to the gain a momentary possession of the sacred relics, which they carried off, along the Appian Way, as far as the spot where the church of St. Sebastian was afterwards built. Here they rested for awhile, to make all things ready for the journey, or, according to another account, were detained by a thunder storm of extraordinary violence, which delay, however, was sufficient to enable the Christians of Rome to overtake them, and recover their lost treasure. These Roman Christians buried the bodies with the utmost secrecy, in a deep pit, on the very spot where they then were. Soon, indeed, they were restored to their original place of sepulchre, as we know from contemporary authorities, and there seems reason to believe the old ecclesiastical tradition to be correct, which states them to only have remained in this temporary abode for a year and seven months. The body of St. Peter, however, was destined to revisit it a second time, for a longer time period; for when, at the beginning of the third century Heliogabalus made his circus at the Vatican Calixtus, who was then pope, removed the relics of the apostles to their former resting place, the pit on the Appian Way. But in A. D., 257, St. Stephen, the Pope, having been discovered in this very cemetery and having suffered martyrdom there, the body of St. Peter was once more removed and restored to its original tomb in the vatican."

(To be continued)

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PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public auction, at the place known as the old Alvin Haupt farm, 2 miles north and 1 mile east of Rowan; 5 miles south and 3 miles east of Belmond; 3 miles west and 2 miles south of Alexander; 8 miles north and 1 1-2 miles west of Dows, on

Wedn'day, Dec. 3

Commencing at 11:00 O'clock A. M. Sharp, the following property:

10 - Head of Horses - 10

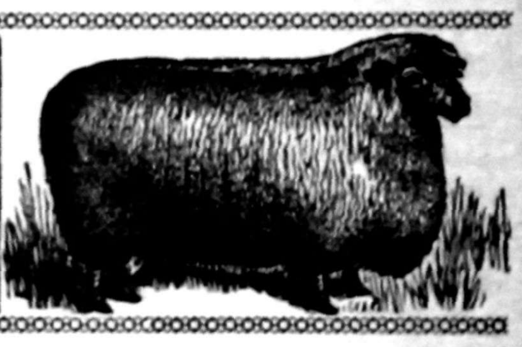
1 black gelding, 9 yrs. old, wt. 1350
1 brown mare, 10 yrs. old, wt. 1400
1 grey team, 7 and 8 yrs. old, wt. 3,000
1 team sorrel mares, 8 and 9 yrs. old, wt. 3200
2 colts coming 2 yrs. old.
1 suckling colt
1 saddler or driving mare, 7 yrs. old. A real one.
This is a first class lot of horses and colts.

30 Head of Cattle 30

1 good steer
1 red heifer, 1 yr. old
1 Holstein heifer, 1 yr. old
2 good heifers, 2 yrs. old, springing
1 polled Durham bull, 2 yrs. old, registered. Papers furnished
15 good milch cows, some fresh now, others to be fresh soon. Five of these cows are high grade Holsteins, 1 Jersey, and 1 Guernsey. All good cows
7 head of yearling heifers and steers, and 2 cows, consigned by Harold Gates.

8 Head of Sheep

7 Ewes 1 Buck



65 - Head of Duroc Shoats - 65

1 old Duroc boar, red.

SOME GOOD WHITE WYANDOTTE CHICKENS

Farm Machinery, Etc.

2 wagons	1 hay rack	12 single chicken coops
2 steel barrels	1 cook stove	1 good Iowa cream separator
2 scoop boards	2 cultivators	2 sets good breeching harness
1 breaking cart	1 self feeder	1 1 1-4-inch back pad harness
1 stripped Ford	1 tank heater	2 sets of flynets, good as new
Some hog troughs	1 hog waterer	1 18-inch Rock Island disc, new
500 bu. corn in crib	7 horse collars	1 4-section harrow and cart, new
1 long chicken coop	1 corn planter	Numerous other articles
2 barrel hog waterers		

About 20 tons of good tame hay in barn. Put up without rain

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash. Over that amount 12 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

COWLEY & MUNNIS, Aucts.

F. B. SHELDON, Clerk

Edgar Mantle, Prop.

The Christmas Edition

OF THE BELMOND INDEPENDENT WILL BE ISSUED ON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

THIS IS THE FIRST REAL CHRISTMAS EDITION THE INDEPENDENT HAS EVER PUT OUT, AND NO EFFORT WILL BE SPARED TO MAKE IT THE BEST. THE EDITION WILL BE PRINTED ON BOOK PAPER ALL THROUGH, WITH THE 1924 COLORED CHRISTMAS COVER, AND MUCH OF THE ADVERTISING WILL BE PRINTED IN COLOR. IT WILL BE APPROPRIATELY ILLUSTRATED, AND WILL CONTAIN SPECIAL HOME FEATURES OF GENERAL INTEREST. THE EDITION WILL BE MORE OF A MAGAZINE THAN A NEWSPAPER.

SPACE RATES ON ADVERTISING WILL REmain the same, no advance in price being made for the special. Inasmuch as a tremendous lot of extra work will be required, it is necessary that space be reserved by December 6th, and all copy be in by December 8th. Ads reserved prior to December 4th will be printed partly in color.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE EARLY!
NO ADS ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 6!

A list of merchants represented will be printed before the Christmas Edition is issued.

USE INDEPENDENT ADVERTISING TO BRING CHRISTMAS BUSINESS!

LOCAL NEWS

Hear the Luick orchestra Sunday evening at the M. E. church.

Christmas opening at the Variety Store Saturday, Nov. 29. Toys are in the basement.

The Catholic ladies held a very successful bazaar and supper last Saturday.

Thanksgiving services will be observed in the various churches this morning.

A very fine Thanksgiving Vesper service was given by the Congregational choir, Sunday afternoon.

Let me figure with you on your farm sale. I have 19 years of experience. Posted, acquainted, reliable.—Lewis Hauge.

Th Trinity Ladies Aid and Dorcas society held a very successful bazaar and supper Nov. 15, clearing $473.

The Ladies Aid of the St. John's Luthern church will hold their annual bazaar and food sale Saturday, Dec. 6, commencing at 1:00 o'clock at the library basement. A cafetria supper will be served.

Where human life hangs in the balance, nothing can take the place of dependability. That is why automobile racers, aviators, manufacturers of better automobiles and marine men specify Willard Batteries in their machines.

Where absolute dependability meant the winning or losing of the stakes, Willard Batteries have been the unanimous choice.

Headquarters for Willard Batteries and Atwater Kent Radio Sets.

Belmond Storage Battery Company
Belmond, Iowa
Phone 46 Official 317

A. E. Martin and family, Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Rosecrans are spending Thanksgiving at the Clarence Barnes home at Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Pritchard from Garner were here Saturday attending the Catholic ladies bazaar and supper.

Mrs. Ed. Thompson went to Nora Springs, Wednesday, to visit over Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Wendel.

Miss Nellie Murphy of Sioux City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Murphy. She has a position in the Milwaukee railroad office there.

Come in Saturday, Nov. 29, and look over our Holliday Goods. This will be our opening day.—Belmond Variety Store.

The merchants are beginning to receive and display Christmas goods and the holiday spirit is taking hold. It looks like a good year for Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burrows, and Mrs. Stephen Beach, of Dows, were guests Friday at the Lee Stacy home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lieuwen of Belmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen, of near Alexander, drove to Dumont, Sunday, to visit a sister and brother of John's.

A Troup of Boy Scouts was organized recently, with Rev. O'Connor and Fred Fulton in charge. A good membership was secured to start, and the Troup is prospering nicely.

Little Walter Stacy and 12 little boy guests enjoyed a birthday party last Monday afternoon, in honor of Walter's fifth birthday. Ice cream, cake and popcorn balls were served.

Next Monday is the time; The Hamilton University, Mason City, is the place. Will you be there? It is the opening of the first winter term. You know the training will be valuable. Don't put it off.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Beach from Breckenridge, Minnesota, were visitors at the home of his uncle, Lee Stacy, and family, last week. Mr. Beach is a son of Alice Stacy, formerly of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton and children were guests at the Ted Townsan home on Sunday. The Eaton family now live at Iowa Falls.

Merrill Stapley is spending the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stapley. He is employed at Cedar Rapids, where he is attending Coe college.

The Belmond Skating Rink is open every evening. Will be open afternoon and evening Thanksgiving.

The F. O. Fitts and Benson families were callers at Mason City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were Belmond visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. P. J. Peterson went to Clear Lake last week to take care of her daughter, who is ill.

Dr. and Mrs. McBurney are spending Thanksgiving at Cedar Rapids at the Scott Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Schwinger from Ackley spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bailey.

Wm. Halloway of Ft. Dodge was visiting his sister, Mrs. Foster, on Sunday.

Enjoy yourself Sunday evening at the M. E. church. The Luick orchestra will be there with some excellent music.

The Belmond foot ball team goes to Britt today for the last game of the season. Britt has one of the strongest teams in this part of the state this year and have pointed for the game with Belmond all fall. It ought to be a real fight, and a number of local fans will drive up to see the battle.

Atty. Henderson drove to Ames, Saturday, to witness the game between Ames and Drake, he being a graduate of the latter school. He spent the week end in Des Moines with friends.

Thanksgiving Day will witness a large number of family gatherings in Belmond. The Independent will appreciate it if you will tell us about the one at YOUR home for next week's paper. Phone 115.

The Ernest Stapley family drove to Iowa Falls, Sunday, to attend the funeral of Mrs Stapley's aunt, Miss Margaret Hillhouse, who, had she lived until January, would have been 104 years old

Next week the list of advertisers in the Independent's special Christmas Edition will be printed. Reserve your space before next Wednesday and get your name on the list.

CREDIT NOTICE

The Store on the Corner is glad and willing to extend credit to its customers, but must ask that all accounts be settled every 30 days, and beginning Dec. 1st this is our policy.
B. K. KINSETH

ROY A. HENDERSON
Attorney-at-Law

In all State and Federal Courts
Office Over C. G. Johnson Store
BELMOND, IOWA

Saturday will be our Christmas Opening Day. Bring in the children to see Toyland, which will be found in the basement.—Belmond Variety Store.

WANT ADS

(Two cents per word first insertion, one cent per word thereafter. No ad for less than 25c per insertion.)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Holstein Bull seven months old, well marked. A bargain. —Jno. H. Wenzel, Meservey, Ia. 22c

FOR SALE—Two goose feather beds.—F. P. Dibble. 12c

FOR SALE—Chester White boars large and stretchy type, new blood for old customers. Cholera Immune. —Erith Cook, Rt. 2, Kanawha, Iowa. 505c

FOR SALE—Big Type Duroc Jersey Boars, sired by grand champion bear at Hancock county fair. At a reasonable price.—H. H. Riekens, 1 mile north, 10 miles west of Belmond. Address Kanawha, Ia. 13c

FOR SALE—Pure bred Poland China and Spotted Poland Spring Boars. Eligible to registry. Weight up to 225 lbs. Ralph Jenison, Belmond. 14*

FOR SALE—New Acorn Oak heater, used only 3 months.—Fred Meacham. 12c

Farmers who know Spotted Poland China Hogs are not easily switched to other breeds. When do you want a bred fall gilt?—Roy Jenison. 2tfc

FOR SALE—Buff Crpington roosters. Good buff color and good layers. $1.50 each.—Mrs. J. B. Sheffield, 4 1-2 miles southeast of Belmond. 2tfc

FOR SALE—Dark Red R. C. Rhode Island Red Cockerals. Young ones $1.50; a few older ones at $2. Phone Belmond 2404.—Mrs. A. B. Landon, Goodell. 22*

FOR SALE—Five 2-year-old heifers, fresh in the spring. Also 2 yearling bulls.—John Watermiller, Goodell. 22*

FOR SALE—A few Turkey Toms. —T. H. Gallagher. 22*

FOR SALE—My Poland China herd boar.—Harm L. Pals, Belmond. Phone 1815. 1*

WANTED

WANTED—From $1,000 to $3,000 of private money, for one year or longer. Gilt-edge security. Wanted by Belmond party for use in Belmond. Absolute safety. For particulars inquire at the Independent office. tf

WANTED—At once, a woman or girl to do housework by day or week Phone No. 73.

For Thanksgiving

LET US EXPRESS TO YOU OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PATRONAGE YOU HAVE FAVORED US WITH DURING 1924. WE HOPE THAT 1925 MAY FIND US STILL WORTHY.

SPECIALS THIS WEEK:

Maple Flavor Syrup 1-2 gal.	55c
Honey Moon Coffee, 2 1-2 lbs. can	$1.30
Seadsweet Grapefruit 3 for	25c
Tomatoes, medium can	15c
Corn 2 cans for	25c

WE HAVE APPLES, BANANAS AND ORANGES
LEMONS CRANBERRIES

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Phone 38
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Belmond, Iowa

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Hens	15c
Springs	16c
Roosters	07c
Turkeys	20c
Geese	09c
Ducks	12c
Eggs	40c
Cream	38c
Creamery butter	45c
Oats	43c
Old Corn	1.00

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UNCLE SAM IS FEELING FINE

Now For A Real

Thanksgiving Day

There's every reason to be thankful as you sit down to your Thanksgiving dinner, steaming turkey, and filling, and pie, and everything!

The nation generally, and each one in particular, can give thanks wholeheartedly for the progress and peace of our land this past year.

More people in this community than ever before can give thanks, too, for the fact that their growing bank accounts here are paving the way to gratified ambitions later on.

This Bank will not be open on Nov. 27, Thanksgiving.

Belmond Savings Bank
Belmond, Iowa